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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5701  
Order No. R-5251

APPLICATION OF ARAHO, INC. FOR  
SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 23, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 3rd day of August, 1976, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Araho, Inc., is the owner and operator of the State SWD Well No. 2, located in Unit F of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lovington Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 8528 feet to 8900 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 8500 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure/vacuum gauge should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 100 psi.

(6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of

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the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Araho, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its State SWD Well No. 2, located in Unit F of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lovington Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 8500 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 8528 feet to 8900 feet.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure/vacuum gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) That the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 100 psi.

(3) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(5) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(6) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

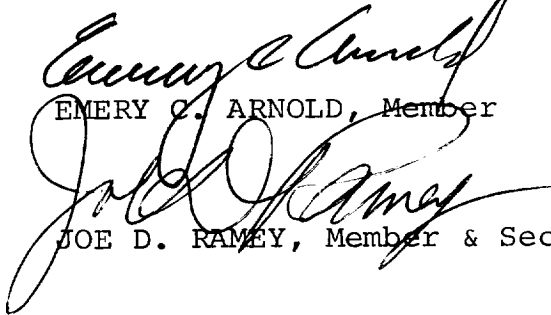
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