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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. 5883  
Order No. R-5411

APPLICATION OF AM-BETT OIL COMPANY,  
INC. FOR AN OIL TREATING PLANT PERMIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 23, 1977,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 12th day of April, 1977, 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, Am-Bett Oil Company, Inc., seeks  
authority to construct and operate a chemical and heat-treatment  
type oil treating plant in Lot 6 of Section 3, Township 21  
South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the  
reclamation of up to approximately 500 barrels of sediment oil  
per day to be obtained from tank bottoms and waste pits.

(3) That dikes, dams and/or emergency pits should be  
constructed around the plant capable of holding the entire  
capacity of all tanks and vessels at the plant location in  
order that sediment oil, reclaimed oil, or waste oil cannot  
escape from the immediate vicinity of such plant.

(4) That the proposed plant and method of processing will  
efficiently process, treat, and reclaim the aforementioned  
waste oil, thereby salvaging oil which would otherwise be wasted.

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(5) That the subject application should be approved as being in the best interests of conservation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Am-Bett Oil Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to install and operate a chemical and heat-treatment type oil treating plant in Lot 6 of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil to be obtained from tank bottoms and waste pits;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the continuation of the authorization granted by this order shall be conditioned upon compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that prior to commencing operation of said plant, the applicant shall file with the Commission a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 conditioned upon substantial compliance with applicable statutes of the State of New Mexico and all rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission.

(2) That the operator of the above-described oil treating plant shall clear and maintain in a condition clear of all debris and vegetation a fireline at least 15 feet in width and encircling the site upon which the plant is located.

(3) That dikes, dams and/or emergency pits shall be constructed around the plant capable of holding the entire capacity of all tanks and vessels at the plant location and capable of preventing the escape of any sediment oil, reclaimed oil, or waste oil from the immediate vicinity of said plant.

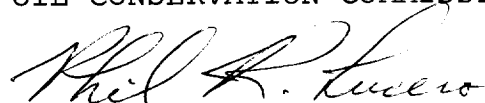
(4) That the disposal of waste water accumulated in conjunction with the operation of the above-described plant on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies is hereby prohibited.

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

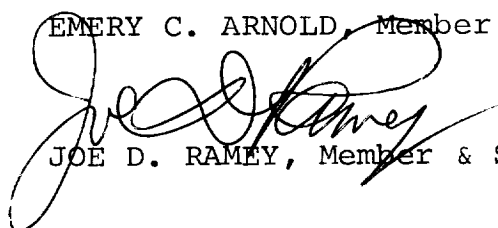
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-  
above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member

  
JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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