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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6562  
Order No. R-6057

APPLICATION OF ORLA PETCO, INC.  
FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 13, 1979,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 30th day of July, 1979, the Division  
Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the  
subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Orla Petco, Inc., is the owner  
and operator of the Gourley-Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit  
J of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM,  
Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to  
dispose of produced salt water into the Ramsey Sand of the Bell  
Canyon formation, with injection into the open hole interval  
from approximately 2486 feet to 2508 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through  
2 3/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at  
approximately 2450 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should  
be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or  
approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus  
in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

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(5) That the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 900 psi.

(6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the date and time of 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, Orla Petco, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its Gourley-Federal Well No. 4, located in Unit J of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Herradura Bend-Delaware Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Ramsey Sand of the Bell Canyon formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 2450 feet, with injection into the open hole interval from approximately 2486 feet to 2508 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 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 other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 900 psi.

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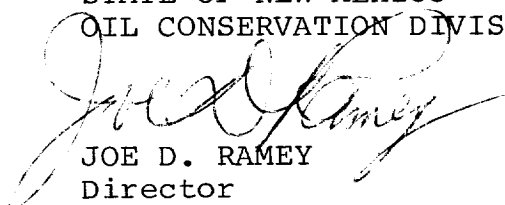
(4) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Artesia district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

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

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

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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