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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. 6807
Order No. R-6280

APPLICATION OF MEADCO PROPERTIES,
LTD. FOR EXCEPTION TO ORDER NO.
R-111-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 13, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 11th day of March, 1980, 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, Meadco Properties, Ltd., seeks an exception to the casing/cementing rules for the Oil-Potash Area as promulgated by Order No. R-111-A to permit a proposed well to be located in Unit L of Section 4, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be completed by setting surface casing at 550 feet and production casing at a total depth of approximately 4500 feet and cementing both casing strings to the surface.
- (3) That the evidence presented indicates that there are no potash mining operations nor deposits of commercial potash ore in proximity to the proposed well or to the above described lands and that the proposed method of completion will not result in endangerment of potash resources nor operations.
- (4) That the applicant should report the following both to the district office of the Division and the U.S.G.S:

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- (a) Any water flows encountered; and
- (b) The top of the cement around the production casing as determined by temperature survey if such cement does not circulate.

(5) That the applicant may be required to re-cement the production casing if the cement on said string fails to circulate to the surface.

(6) That approval of the subject application will protect correlative rights, will prevent waste and will not cause the waste of potash.

(7) The application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Meadco Properties, Ltd., is hereby authorized an exception to the casing/cementing rules for the Oil-Potash Area as promulgated by Order No. R-111-A to permit a proposed well which will be located in Unit L of Section 4, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be completed by setting surface casing at 550 feet and production casing at total depth of approximately 4500 feet and cementing both casing strings to the surface.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, the applicant shall report the following, both to the district office of the Division and the U.S.G.S:

- (a) Any water flows encountered; and
- (b) The top of the cement around the production casing as determined by temperature survey if such cement does not circulate.

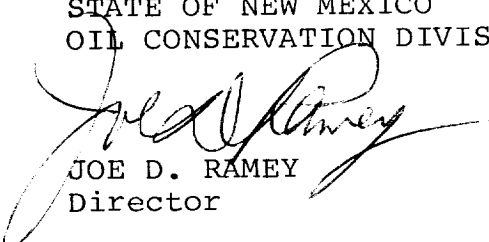
PROVIDED FURTHER, that the applicant may be required to re-cement the production casing to the surface if cement on said casing did not circulate to the surface.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division 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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Director

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