

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. 8332  
Order No. R-7715

APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL  
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION FOR  
SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on September 5, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Gilbert P. Quintana.

NOW, on this 7th day of November, 1984, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

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

(2) The applicant, Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production, is the owner and operator of the Jennings Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) The applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4956 feet to 4970 feet.

(4) The estimated total disposal volume over a 22 year period will be 803,000 barrels of produced water. That such total volume of produced water should not adversely affect wells producing from the same formation located within a two mile radius of the proposed disposal well.

(5) The injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at

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approximately 4850 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.

(6) The injection well or system should be equipped with a pressure limiting switch or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 990 psi.

(7) The Director of the Division should be authorized to administratively approve an increase in the injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected waters from the Delaware formation.

(8) The operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(9) 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.

(10) Approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant, Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production, is hereby authorized to utilize its Jennings Federal Well No. 1, located in Unit C of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Delaware formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4850 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 4956 feet to 4970 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.

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(2) The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting switch or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 990 psi.

(3) The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the Delaware formation.

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

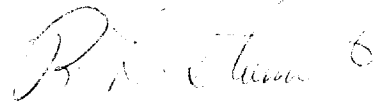
(5) The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(6) The applicant shall conduct disposal operations and submit monthly reports in accordance with Rules 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(7) 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.

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R. L. STAMETS,  
Director

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