

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

ORDER NO. R-23254

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-1750 FOR
THE P 15 #001 WELL OPERATED BY
OWL SWD OPERATING, LLC, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24432

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ORDER NO. R-1647 FOR THE EME SWD #033M
WELL OPERATED BY RICE OPERATING COMPANY,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24433

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ORDER NO. R-3102 FOR THE EME SWD #021 WELL
OPERATED BY RICE OPERATING COMPANY,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24434

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-985-A FOR
THE STATE E TRACT 27 #001 WELL OPERATED BY
RICE OPERATING COMPANY, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24435

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-1754 FOR THE
N 11 #001 WELL OPERATED BY PERMIAN LINE SERVICE,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24436

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-184 FOR THE
BLINEBRY DRINKARD SWD #018 WELL OPERATED BY
RICE OPERATING COMPANY, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24437

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-965 FOR THE
BLINEBRY DRINKARD SWD #020 WELL OPERATED
BY RICE OPERATING COMPANY, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO**

Case No. 24438

**APPLICATION OF EMPIRE NEW MEXICO LLC
TO REVOKE THE INJECTION AUTHORITY GRANTED
UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-965 FOR
THE BLINEBRY DRINKARD SWD #020 WELL
OPERATED BY RICE OPERATING COMPANY,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No. 24439

ORDER TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

THESE MATTERS came before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (Division) on Empire New Mexico LLC's Applications to revoke the injection authority granted under various Division Orders that involve existing or proposed produced water disposal wells within and in close proximity to the Eunice Monument South Unit (EMSU). Case Nos. 24432-24439 are related to cases currently before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (Commission) as outlined below and will ultimately benefit from the resolution of the factual and legal issues before the Commission before proceeding at the Division.

1. On February 7, 2024, Order No. R-23048 was filed, referring Case Nos. 23614-23617, 24018-24027, and 23775 to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission.
2. In Case Nos. 23614-23617, Goodnight seeks orders authorizing injection of produced water for disposal into the San Andres formation between approximately 4,100 and 5,300 feet.
3. In Case Nos. 24018-24027, Empire seeks orders revoking Goodnight's existing permits to inject produced water into the San Andres formation.
4. In Case No. 23775, Goodnight seeks authorization to increase the rate of injection into the Andre Dawson SWD #1 within the EMSU.
5. Among the contested issues before the Commission are whether the San Andres formation within the EMSU contains hydrocarbons that are economically recoverable through tertiary recovery (i.e., a residual oil zone) and whether injection of produced water into the San Andres causes waste, impairs correlative rights, or otherwise interferes with operations in the EMSU.
6. The Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law have the potential to inform the

outcome of Empire's Applications referenced above. Staying Case Nos. 24432-24439 pending resolution of the matters currently before the Commission will conserve the Division's administrative resources.

For the foregoing reasons, the proceedings in Case Nos. 24432-24439 are hereby stayed until the Commission enters a final order in the cases referenced above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 26th day of June 2024.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**DYLAN M. FUGE
ACTING DIVISION DIRECTOR**