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c/o Holcomb Consultants
6900 Spring Cherry Lane
Amarillo, Texas 79124

January 21, 2019

State of New Mexico
NMOCD Engineering Bureau
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
Attn: Mr. Will Jones

Administrative Request for Extension of Injection Authority

Bowen SWD #1 (30-025-23833)
A-21-9S-35E, Lea County, New Mexico
Injection Order SWD-1673 authorized May 17, 2017

Dear Mr. Jones.

Stearns respectfully requests an administrative extension for injection authority for the subject well. Injection authority was approved via Administrative Order SWD-1673 on May 17, 2017. Stearns requests an extension be granted for one year for good cause.

Stearns is a small operator with one well service/plugging rig. The company not only operates seven wells, but also provides well plugging and other services to clients. During 2018, Stearns' rig plugged 76 wells. Sixty of those wells were State orphan wells plugged for NMOCD Districts 1 and 2. Thus far in 2019, Stearns has fourteen additional State orphan/BLM wells to plug for Districts 1 and 2 during the first quarter. As a result of being busy with NMOCD well plugging operations, Stearns requests additional time to drill out/convert the Bowen SWD #1 and initiate injection.

Since the application for injection authority was approved on May 17, 2017, no additional wells have been drilled within the 0.5 mile radius area of review. There have been no changes in the affected parties within the 0.5 mile radius AOR. Attached are copies of the 0.5 mile radius AOR maps for offset wells and affected parties.

Jones, William V, EMNRD

From: danny@pwwlc.net
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Jones, William V, EMNRD
Subject: [EXT] [FWD: Stearns Bowen SWD #1 (30-025-23833) SWD-1673]
Attachments: SWD-1673 Extension Letter Request to OCD 012119.pdf

Will,

Michael called me yesterday saying to visit with you about this one. If it would help out, I could write up and submit to you a draft order for approval of this request. I would use a recent extension order as a template. Let me know if I can help here.

Thank you,

Danny J. Holcomb
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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Stearns Bowen SWD #1 (30-025-23833) SWD-1673
From: <danny@pwwlc.net>
Date: Wed, May 01, 2019 5:03 pm
To: "William Jones" <WilliamV.Jones@state.nm.us>, "Michael McMillan" <Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us>

Will and Michael,

On January 22, 2019, we mailed the attached letter request for extension of injection authority on the referenced well. Your office received the letter request on January 24, 2019. The original SWD permit is set to expire on May 17, 2019 so timing is tight.

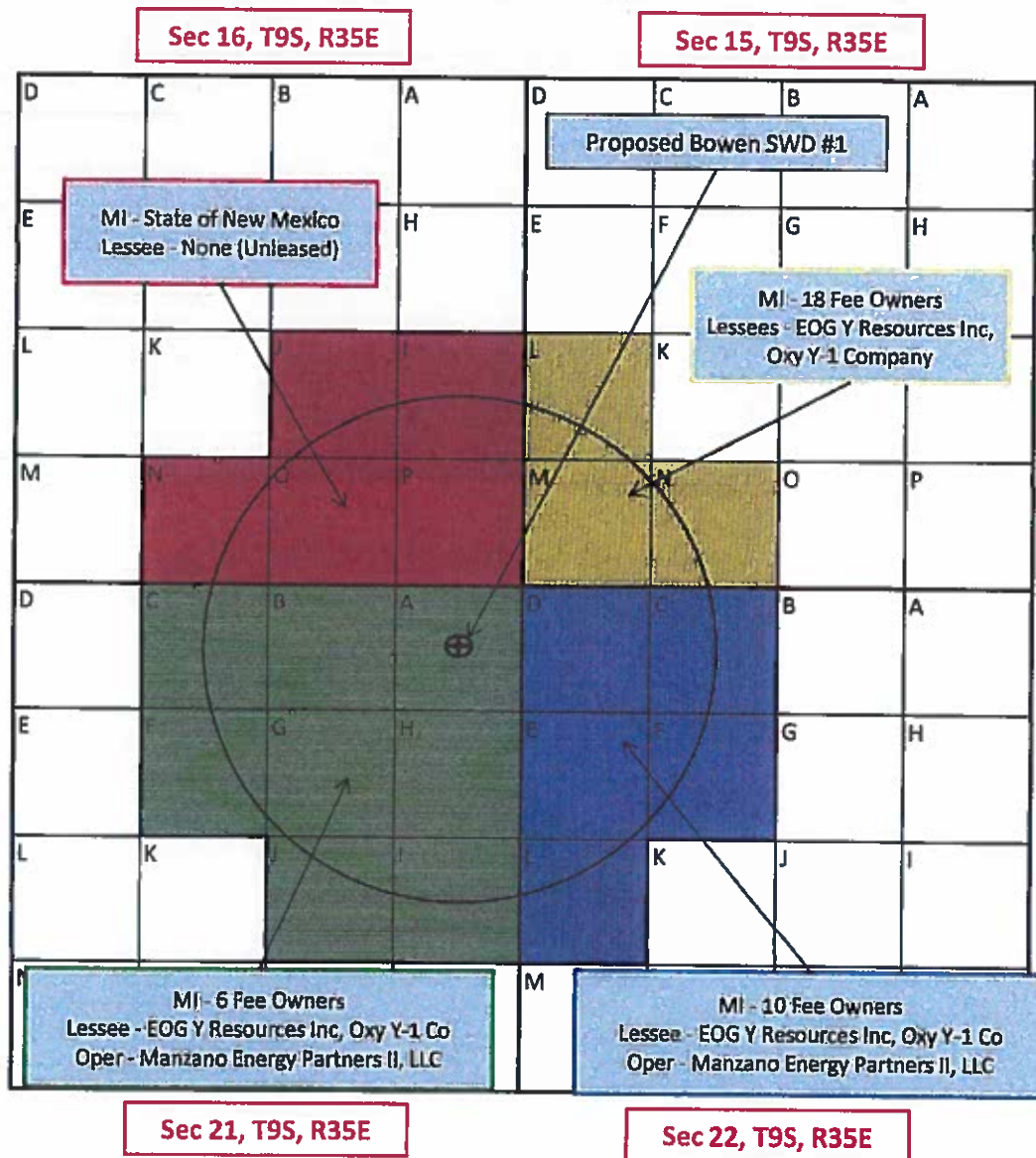
The reason for the extension request was, and still remains, Stearn's plugging well backlog for the NMOCD/BLM orphan wells and wells for operators. We know your group is extremely busy. We would appreciate your earliest consideration of this request. If you have any questions concerning this request, please let me know.

Thank you,

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Stearns
Bowen SWD #1
API # 30-025-23833
0.5 Mile AOR



This location 660 FNL X 660 FEL
Surface Owner - John R. Stearns,
HC 65, Box 988, Crossroads, New Mexico 88114
Drawing not to scale

AE Order Number Banner

Application Number: pMAM1709735973

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