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Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
P.O. Box 730
Hobbs, NM 88241-0730

Attention: Terry L. Frazier

**RE: Injection Pressure Increase, West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit
Waterflood Project, Lea County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Frazier:

Reference is made to your request dated December 14, 1993 to increase the surface injection pressure on the West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit Well Nos. 120 and 140. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on the WDDU Well No. 120 on August 23, 1993. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on these wells is justified at this time.

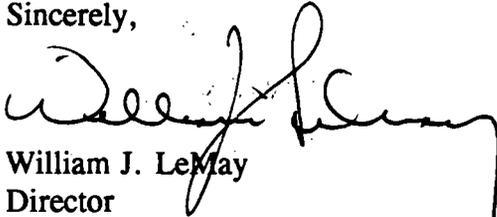
You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following wells:

Well and Location	Maximum Injection Surface Pressure
WDDU Well No. 120 Unit F, Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 38 East	1550 PSIG
WDDU Well No. 140 Unit J, Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 38 East	1550 PSIG
Both wells located in Lea County, New Mexico.	

Injection Pressure Increase
Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
February 1, 1994
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The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected water is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

Sincerely,



William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/DRC/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
D. Catanach
R. Brown
File: WFX-630
WFX-646

NO WAITING PERIOD

COMPANY: Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 730
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Hobbs New Mexico 88241-0730
ATTENTION: Terry L. Frazier

Re: Injection Pressure Increase
West Eldorado Drinkard Unit
Waterhead Project
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request dated December 14 ^a 1993, to increase the surface injection pressure on the West Eldorado Drinkard Unit Well Nos. 120 & 140. This request is based on step rate tests conducted on ~~these wells~~ the WDU No. 120 on August 23, 1993. The results of the tests have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on these wells is justified at this time.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following wells:

<u>Well & Location</u>	<u>Maximum Injection Surface Pressure</u>
<u>WDDU Well No. 120</u> <u>Unit F, Sector 32, T-2 South, R-3PEast</u> <u>NMPM</u>	<u>1550 PSI</u>
<u>WDDU Well No. 140</u> <u>Unit F, Sector 32, T-2 South, R-3PEast</u> <u>NMPM</u>	<u>1550 PSI</u>
<u>Lea County, New Mexico</u>	

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xc: ~~E. CALLEGOS~~ D. CATANACH FILE- WEX-638 OCD- Hobbs
R. Brown WEX-646

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December 14, 1993
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 88240

Attention: David R. Catanach

Re: Request for Increase in Surface Injection Pressure Limits
Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.
West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit, Dollarhide Tubb-Drinkard
T-24/25-S, R-38-E, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. requests that the surface injection pressure limits be increased for the two wells on the attached list. The increases are based on initial shut in pressures (ISIPs) and step rate tests. Numerous step rate tests have been run on unit wells but they are often inconclusive for two reasons:

- 1) The injection is confined to the Lower Drinkard which is a highly discontinuous limy dolomite. Within a short time, the net pressure at the surface increases above the inferred parting pressure as the individual lenses fill up. The corresponding injection rate rapidly decreases even though the step-rate data shows the formation should be fractured past that point.
- 2) The near-wellbore tortuosity and bimodal porosity result in multiple break-over points on step-rate tests.

The pressure increases are necessary to maintain nominal injection rates. This will greatly enhance the performance of the infill drilled wells as the patterns are closed. If additional information is needed, please contact Robert McNaughton at 505-397-0428.

Yours very truly,

Terry L. Frazier
Hobbs Area Manager

TLF:rtm

cc: Mr. Jerry Sexton
Hobbs NMOCD

attachments

West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit

Texaco Exploration and Production

Lea County, New Mexico

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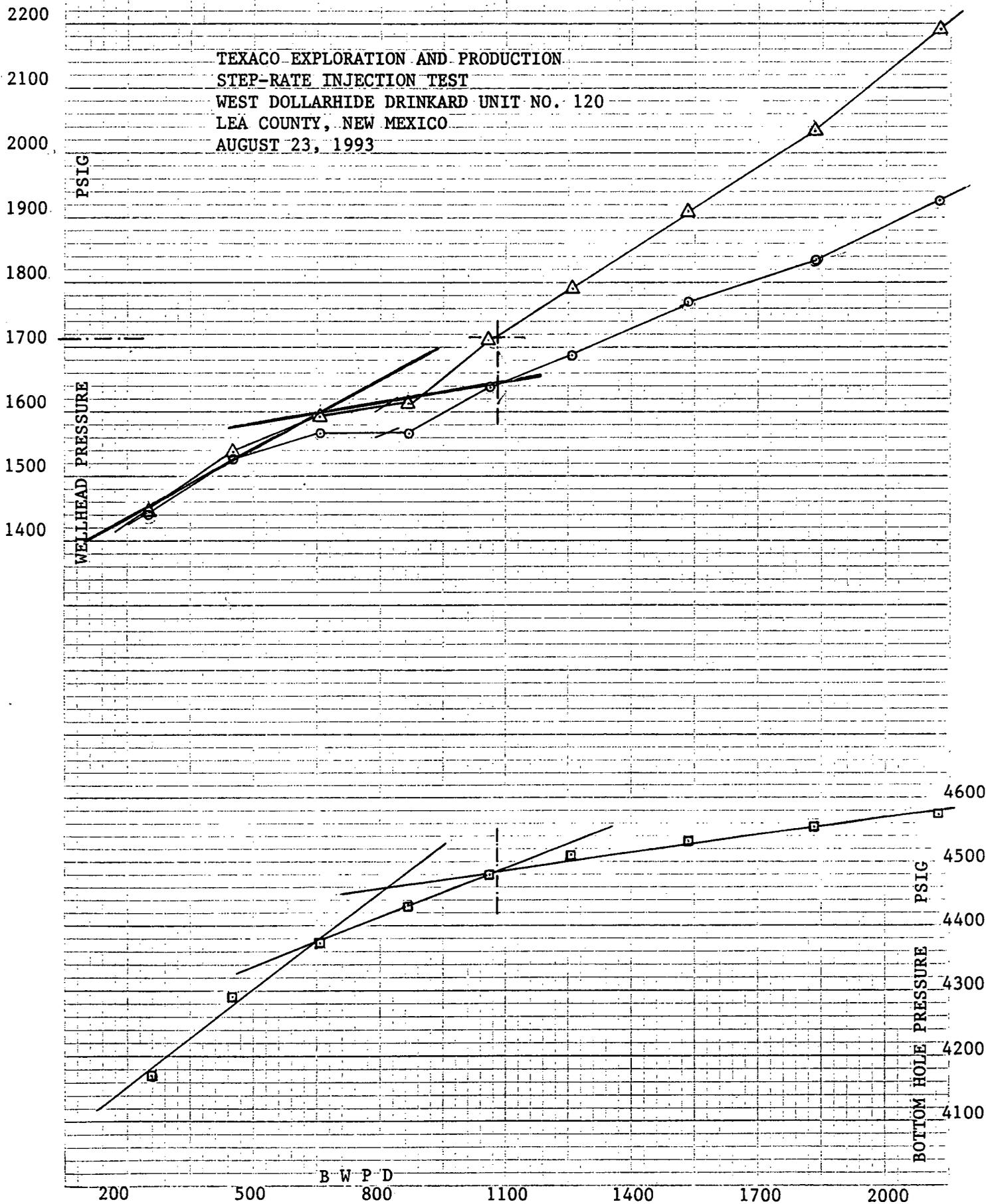
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Texaco Exploration and Production
Lea County, New Mexico

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- △ RECORDED WELLHEAD PRESSURE
- CORRECTED WELLHEAD PRESSURE BASED ON 2 3/8" TUBING
- BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE @ 6433- FEET

TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
 STEP-RATE INJECTION TEST
 WEST DOLLARHIDE DRINKARD UNIT NO. 120
 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
 AUGUST 23, 1993



JOHN WEST ENGINEERING COMPANY

Hobbs, New Mexico

STEP RATE INJECTION TEST

CLIENT: TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION

DATE: August 23, 1993

WELL NAME: WEST DOLLARHIDE DRINKARD UNIT 120
Lea County, New Mexico

WO#: 93-14-1589

MID-PERFS. = 6670

PACKER DEPTH = 6437

MDR = 6433

BHP GAUGE DEPTH = 6400

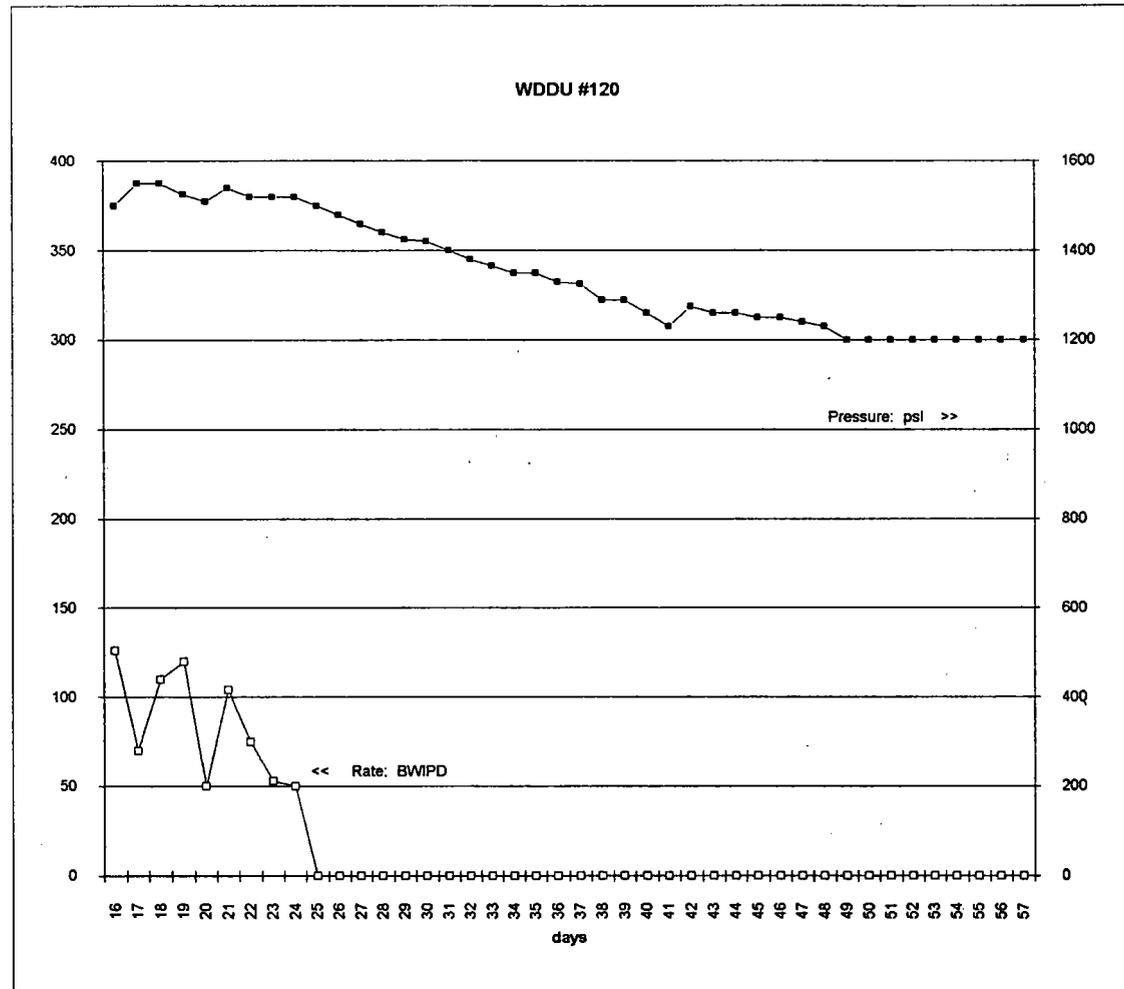
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		SURFACE TUBING PRESS. (psig)	CUMULATIVE VOL. INJECTED (bbls)	INJECTION RATE (bbls/day)	FRICTION HEAD LOSS (psi)	CORRECTED TUBING PRESS. (psi) (1)-(4)	INJECTION RATE (gpm) (3)/(24.2557)	MEASURED BHP (psi)
	8:35	1270.8				1270.8		3984
	8:40	1364.5	0.9	259.2	5.434	1379.1	7.56	4095
	8:45	1423.9	1.8	259.2	5.434	1418.5	7.56	4142
1	8:50	1445.4	2.7	259.2	5.434	1440.0	7.56	4172
				259.2				
	8:55	1523.2	4.3	460.8	15.755	1507.4	13.44	4239
	9:00	1529.4	5.9	460.8	15.755	1513.6	13.44	4270
2	9:05	1539.4	7.4	432.0	13.982	1525.4	12.60	4294
				451.2				
	9:10	1582.7	9.7	662.4	30.831	1551.9	19.32	4336
	9:15	1578.6	12.0	662.4	30.831	1547.8	19.32	4361
3	9:20	1592.5	14.2	633.6	28.397	1564.1	18.48	4374
				652.8				
	9:25	1639.6	17.2	864.0	50.404	1589.2	25.20	4409
	9:30	1606.1	20.2	864.0	50.404	1555.7	25.20	4424
4	9:35	1613.6	23.2	864.0	50.404	1563.2	25.20	4434
				864.0				
	9:40	1683.8	26.9	1065.6	74.295	1609.5	31.08	4457
	9:45	1701.7	30.6	1065.6	74.295	1627.4	31.08	4470
5	9:50	1713.0	34.3	1065.6	74.295	1638.7	31.08	4480
				1065.6				
	9:55	1774.2	38.7	1267.2	102.370	1671.8	36.96	4496
	10:00	1786.8	43.0	1238.4	98.108	1688.7	36.12	4504
6	10:05	1790.5	47.4	1267.2	102.370	1688.1	36.96	4512
				1257.6				
	10:10	1899.2	52.7	1526.4	144.443	1754.8	44.52	4526
	10:15	1905.3	58.1	1555.2	149.526	1755.8	45.36	4532
7	10:20	1912.7	63.4	1526.4	144.443	1768.3	44.52	4536
				1536.0				

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8	10:25	2036.7	69.8	1843.2	204.748	1832.0	53.76	4548
	10:30	2040.4	76.2	1843.2	204.748	1835.7	53.76	4553
	10:35	2036.5	82.5	1814.4 1833.6	198.869	1837.6	52.92	4557
9	10:40	2187.7	89.9	2131.2	267.834	1919.9	62.16	4568
	10:45	2190.1	97.2	2102.4	261.177	1928.9	61.32	4572
	10:50	2192.5	104.6	2131.2 2121.6	267.834	1924.7	62.16	4573
FALLOFF	10:52	1622.0				1622.0		4543
	10:53	1617.2				1617.2		4537
	10:54	1612.1				1612.1		4531
	10:55	1608.2				1608.2		4527
	11:00	1592.6				1592.6		4511
	11:05	1580.9				1580.9		4499

ISIP = 1370#

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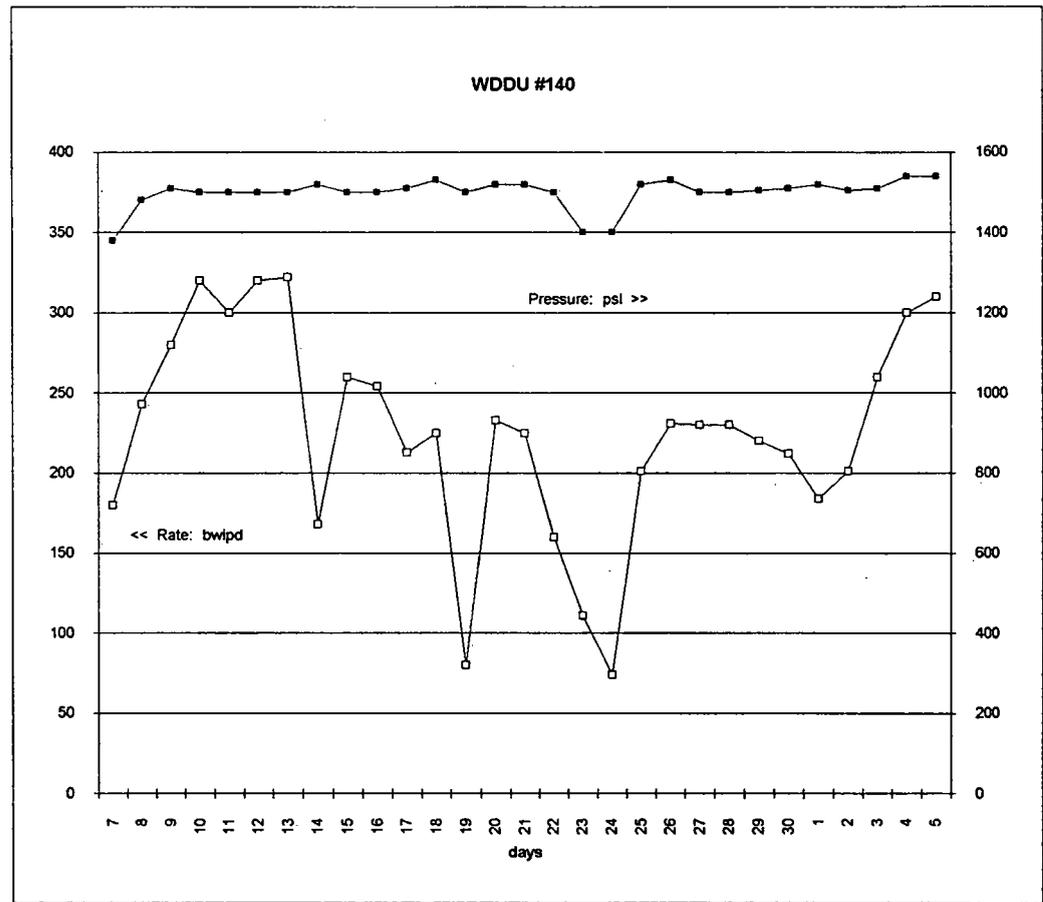
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	RATE	PRESSURE
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18	110	1550
19	120	1525
20	50	1510
21	104	1540
22	75	1520
23	53	1520
24	50	1520
25	0	1500
26	0	1480
27	0	1460
28	0	1440
29	0	1425
30	0	1420
31	0	1400
32	0	1380
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36	0	1330
37	0	1325
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57	0	1200



WEST DOLLARHIDE DRINKARD UNIT #140

TIME	IDTY PPG	WHP PSI	TOFL BPM	CUVO BBL	MESSAGES
12:16:28	0	1906	7.408	334.9	
12:16:32	0	1616	5.217	335.3	
12:16:36	0	1644	3.025	335.5	
12:16:40	0	1754	0.822	335.5	
12:16:44	0	1713	0	335.5	
12:16:48	0	1649	0	335.5	
12:16:52	0	1708	0	335.5	
12:16:56	0	1722	0	335.5	
12:17:00	0	1690	0	335.5	ISIP
12:17:04	0	1662	0	335.5	
12:17:08	0	1695	0	335.5	
12:17:12	0	1690	0	335.5	
12:17:16	0	1672	0	335.5	
12:17:20	0	1658	0	335.5	
12:17:24	0	1681	0	335.5	
12:17:28	0	1672	0	335.5	
12:17:32	0	1662	0	335.5	
12:17:36	0	1685	0	335.5	
12:17:40	0	1681	0	335.5	
12:17:44	0	1639	0	335.5	
12:17:48	0	1667	0	335.5	
12:17:52	0	1667	0	335.5	
12:17:56	0	1672	0	335.5	
12:18:00	0	1653	0	335.5	
12:18:04	0	1662	0	335.5	
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12:19:12	0	1635	0	335.5	
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12:19:28	0	1639	0	335.5	

		#140		
DATE	RATE	PRESSURE		
11-01-93	1	0	1690	* ISIP *
	2	0	1690	
	3	0	0	
	4	0	0	
	5	0	0	
	6	0	0	
	7	180	1380	
	8	243	1480	
	9	280	1510	
	10	320	1500	
	11	300	1500	
	12	320	1500	
	13	322	1500	
	14	168	1520	
	15	260	1500	
	16	254	1500	
	17	213	1510	
	18	225	1530	
	19	80	1500	
	20	233	1520	
	21	225	1520	
	22	160	1500	
	23	111	1400	
	24	74	1400	
	25	201	1520	
	26	231	1530	
	27	230	1500	
	28	230	1500	
	29	220	1505	
	30	212	1510	
	1	184	1520	
	2	201	1505	
	3	260	1510	
	4	300	1540	
	5	310	1540	





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Texaco Exploration and Production Inc.
West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit, Dollarhide Tubb-Drinkard
T-24/25-S, R-38-E, Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Catanach,

While reviewing our step-rate data on the Dollarhide, I noticed an error on our application dated 12/13/93. The request for higher injection limits covers WDDU No. 120 and No. 140. However, No. 120 is incorrectly listed as No. 121 on the data table. The attached information is for WDDU No. 120. I will be submitting data for No. 121 on a separate application. If additional information is needed, please contact Robert McNaughton at 505-397-0428.

Yours very truly,

Robert McNaughton
Production Engineer

RTM/

cc: Mr. Jerry Sexton
Hobbs NMOCD

attachment

West Dollarhide Drinkard Unit

Texaco Exploration and Production

Lea County, New Mexico

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