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Oil Conservation Division

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-888

***APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR SALT
WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.***

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on August 7, 2003 for permission to re-enter for salt water disposal its Catclaw 2 State Well No. 1 (API 30-015-27767) located 710 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified;
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met; and
- (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. is hereby authorized to re-enter its Catclaw 2 State Well No. 1 (API 30-015-27767) located 710 feet from the North line and 500 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Section 2, Township 26 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Delaware formation **through perforated casing** from a depth of 3,207 feet to 4,310 feet through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located at approximately 3,150 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall 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.

As preparation and prior to any injection, the operator shall drill out cement plugs and re-enter the well to approximately 4,400 feet, install casing from surface to approximately 4,400 feet, and cement this casing to the surface.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to **no more than 641 psi**.

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 injection formations. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the date and time disposal equipment will be installed and the mechanical integrity pressure test conducted so that these operations may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, jurisdiction is retained by the Division for the entry of such further orders as may be necessary for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights or upon failure of the operator to conduct operations (1) to protect fresh water or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-120-A, in accordance with Rule Nos. 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 9th day of September 2003.



LORI WROTENBERY,
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
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