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**Administrative Order SWD-1135**  
**July 16, 2008**

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, L.P. FOR  
PRODUCED 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. (OGRID No. 6137) made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for permission to utilize for produced water disposal its Federal T Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-26404) located 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

**THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:**

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules. Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified. The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met and no objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule. The applicant is in compliance with Rule 40.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. ("operator") is hereby authorized to utilize its Federal T Well No. 1 (API No. 30-015-26404) located 660 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Lower Wolfcamp formation and the Cisco formation through perforations from 7,400 feet to 8,200 feet and through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located within 100 feet of the top of the injection interval.

**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.

After installing injection tubing, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure the integrity of said casing.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge or an approved *leak detection device* in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a *pressure limiting device* in workable condition which shall, at all times, limit surface injection pressure to the maximum allowable pressure for this well. The wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to **no more than 1480 psi**.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in the maximum injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that such higher pressure would not result in migration of the injected fluid from the injection formation. Such proper showing should be supported by a valid step rate test run in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Division.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of any mechanical integrity test so that the same 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, or without notice and hearing in event of an emergency subject to NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-23, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of injection and the initial reservoir pressure to the Artesia district office of the Division.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, in accordance with Division Rules 706 and 1120.

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

mailed prior to the expiration date, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

This order does not relieve the operator of responsibility should its operations cause any actual damage or threat of damage to protectable fresh water, human health or the environment; nor does it relieve the operator of responsibility for complying with applicable Division rules or other state, federal, or local laws or regulations.

  
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