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Administrative Order SWD-1159

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of Division Rule 26.8B, Geronimo SWD LLC made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, for permission to re-complete for produced water disposal its Geronimo 34 State Com Well No. 1Y (API 30-015-31293) located 1700 feet from the North line and 1038 feet from the West line, Unit E of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 26.8B. Satisfactory information has been provided that affected parties as defined in Rule 26.8B:(2) have been notified and no objections have been received within the prescribed waiting period. The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 26.8 will be met and the operator is in compliance with Division Rule 5.9.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant Geronimo SWD LLC, is hereby authorized to re-complete its Geronimo 34 State Com Well No. 1Y (API 30-015-31293) located 1700 feet from the North line and 1038 feet from the West line, Unit E of Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Wolfcamp, Cisco, and Canyon formations through perforations from 7700 feet to 9070 feet through 2-7/8 inch or smaller, plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located within 100 feet 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-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 casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure casing integrity.

The wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to **no more than 1540 psi**. In addition, 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 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 formation. 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 Division's district office 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 provide written notice of the date of commencement of injection to the Division's district office. The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, in accordance with Division Rules 26.13 and 7.24.

Without limitation on the duties of the operator as provided in Division Rules 30 and 29, or otherwise, the operator shall immediately notify the Division's district office of any failure of the tubing, casing or packer in the well, or of any leakage or release of water, oil or gas from around any produced or plugged and abandoned well in the area, and shall take such measures as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

In accordance with Division Rule No 26.12C., 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, mailed by the operator prior to the termination date, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown. One year after injection operations into the well has ceased, the injection authority will terminate *ipso facto*.

Compliance with this order does not relieve the operator of the obligation to comply with other applicable federal, state or local laws or rules, or to exercise due care for the protection of fresh water, public health and safety and the environment.

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 or protectable waters or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.



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