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**Administrative Order WFX-853**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of Division Order R-2495, Melrose Operating Company has made application to the Division for permission to add 10 water injection wells to its Cone Jalmat Yates Pool Unit (CJYPU) Waterflood Project located within the Jalmat; Tansill-Yates-Seven Rivers Oil Pool (33820) in Lea County, New Mexico.

**THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:**

The application was filed in due form. No objections have been filed within the 15 day waiting period prescribed by Division Rule 26.8C.(2). The proposed injection wells are eligible for conversion to injection under the terms of Rule 26.8. The operator is in compliance with Rule 5.9.

The proposed expansion of the above-referenced waterflood project, will prevent waste, is in the best interests of conservation, will not impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Melrose Operating Company (OGRID No. 184860) is hereby authorized to inject water into the unitized interval, through 2 7/8 inch plastic-lined tubing set in packers located within 100 feet of the top of the injection intervals in the following-described wells within the Cone Jalmat Yates Pool Unit Waterflood Project for purposes of secondary recovery. The maximum allowed surface injection pressure for each of these wells is shown in the table below.



API	Well Num	Unit	Sec	Tsp	Rge	Top Perf	Bottom Perf	Tubing	Pressure	Comments
30-025-08647	102	C	24	22S	35E	3708	3920	2-7/8	742	
30-025-08604	103	K	13	22S	35E	3722	3854	2-7/8	744	
30-025-08607	106	M	13	22S	35E	3760	3900	2-7/8	752	
30-025-38608	108	O	13	22S	35E	3708	3814	2-7/8	742	
30-025-38916	127	J	13	22S	35E	3700	4200	2-7/8	740	Est Perf's
30-025-38917	128	I	13	22S	35E	3700	4200	2-7/8	740	Est Perf's
30-025-38918	130	N	13	22S	35E	3700	4200	2-7/8	740	Est Perf's
NA	146	E	24	22S	35E	3700	4200	2-7/8	740	Est Perf's
30-025-08643	201	A	24	22S	35E	3622	3820	2-7/8	724	
30-025-08645	303	G	24	22S	35E	3696	3803	2-7/8	739	

Prior to commencing injection operations into any wells listed above, the applicant shall plug and abandon the CJYPU Well No. 9-N (API No. 30-025-08609) located 660 feet from the South line and 1980 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 13, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, in a manner that is acceptable to the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office.

Subsequent to the completion of plugging operations on the CJYPU Well No. 9-N, the applicant shall submit documentation to the Santa Fe Office of the Division verifying that this work has been completed. This documentation shall be in the form of a cover letter addressed to the Engineering Bureau complete with all applicable Form C-103's (Sundry Notices). Failure to comply with this directive may result in the cancellation of injection authority.

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.

Prior to commencing injection operations into these wells, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure casing integrity.

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 wells or injection system shall be equipped with pressure limiting devices which will limit the wellhead pressure to 0.2 psi per foot of depth to the uppermost injection perforations in each of the wells.

The Director of the Division may authorize increases in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the permitted injection interval or harmful formation fracturing. Such

proper showing shall consist of valid step-rate tests and possibly injection profiles or pressure transient testing run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the District Office of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of all mechanical integrity tests so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the District Office of the failure of the tubing, casing or packer in said wells and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

The subject wells shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-2495, and Rules 26.9 through 26.13 not inconsistent herewith.

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

  
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