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Administrative Order SWD-1208
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of Division Rule 26.8B., Devon Energy Production Company, LP seeks an administrative order to utilize its Apache 25 Federal Well No. 8 (API 30-015-33439) located 2455 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line, Unit G of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, for produced water disposal purposes.

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, Devon Energy Production Company, LP, is hereby authorized to utilize its Apache 25 Federal Well No. 8 (API 30-015-33439) located 2455 feet from the North line and 1980 feet from the East line, Unit G of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, for disposal of oil field produced water (UIC Class II liquids only) into the Cherry Canyon member of the Delaware Mountain Group through perforations from a gross interval of 5675 feet to 5930 feet through plastic-lined tubing set into a packer located within 100 feet of the disposal interval.

Special Conditions:

- a. Annual mechanical integrity testing.
- b. No increase in the maximum surface disposal pressure limit except through notice to affected parties within ½ mile and after an examiner hearing.



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the disposed water enters only the proposed disposal interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

After installing 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 1136 psi**. In addition, the disposal well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device in workable condition which shall, at all times, limit surface tubing pressure to the maximum allowable pressure for this well.

This pressure limit shall not be increased except after an Examiner hearing where adequate evidence shall be presented including area of review cementing data and definitive step rate test. In addition, notice of this application shall be provided to all affected parties within ½ mile including the United States DOE WIPP site director.

Frequency of mechanical integrity testing on this well shall be once per year instead of the normal one test every 5 years.

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 disposal 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.

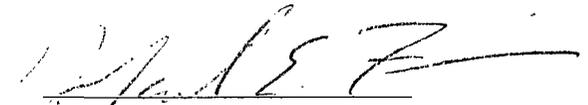
The injection authority granted under this order is not transferable except upon division approval. The division may require the operator to demonstrate mechanical integrity of any injection well that will be transferred prior to approving transfer of authority to inject.

The division may revoke this injection permit after notice and hearing if the operator is in violation of 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

In accordance with Division Rule No 26.12.C., the disposal 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. One year after disposal into the well has ceased, the authority to dispose 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 disposal authority granted herein.


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