



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF EL PASO EXPLORATION
COMPANY TO EXPAND ITS WATERFLOOD PROJECT
IN THE RHODES (YATES-SEVEN RIVERS) POOL IN
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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ORDER No. WFX-537

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Order No. R-3919, El Paso Exploration Company has made application to the Division on November 16, 1984, for permission to expand its Moberly Rhodes Waterflood Project in the Rhodes (Yates-Seven Rivers) Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 6th day of December, 1984, the Division Director finds:

1. That application has been filed in due form.
2. That satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified of the application.
3. That no objection has been received within the waiting period as prescribed by Rule 701B.
4. That the proposed injection well is eligible for conversion to water injection under the terms of Rule 701.
5. That the proposed expansion of the above referenced Waterflood project will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.
6. That the application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, El Paso Exploration Company, be and the same is hereby authorized to inject water into the Yates and Seven Rivers formations through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer at approximately 2900 feet in the following described well for purposes of Waterflooding to wit:

Moberly "C" Well No. 3
1980' FNL and 660' FWL of Sec. 21, T-26-S,
R-37-E, Lea County, New Mexico

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.

That the casing-tubing annulus (in each well) 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.

That 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 650 psi.

That 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 Yates and Seven Rivers formations. That such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office before injection is commenced through said well.

That the operator shall immediately notify the Supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely or necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

That the subject well shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-3919 and Rules 702, 703, 704, 705, and 706 not inconsistent herewith.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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R. L. STAMETS,
Director

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