

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. WFX-680

APPLICATION OF MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY TO EXPAND ITS WATERFLOOD PROJECT IN THE QUERCHO PLAINS-QUEEN ASSOCIATED POOL IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of Division Order No. R-10151, Mewbourne Oil Company has made application to the Division on January 24, 1996 for permission to expand its Quercho Plains Queen Associated Sand Unit Waterflood Project in the Quercho Plains-Queen Associated Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

- (1) The application has been filed in due form.
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators have been duly notified of the application.
- (3) No objection has been received within the waiting period as prescribed by Rule 701(B).
- (4) The proposed expansion of the above referenced Quercho Plains Queen Associated Sand Unit Waterflood Project will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.
- (5) The proposed expansion is part of an approved Enhanced Oil Recovery waterflood project and should qualify for the tax credit pursuant to the "New Mexico Oil Recovery Act".
- (6) The application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant, Mewbourne Oil Company, be and the same is hereby authorized to inject water into the Queen and Penrose formations at approximately 3927 feet to approximately 4183 feet through 2 3/8-inch tubing set in a packer at approximately 3827 feet to accomplish injection in the following described well for purposes of secondary recovery to wit:

Quercho Plains Queen Associated Sand Unit Well No.2
2300' FNL and 2300' FWL
Section 23, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, 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.

Prior to commencing injection operations into the well, 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 at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure to no more than 785 psi.

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 Queen and Penrose formations. 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 Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity tests so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Hobbs 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.

The subject well shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-10151, as amended and Rules 702-706 of the Division Rules and Regulations not inconsistent herewith.

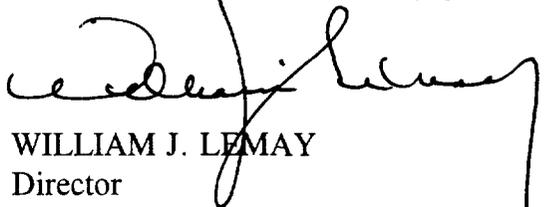
PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, jurisdiction of this cause is hereby retained by the Division for the entry of such further order or orders as may be deemed necessary or convenient for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights; upon failure of the operator to

conduct operations in a manner which will ensure the protection of fresh water or in a manner inconsistent with the requirements set forth in this order, 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 the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 14th day of February, 1996.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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cc: NM Department of Taxation and Revenue - Mr. John Chavez, Secretary
Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad