

APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS PETROLEUM  
CO. TO EXPAND ITS PRESSURE MAINTENANCE  
PROJECT IN THE VACUUM POOL IN LEA COUNTY

ORDER No. PMX-118

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Order No. R-5897, Phillips Petroleum Co. has made application to the Division on July 7, 1982, for permission to expand its East Vacuum Grayburg-San Andres Unit Area Pressure Maintenance Project in the Vacuum Pool in Lea County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 27th day of July, 1982, 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 701 B..
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 pressure maintenance project will not cause waste nor impair correlative rights.
6. That the application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That the applicant, Phillips Petroleum Co., be and the same is hereby authorized to inject water into the San Andres formation through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer at approximately 4275 feet in the following described wells for purposes of pressure maintenance to wit:

Tract 3229 Well No. 007  
K-32-17S-35E

Tract 3202 Well No. 011  
I-32-17S-35E

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 wells or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure to a maximum of 870 pounds per square inch; provided however that the Division Director may administratively authorize a pressure limitation in excess of the above upon the operator's establishing that such higher pressure will not result in fracturing of the confining strata.

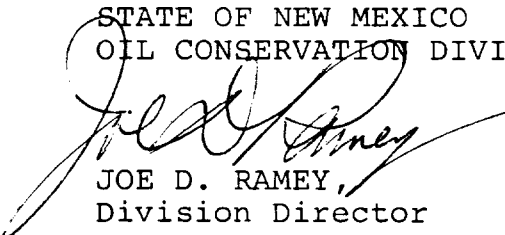
That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office before injection is commenced through said wells.

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 wells or the leakage of water from or around said wells and shall take such steps as may be timely or necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

That the subject wells shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-5897 and Rules 702, 703, 704, 705, and 706 not inconsistent herewith.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



JOE D. RAMEY,  
Division Director

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