

Snyder Ranch, Inc.
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November 27, 1998

Doug Fant
Environmental, Regulatory, & Loss Prevention Supervisor
Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc
P.O. Box 633
Midland, Texas 79702-0633

Re: Water Disposal Well

Dear Mr. Fant:

Snyder Ranches opposed the original permit for off lease disposal in this area because of our fresh water wells, and the obvious incroachment of produced water into the underground mineral properties owned by Snyder Ranches, more specifically NW1/4 NW1/4 SEC 26.

It was ruled by the courts that the OCD had no authority to allow Mobil to create a trespass by forcing produced water on to lands owned by Snyder Ranches, but Snyder Ranch must prove such trespass. Since obviously the original Well (#2) is at its capacity and additional capacity is needed one could easily assume that such a trespass does now occur.

In the original hearing for the permit --- Mobil was ordered by OCD to sample water from Snyder Ranch Well NW1/4 SEC 26 on an orderly and continuous basis to assure Snyder Ranch that no produced water was incroaching into the shallow ground water formations. This was done because of the Buckeye and South Vac. Salado problem that has occurred in this area for years. High pressure salt water flows have been documented in the area because of old faulty casing leaks from injection wells.

Snyder Ranches feels that our underground formation have been trespassed and we should be compensated and also shown without a doubt that no contamination of our water has occurred. I would like to discuss this with you at your earliest convenience.

Please call me at (505) 393-7544.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Squires
President, Snyder Ranch, Inc

cc: Ben Stone, Oil Conservation Division
J.W. Neal, Attorney at Law

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October 16, 1998

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ENVIRONMENTAL, REGULATORY &
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Re: WATER DISPOSAL WELL
STATE SEC. 27 LEASE - WELL #1
VACUUM DEVONIAN, SOUTH FIELD
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Stone:

Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc., as agent for Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico, Inc. (MPTM), is hereby requesting the OCD to reissue authority to dispose of produced water into the Devonian formation in the subject well. The original Permit was approved in April, 1991 and authorized by R-9474

Conversion of this well to be a water disposal well is necessary to economically dispose of lease and off lease water. The same water as permitted for disposal in the State Sec. 27 #2 will be disposed into the #1. The purpose for converting #1 is as back-up capacity to #2. Presently #1 is still Plugged and Abandoned and we wish to permit the well before Mobil spends money to reenter it.

The supporting information for this application is organized in accordance with Form C-108.

If any further information is needed concerning this application, please call Shirley Houchins at (915) 688-2585.

Yours very truly,

Doug Fant

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Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc.
as agent for
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