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APPLICATION OF TENNECO OIL EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION TO EXPAND ITS WATERFLOOD PROJECT
IN THE SOUTH HOSPAH UPPER SAND OIL POOL IN
MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER No. WFX-535

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Order No. R-3325, Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production has made application to the Division on November 8, 1984 for permission to expand its South Hospah Upper Sand Waterflood Project in the South Hospah Upper Sand Pool in McKinley County, New Mexico.

NOW, on this 29 day of November, 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, Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production, be and the same is hereby authorized to inject water into the Hospah formation through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer at a maximum of 100 feet above the uppermost

interval on each well in the following described wells for purposes of waterflooding to wit:

<u>SOUTH UPPER HOSPAH WATERFLOOD WELL NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM SURFACE INJECTION PRESSURES</u>
Well No. 16 1782' FNL and 2317'FWL, Section 12, T-17N, R-9W, McKinley County, NM	320 PSIG
Well No. 40 2602' FNL and 1580'FEL, Section 12, T-17N, R-9W, McKinley County, NM	315 PSIG
Well No. 55 1755' FNL and 1515' FEL, Section 12, T-17N, R-9W, McKinley County, NM	310 PSIG

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 0.20 psi per foot of depth to the uppermost injection interval on each well. Note list of wells for specific pressures.

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 Hospah formation. That such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

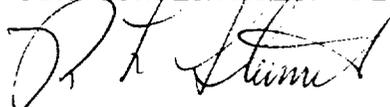
That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Division's Aztec District Office before injection is commenced through said wells.

That the operator shall immediately notify the Supervisor of the Division's Aztec 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-3325 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,
Division Director

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