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Paul Marken Completion Supervisor Referred to Crystal Tafoya ConocoPhillips Company San Juan Business Unit

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Dear Ms. Tafoya,

The Oil Conservation Division ("Division") is in receipt of your request to beneficially use produced water to fracture treat the Atlantic A #8C API # 30-045-35137, UL-G, Sec 29, Twn 31N, R10W. In granting this beneficial use the Division agrees and requires that:

- The aquifer is an exempted aquifer because it does not currently serve as a source of drinking water, and that cannot now and will not in the foreseeable future serve as a source of drinking water because it is hydrocarbon producing. 19.15.2.7.E.5 NMAC
- 2. The water samples from the producing wells adjacent to Atlantic A #8C have an average TDS higher than the produced water Conoco is proposing to Frac with.
- 3. The produced water ConocoPhillips proposes to use for well stimulation averages less than 11,000 ppm TDS.
- 4. The produced water ConocoPhillips proposes to use in its pilot test is half the TDS of fluid used in a standard conventional well stimulation.
- 5. Notification is required to be given to the district office 24-72hrs prior to the commencement of hauling the produced water and shall include a schedule with beginning and ending dates.
- All trucks hauling produced water to the location must have a copy of their approved C-133 and a copy of this letter in the truck.
- 7. This letter is to be in the trucks authorized to haul the produced water only for the time period supplied in the required notification.

- 8. Conoco is only authorized to haul water from downstream of the Vasely SWD #2 (API # 30-045-29936) second stage filtration system, which can be loaded into the trucks at the Vasely SWD #2 facility or the Mar Vista SWD #1 (API # 30-045-35126) facility.
- 9. Conoco is required to keep a log of the loads of produced water taken to the location and have it available upon request.
- 10. This approval will expire on June 30th, 2012

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Brandon Powell at Brandon.Powell@state.nm.us or 505-334-6178 xt 116.

Sincerely,

Brandon Powell

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