

*Entered November 17, 1958  
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 1531  
Order No. R-1277

APPLICATION OF RICE ENGINEERING &  
OPERATING, INC., FOR AN ORDER  
AUTHORIZING A SALT WATER DISPOSAL  
WELL IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH,  
RANGE 37 EAST, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on October 22, 1958, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Elvis A. Utz, Examiner duly appointed by the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," in accordance with Rule 1214 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

NOW, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1958, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the application, the evidence adduced and the recommendations of the Examiner, Elvis A. Utz, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., seeks an order authorizing the disposal of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the Adkins Well No. 2, located 990 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, with the proposed injection zone from 4490 feet to 4950 feet.

(3) That the casing in said Adkins Well No. 2 should be pressure tested under 2,000 psi surface pressure prior to utilization of said well as a disposal well.

(4) That disposal should be through tubing and the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with "sweet" oil as a protective measure.

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(5) That approval of the subject application is in the interest of conservation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Rice Engineering & Operating, Inc., be and the same is hereby authorized to dispose of produced salt water into the San Andres formation through the Adkins Well No. 2, located 990 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line of Section 5, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, with the injection zone from 4490 feet to 4950 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, That disposal shall be through tubing and that the casing-tubing annulus shall be kept full of "sweet" oil to prevent corrosion, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, That the casing in said Adkins Well No. 2 shall be pressure tested under 2,000 psi surface pressure and the results of such test approved by the Commission prior to utilization of said well as a disposal well.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1119 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman



MURRAY E. MORGAN, Member



A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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