

*Entered May 12, 1970
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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. 4342
Order No. R-3960

APPLICATION OF DEARING, WRIGHT, GIBBINS,
AND CHURCH, DOING BUSINESS AS NEW MEXICO
PETROLEUM COMPANY, FOR AUTHORITY TO OPER-
ATE AN OIL TREATING PLANT, LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 29, 1970,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 12th day of May, 1970, the Commission, a
quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record,
and the recommendations of the Examiner, 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 applicants, Dearing, Wright, Gibbins, and
Church, doing business as New Mexico Petroleum Company, seek
authority to install and operate a chemical and heating process
oil treating plant in the SE/4 of Section 25, Township 11 South,
Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the reclamation
of sediment oil to be obtained from tank bottoms and waste pits.

(3) That the proposed plant and method of processing will
efficiently process, treat, and reclaim the aforementioned waste
oil, thereby salvaging oil which would otherwise be wasted.

(4) That the subject application should be approved as
being in the best interest of conservation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicants, Dearing, Wright, Gibbins, and Church, doing business as New Mexico Petroleum Company, are hereby authorized to install and operate a chemical and heating process oil treating plant in the SE/4 of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil to be obtained from tank bottoms and waste pits;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the continuation of the authorization granted by this order shall be conditioned upon compliance with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that prior to commencing operation of said plant, the applicant shall file with the Commission a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 conditioned upon substantial compliance with applicable statutes of the State of New Mexico and all rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Commission.

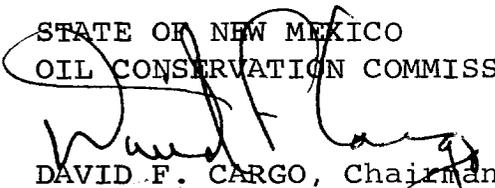
(2) That the operators of the above-described oil treating plant shall construct and maintain in proper repair a dike or firewall at least 24 inches in height and completely encircling all of the treating plant facilities and having a capacity at least one-third larger than the combined capacity of all of the enclosed tanks or vessels.

(3) That the operators of the above-described oil treating plant shall clear and maintain in a condition clear of all debris and vegetation a fireline at least 15 feet in width and encircling the five-acre tract upon which the plant is located.

(4) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION


DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman


ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member


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

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