

*Entered February 25, 1975*  
*A.V.P.*

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. 5420  
Order No. R-4968

APPLICATION OF TEXACO, INC.,  
FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 19, 1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 25th day of February, 1975, 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 applicant, Texaco, Inc., is the owner and operator of the New Mexico "DM" State (NCT-1) Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lazy J-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 9742 feet to 9792 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9700 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge or other approved leak-detection device should be attached to the annulus.

(5) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Texaco, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its New Mexico "DM" State (NCT-1) Well No. 1, located in Unit N of Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lazy J-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Pennsylvanian formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 9700 feet, with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 9742 feet to 9792 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus left open at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

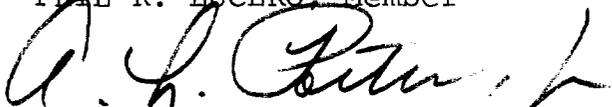
(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman

  
PHIL R. LUCERO, Member

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

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