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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7819  
Order No. R-7243

APPLICATION OF UNICHEM INTERNATIONAL,  
INC. FOR AN OIL TREATING PLANT PERMIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 16, 1983, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 29th day of March, 1983, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That the applicant, Unichem International, Inc. seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at the site of its commercial salt water disposal facility located in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the proposed facility will be of less than 2,000 barrels capacity and will be for the processing of raw material from tank bottoms, disposal water, and waste pits.
- (4) That dikes, dams and/or emergency pits should be constructed around the plant capable of holding the entire capacity of all tanks and vessels at the plant location in order that sediment oil, reclaimed oil, or waste oil cannot escape from the immediate vicinity of such plant.
- (5) That the proposed plant and method of processing will efficiently process, treat, and reclaim the aforementioned

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waste oil, thereby salvaging oil which would otherwise be wasted.

(6) That the Director of the Division should be authorized to administratively grant approval for the expansion or modification of said plant.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Unichem International, Inc., is hereby authorized to install and operate a chemical and heat-treatment type oil treating plant at their salt water disposal site in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil to be obtained from tank bottoms, waste pits and disposal water.

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 Division;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that prior to commencing operation of said plant, the applicant shall file with the Division and obtain approval of 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 Division.

(2) That the operator 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 site upon which the plant is located.

(3) That dikes, dams and/or emergency pits shall be constructed around the plant capable of holding the entire capacity of all tanks and vessels at the plant location and capable of preventing the escape of any sediment oil, reclaimed oil, or waste oil from the immediate vicinity of said plant.

(4) That the disposal of waste water accumulated in conjunction with the operation of the above-described plant on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies is hereby prohibited.

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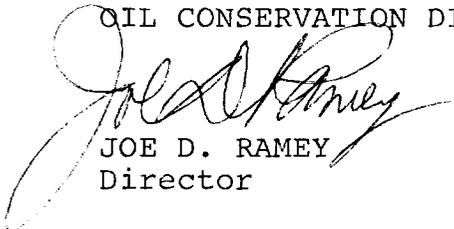
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(5) That the Director of the Division may administratively grant authority for the expansion or modification of said plant upon request and a demonstration that such expansion or modification is upon contiguous acreage and is otherwise consistent with this order and Division Rules and regulations.

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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