

*Entered December 18, 1969*  
*R.S.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. 4265  
Order No. R-3897

APPLICATION OF UNION OIL COMPANY  
OF CALIFORNIA FOR SALT WATER DIS-  
POSAL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 18th day of December, 1969, 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, Union Oil Company of California, is the owner and operator of the Midway State Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lovington Field, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates and San Andres formations, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 4450 feet to 6067 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4300 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure gauge should be

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attached to the annulus at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Union Oil Company of California, is hereby authorized to utilize its Midway State Well No. 3, located in Unit J of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lovington Field, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Yates and San Andres formations, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4300 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 4450 feet to 6067 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 at the surface in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

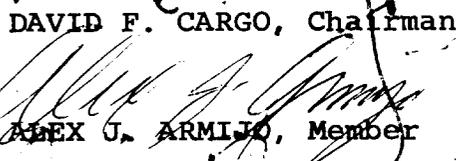
(2) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(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 hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

  
ALEX J. ARMIÑO, Member

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

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