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Administrative Order SWD-1308-A
August 12, 2013

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Under the provisions of 19.15.26.8B NMAC, Yates Petroleum Corporation (the "operator") seeks an administrative order to re-enter and utilize its Jackson Federal SWD Well No. 1 (API 30-025-28242) located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line, Unit letter D of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for produced water disposal purposes.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of 19.15.26.8B NMAC and satisfactory information has been provided that affected parties as defined in said rule have been notified and no objections have been received within the prescribed waiting period. The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in 19.15.26.8 NMAC have been met and the operator is in compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC. The operator has formally requested an extension of time of the original Order due to an extended permit process. This amendment provides the operator with a one-year extension and does not modify any of the conditions or limitations approved in the original Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant, Yates Petroleum Corporation, is hereby authorized to re-enter and utilize its Jackson Federal SWD Well No. 1 (API 30-025-28242) located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line, Unit letter D of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for disposal of oil field produced water (UIC Class II only) into the Bell Canyon and Cherry Canyon formations of the Delaware Mountain Group through perforations from 5300 to 6424 feet through lined tubing and a packer set less than 100 feet above the permitted disposal interval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the disposed water enters only the proposed disposal interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

After installing tubing, the casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge or an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer. The casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure casing integrity.

The well shall pass an initial mechanical integrity test ("MIT") prior to initially commencing disposal and prior to resuming disposal each time the disposal packer is unseated. All MIT testing procedures and schedules shall follow the requirements in Division Rule 19.15.26.11A. NMAC.

The wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to **no more than 1060 psi**. In addition, the disposal well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device in workable condition which shall, at all times, limit surface tubing pressure to the maximum allowable pressure for this well.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in tubing pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the disposed fluid from the target formation. Such proper showing shall be demonstrated by sufficient evidence including but not limited to an acceptable Step-Rate Test.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of any MIT test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed. The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of disposal to the Division's district office. The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, in accordance with Division Rules 19.15.26.13 and 19.15.7.24 NMAC.

Without limitation on the duties of the operator as provided in Division Rules 19.15.29 and 19.15.30 NMAC, or otherwise, the operator shall immediately notify the Division's district office of any failure of the tubing, casing or packer in the well, or of any leakage or release of water, oil or gas from around any produced or plugged and abandoned well in the area, and shall take such measures as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

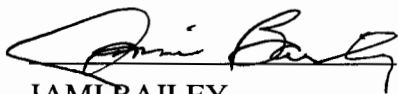
The injection authority granted under this order is not transferable except upon division approval. The division may require the operator to demonstrate mechanical integrity of any injection well that will be transferred prior to approving transfer of authority to inject.

The division may revoke this injection permit after notice and hearing if the operator is in violation of 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

The disposal authority granted herein shall terminate three years after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well. The new termination date under this amendment is December 3, 2014. One year after the last date of reported disposal into this well, the Division shall consider the well abandoned, and the authority to dispose will terminate *ipso facto*. The Division, upon written request mailed by the operator prior to the termination date, may grant an extension thereof for good cause.

Compliance with this order does not relieve the operator of the obligation to comply with other applicable federal, state or local laws or rules, or to exercise due care for the protection of fresh water, public health and safety and the environment.

Jurisdiction is retained by the Division for the entry of such further orders as may be necessary for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights or upon failure of the operator to conduct operations (1) to protect fresh or protectable waters or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the disposal authority granted herein.



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Re: Permit Disposal SWD-1308
Jackson Federal SWD #1
API 30-025-28242

Dear Mr. Goetze.

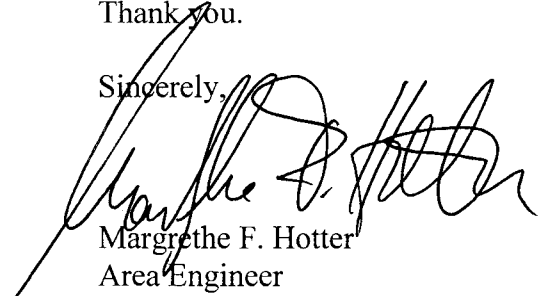
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We respectfully request a year extension of Administrative Order SWD-1308 that expires on December 3, 2013. Yates Petroleum has been working with the BLM on solving several issues concerning the APD application that was submitted in April 2012; we finally received an approved APD today. We are still waiting on BLM for approval of Right-of-Ways for power lines and water lines. One of the conditions of approval in the APD was for the completion procedure to be approved by the BLM prior to the work being done. It will be submitted promptly, but receiving approval will take time. We will not be ready to start injecting by December 3rd.

If you have any questions, please call me at (575) 748-4165.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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