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		ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST
Tł		ANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS
Applic	ation Acronym	WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE
	[DHC-Dow [PC-Pc	ndard Location] [NSP-Non-Standard Proration Unit] [SD-Simultaneous Dedication] nhole Commingling] [CTB-Lease Commingling] [PLC-Pool/Lease Commingling] ool Commingling] [OLS - Off-Lease Storage] [OLM-Off-Lease Measurement] [WFX-Waterflood Expansion] [PMX-Pressure Maintenance Expansion] [SWD-Salt Water Disposal] [IPI-Injection Pressure Increase] lified Enhanced Oil Recovery Certification] [PPR-Positive Production Response]
[1]	TYPE OF AI [A]	PLICATION - Check Those Which Apply for [A] Location - Spacing Unit - Simultaneous Dedication NSL NSP SD
	Check [B]	Cone Only for [B] or [C] Commingling - Storage - Measurement DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM
	[C]	Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery Central Bisti SWD 161
	[D]	Other: Specify 5WD - 913 & 5WD - 913 - A SWD-913
[2]	NOTIFICAT [A]	ION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply X Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
	[B]	X Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
	[C]	X Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
	[D]	X Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
	[E]	X For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
	[F]	Waivers are Attached
[3]		CURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE ATION INDICATED ABOVE.

[4] **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

	Note: Statement must be completed by an indj	idual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.	
Brian Wood	75 War	Consultant	11-7-13
Print or Type Name	Signature	Title	Date
		brian@permitswest.com	

e-mail Address

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

### APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INJECT

I.	PURPOSE:       Secondary Recovery       Pressure Maintenance         Application qualifies for administrative approval?       Yes       No	XXX DisposalStorage
II.	OPERATOR: ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC	
	ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 156, BLOOMFIELD, NM 87413	
	CONTACT PARTY: BRIAN WOOD (PERMITS WEST, INC.)	PHONE: 505 466-8120
III.	WELL DATA: Complete the data required on the reverse side of this form for each well pro Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.	posed for injection.
IV.	Is this an expansion of an existing project? Yes XXX No If yes, give the Division order number authorizing the project:	
V.	Attach a map that identifies all wells and leases within two miles of any proposed injection well. This circle identifies the well's area of review.	vell with a one-half mile radius circle
VI.	Attach a tabulation of data on all wells of public record within the area of review which pene Such data shall include a description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, schematic of any plugged well illustrating all plugging detail.	
VII.	Attach data on the proposed operation, including:	<u>Central Bisti SWD 161</u>
	1. Proposed average and maximum daily rate and volume of fluids to be injected;	30-045-31606
	<ol> <li>Whether the system is open or closed;</li> <li>Proposed average and maximum injection pressure;</li> </ol>	<u>SWD-913</u>
	4. Sources and an appropriate analysis of injection fluid and compatibility with the receiving	g formation if other than reinjected
	<ul><li>produced water; and,</li><li>5. If injection is for disposal purposes into a zone not productive of oil or gas at or within o chemical analysis of the disposal zone formation water (may be measured or inferred frowells, etc.).</li></ul>	
*VIII.	Attach appropriate geologic data on the injection zone including appropriate lithologic deta depth. Give the geologic name, and depth to bottom of all underground sources of drinking total dissolved solids concentrations of 10,000 mg/l or less) overlying the proposed injectio known to be immediately underlying the injection interval.	water (aquifers containing waters with
IX.	Describe the proposed stimulation program, if any.	
*Х,	Attach appropriate logging and test data on the well. (If well logs have been filed with the I	Division, they need not be resubmitted).
*XI.	Attach a chemical analysis of fresh water from two or more fresh water wells (if available an injection or disposal well showing location of wells and dates samples were taken.	d producing) within one mile of any
XII.	Applicants for disposal wells must make an affirmative statement that they have examined data and find no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the dissources of drinking water.	available geologic and engineering sposal zone and any underground
XIII.	Applicants must complete the "Proof of Notice" section on the reverse side of this form.	
XIV.	Certification: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true and and belief.	correct to the best of my knowledge
	NAME: BRIAN WOOD	CONSULTANT
		ATE: NOV. 5, 2013
	E-MAIL ADDRESS: brian@permitswest.com	

\* If the information required under Sections VI, VIII, X, and XI above has been previously submitted, it need not be resubmitted. Please show the date and circumstances of the earlier submittal:

### Side 2

### III. WELL DATA

- A. The following well data must be submitted for each injection well covered by this application. The data must be both in tabular and schematic form and shall include:
  - (1) Lease name; Well No.; Location by Section, Township and Range; and footage location within the section.
  - (2) Each casing string used with its size, setting depth, sacks of cement used, hole size, top of cement, and how such top was determined.
  - (3) A description of the tubing to be used including its size, lining material, and setting depth.
  - (4) The name, model, and setting depth of the packer used or a description of any other seal system or assembly used.

Division District Offices have supplies of Well Data Sheets which may be used or which may be used as models for this purpose. Applicants for several identical wells may submit a "typical data sheet" rather than submitting the data for each well.

- B. The following must be submitted for each injection well covered by this application. All items must be addressed for the initial well. Responses for additional wells need be shown only when different. Information shown on schematics need not be repeated.
  - (1) The name of the injection formation and, if applicable, the field or pool name.
  - (2) The injection interval and whether it is perforated or open-hole.
  - (3) State if the well was drilled for injection or, if not, the original purpose of the well.
  - (4) Give the depths of any other perforated intervals and detail on the sacks of cement or bridge plugs used to seal off such perforations.
  - (5) Give the depth to and the name of the next higher and next lower oil or gas zone in the area of the well, if any.
- XIV. PROOF OF NOTICE

All applicants must furnish proof that a copy of the application has been furnished, by certified or registered mail, to the owner of the surface of the land on which the well is to be located and to each leasehold operator within one-half mile of the well location.

Where an application is subject to administrative approval, a proof of publication must be submitted. Such proof shall consist of a copy of the legal advertisement which was published in the county in which the well is located. The contents of such advertisement must include:

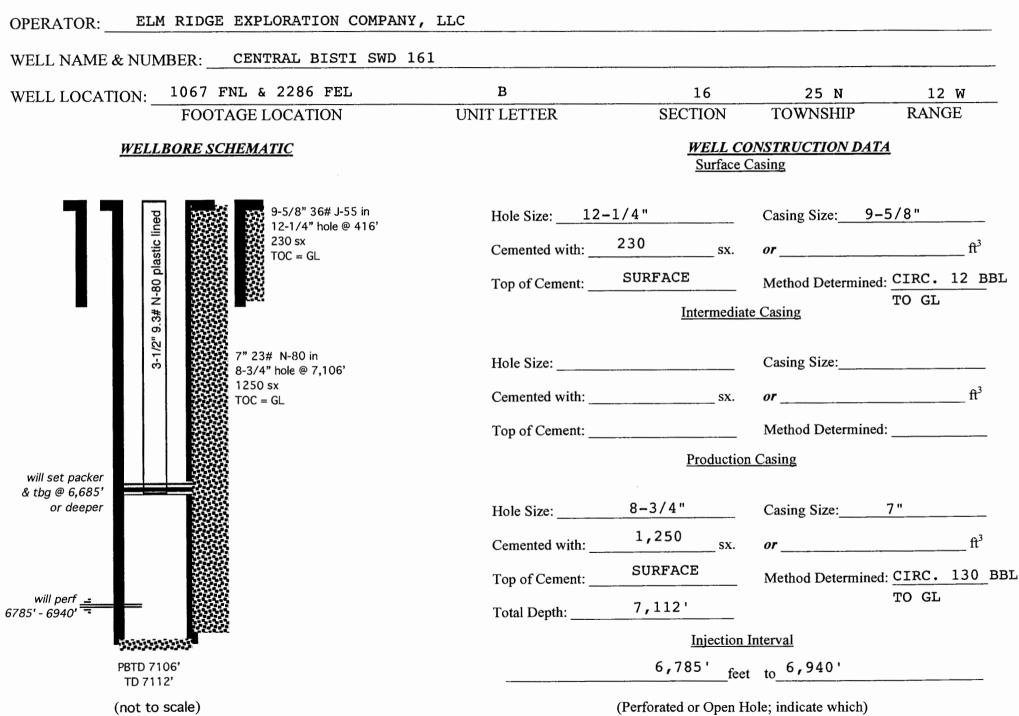
- (1) The name, address, phone number, and contact party for the applicant;
- (2) The intended purpose of the injection well; with the exact location of single wells or the Section, Township, and Range location of multiple wells;
- (3) The formation name and depth with expected maximum injection rates and pressures; and,

(4) A notation that interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing with the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, within 15 days.

NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE APPLICATION UNTIL PROPER PROOF OF NOTICE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

NOTICE: Surface owners or offset operators must file any objections or requests for hearing of administrative applications within 15 days from the date this application was mailed to them.

### **INJECTION WELL DATA SHEET**



Side 1

# **INJECTION WELL DATA SHEET**

bing Size:	Lining Material:	PLASTIC
ker Setting Depth: 6,685' OR DEEPI	ER	
er Type of Tubing/Casing Seal (if applica	.ble):	
<u>A</u>	dditional Data	
Is this a new well drilled for injection?	<u> </u>	esNo
If no, for what purpose was the well orig	inally drilled?	
Name of the Injection Formation:	RADA	.h
Name of Field or Pool (if applicable): <u>S</u>	WD; ENTRADA (90	5436)
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NOT YET PERFORATED IN ANY Z	ONE	
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OVER: FRUITLAND (789'), PI	CTURE CLIFF (1	,117'), & GALLUP (4,566')
UNDER: NONE IN THE AREA OF	REVIEW	
	e of Packer: <u>ARROW SET DB OR ITS</u> cer Setting Depth: <u>6,685' OR DEEPH</u> er Type of Tubing/Casing Seal (if applica <u>A</u> Is this a new well drilled for injection? If no, for what purpose was the well orig Name of the Injection Formation: <u>ENT</u> Name of Field or Pool (if applicable): <u>S</u> Has the well ever been perforated in any intervals and give plugging detail, i.e. sa NOT YET PERFORATED IN ANY Z Give the name and depths of any oil or g injection zone in this area: <u>OVER: FRUITLAND (789'), PI</u>	ng Size:       3-1/2"       Lining Material:         e of Packer:       ARROW SET DB OR ITS EQUIVALENT         cer Setting Depth:       6,685' OR DEEPER         er Type of Tubing/Casing Seal (if applicable):

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I. Purpose is water disposal in the Entrada from 6,785' to 6,940'.

- II. Operator: Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC Operator phone number: (505) 632-3476 Operator address: P. O. Box 156, Bloomfield, NM 87413 Contact: Brian Wood (Permits West, Inc.) Phone: (505) 466-8120
- III. A. (1) Lease: NM State Land Office lease E-6597-2 Lease Size: 640 acres Lease Area: all Section 16, T. 25 N., R. 12 W. Closest Lease Line: 1,067' Well Name & Number: Central Bisti SWD #161 Well Location: 1067' FNL and 2286' FEL Sec. 16, T. 25 N., R. 12 W. (see Exhibit A)
  - A. (2) Spud date was February 17, 2005. No injection has occurred to date. Surface casing (9-5/8", 36#, J-55) was set at 416' in a 12-1/4" hole and cemented to the surface with ≈230 sacks standard cement. Twelve barrels were circulated to the surface. Pressure tested to 1,500 psi. Witnessed by Darell Davis of NMOCD. Production casing (7", 23#, N-80) was set at 7,106' in a 7,112' deep 8-3/4" hole and cemented to the surface. Lead with slurry of 800 sacks 50/50/standard poz and circulated 70 barrels to the surface. Tailed with 450 sacks 65/35 standard poz and circulated 40 barrels to the surface. Pressure tested to 1,500 psi. Mechanical integrity of the casing was assured by hydraulically pressure testing both strings to 1,500 psi.
  - A. (3) Tubing will be 3-1/2" 9.3# N-80 plastic lined injection string. It will be set at  $\geq$ 6,685' (disposal interval will be 6,785' to 6,940').



- A. (4) Arrow Set Model DB packer or its equivalent will be set at  $\geq$ 6,685' (which will be  $\approx$ 100' above top perforation of 6,785').
- B. (1) Disposal zone will be the Entrada sandstone. Fracture gradient is expected to be a normal  $\approx 0.70$  psi per foot.
- B. (2) Disposal interval will be 6,785' to 6,940'. Interval will be perforated (0.43") with four shots per foot.
- B. (3) Well has been drilled, but not yet perforated. It will be for the exclusive use by Elm Ridge and for the sole purpose of water disposal from present and future Elm Ridge wells. Water analyses from Elm Ridge wells in the Fruitland coal and Gallup sandstone are attached.
- B. (4) Well bore will be perforated from 6,785' to 6,940'.
- B. (5) Top of the Entrada is at 6,781'. Oil is produced elsewhere in the San Juan Basin from the Entrada. Closest Entrada production is 50 miles southeast in the Ojo Encino Entrada Pool. Bottom of the closest overlying actual productive formation (Gallup) is at ≈4,885'. There will be a ≈1,900' interval between the highest injection perforation and the bottom of the Gallup. Bottom of the closest overlying potentially productive formation (Dakota) is at ≈5,900'. There will be a ≈885' interval between the highest injection and the bottom of the dalup. Bottom perforation and the bottom of the dalup. Bottom perforation and the bottom of a ≈885' interval between the highest injection perforation and the bottom of the dalup. Bottom performance performance

IV. This is not an expansion of an existing injection project. (Elm Ridge has a water flood in the Central Bisti Unit, but it is in the Lower Gallup - not the Entrada.)



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V. A map (See Exhibit B) is attached showing all 13 well bores (7 P & A + 4 oil + 2 gas) within a half-mile radius (= area of review). The wells within the area of review are summarized on the next page.

OPERATOR	WELL	T. 25 N., R. 12 W.	ZONE	TD	STATUS	DISTANCE	API 30-045
Elm Ridge	CBU 69	NWNE Sec. 16	Gallup	4885	Oil Well	107'	-05424
Elm Ridge	CBU 40	NENW Sec. 16	Gallup	4860	P & A	1,005'	-05445
Elm Ridge	CBU 38	NENE Sec. 16	Gallup	5150	Oil Well	1,198'	-05423
Hixon	Kelly State 1	NENE Sec. 16	Picture Cliff	1330	P & A	1,198'	-22383
Elm Ridge	Bisti Coal 16-1	SWNE Sec. 16	Fruitland	1265	Gas Well	1,284'	-27763
Elm Ridge	CBU 44	SENW Sec. 16	Gallup	4897	P & A	1,365'	-05394
Elm Ridge	CBU 36	SWSE Sec. 9	Gallup	4930	P & A	1,397'	-05448
Elm Ridge	CBU 71	SESE Sec. 9	Gallup	4880	Oil Well	1,905'	-05447
Elm Ridge	CBU 35	SESW Sec. 9	Gallup	5011	P & A	2,002'	-05458
Elm Ridge	CBU 96	SENE Sec. 16	Gallup	4960	Oil Well	2,041'	-25871
Hixon	CBU 41	NWNW Sec. 16	Gallup	4900	P & A	2,369'	-05432
Hixon	CBU 47	NESW Sec. 16	Gallup	4880	P & A	2,452'	-05367
Elm Ridge	Bisti Coal 16-2	NESW Sec. 16	Fruitland	1265	Gas Well	2,508'	-27764

There are 182 (112 P & A + 66 oil or gas + 3 water injection + 1 water) wells within a two-mile radius (see Exhibit C).

The three water injection wells are over a mile away, are water flood wells in the Bisti Lower Gallup, and are in Elm Ridge's Central Bisti Unit (CBU). Those three wells are:

CBU 57 (API 30-045-05528) 660 FSL & 1980 FEL 5-25n-12w CBU 63 (API # 30-045-05486) 1980 FNL & 660 FWL 8-25n-12w CBU 88 (API # 30-045-25913) 380 FNL & 1650 FEL 8-25n-12w

Maps showing all leases (State, Navajo allotted, or BLM) within a half-mile (see Exhibit D) and all leases (State, Navajo allotted, or BLM) within two miles (see Exhibit E) are attached. Details on the leases within a half-mile are:

<u>T. 25 N., R. 12 W.</u>	TYPE LEASE	LEASE #	<u>ENTRADA LESSEE(S)</u>
SW4 Sec. 9 SE4 Sec. 9 W2SW4 Sec. 10 & W2NW4 Sec. 15 all Sec. 16	Navajo Allotted Navajo Allotted BLM State	14-20-603-326 14-20-603-1228 NM 070322A EO-6597-2	Central Resources ConocoPhillips ConocoPhillips ConocoPhillips & Energen



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VI. Thirteen wells are within a half-mile. None penetrated the Entrada.

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VII. 1. Average injection rate = 1,000 bwpd. Maximum rate = 2,000 bwpd.

- 2. System will initially be open (water will be trucked). A pipeline will be laid at a later date. Facilities will include six 300 barrel water tanks, 2 filtration units, 2 injection pumps, and a 30' x 40' building.
- 3. Average injection pressure =1,200 psi Maximum pressure =1,357 psi
- 4. Water source will be present and future Elm Ridge wells in the San Juan Basin. Water analyses (Exhibit F) are attached. A summary follows.

Parameter	Fruitland	Gallup	Gallup	Entrada
bicarbonates	752.6	497.7	389.6	5612
Dicarbonates				
calcium	258.7	517.4	239.5	176
carbonates				40
chlorides	5970.1	12736.3	13173.7	2200
H2S	0	0	0	
iron	0	0	5	0
magnesium	495.7	41	873.1	15
рH	7.5	7.8	7.4	8.4
potassium	160	100	150	200
resistivity	0.45	0.75	0.62	0.89
sodium	2919.8	7069.4	6760.6	4165
sulfates	0	0	0	2000
specific gravity	1.005	1.005	1.002	1.005
TDS	10557.4	21332.65	21592.05	14408



5. The Entrada has not been proven productive within two miles of the proposed well. In general, Entrada water near recharge zones (basin fringe) has a specific conductance of <1,500  $\mu$ mhos. Entrada water from deeper parts of the basin has a specific conductance of >10,000  $\mu$ mhos. Stone et al in <u>Hydrogeology</u> and water resources of San Juan Basin. New Mexico wrote, "Generally, however, water from the Entrada is not suitable for drinking, especially in deeper parts of the basin." Summaries of analyses of Entrada produced water follow. The samples (see Exhibit G) are from Dome's Santa Fe 20 #1 (30-045-22291) in SW4NE4 20-21n-8w ( $\approx$ 31 miles southeast) and Merrion's Eagle Mesa #1 (30-043-20175) in SW4SW4 12-19n-4w ( $\approx$ 60 miles southeast).

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Santa Fe 20 #1</u>	Eagle Mesa #1
Bicarbonate	2546 mg/l	1220 mg/l
Calcium	27 mg/l	160 mg/l
Chloride	903 mg/l	1773 mg/l
Iron	0.9 mg/l	0 mg/l
Magnesium	8 mg/l	49 mg/l
pH	7.73	7.32
Sodium	3228 mg/l	3726 mg/l
Sulfate	4400 mg/l	5000 mg/l
Specific Gravity	1.009	1.010
Total Dissolved Solids	11,114 mg/l	11,928 mg/l

VIII. The Entrada sandstone is very porous and permeable æolian sandstone. It produces oil elsewhere in the basin (e.g., Eagle Mesa, Leggs, Media, Ojo Encino, Papers Wash, Snake Eyes Fields). It is over 331' thick in the well bore. Logged well bore formation tops are:

Nacimiento Formation: 0' Fruitland Formation: 789' Pictured Cliffs Sandstone: 1,117' Lewis Shale: 1,270' Chacra Sandstone: 1,445' Cliff house Sandstone: 1,855' Menefee Formation: 2,520'



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Point Lookout Sandstone: 3,559' Mancos Shale: 3,792' Gallup: 4,566' Greenhorn: 5,464' Dakota: 5,519' Entrada: 6,781' Total Depth: 7,112' (still in Entrada)

One water is well within a 2-mile radius. It is >8,000' southeast and 40' deep. Depth to water is 8'. The well bore is in the Nacimiento Formation. No existing underground drinking water sources are below the Entrada within a 2-mile radius. There is over a mile of vertical separation between the bottom of the lowest existing underground water source and the top of the Entrada.

IX. The well will be stimulated with  $\approx$ 150,000 pounds 20/40 Ottawa sand with Ambormax gel.

X. CNL/FDC, IES logs will be run. Copies will then be provided to the NMOCD.

XI. There are no water wells within two miles that penetrate the Entrada. The only water well within 2 miles is 40' deep.

XII. Elm Ridge is not aware of any geologic or engineering data that may indicate the Entrada is in hydrologic connection with any underground sources of water. There is 6,741' of vertical separation and at least three shale zones (Kirtland, Lewis, and Menefee) between the top (6,781') of the Entrada and the bottom (40') of the closest water well. Closest Quaternary fault is >70 miles east in the Rio Grande Valley (Exhibit H). At least 53 saltwater disposal and 2 injection wells have been drilled into the Entrada.



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XIII. Notice (this application) has been sent (Exhibit I) to the surface owner (Giant Mid-Continent Inc.), and Entrada lease right holders (Central Resources, ConocoPhillips, Energen), and lessors (BLM, Farmington Indian Minerals Office, and NM State Land Office) within a half-mile. A legal ad (see Exhibit J) was published on October 31, 2013.



Submit to Appropriate District Office 'O, Drawer DD, Arlenin, N.H. 68211-0719 **OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION MSTRICT III** P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088 AMENDED REPORT DISTRICT IV PO Dox 2048, Santa Fe, NM 87504 2088 WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT All Number <sup>1</sup> Pool Code "Pool Name 30-045-SWD - ENTRADA 96436 Well Number \* Property Code Property Name 32166 161 CENTRAL BISTI UNIT WOW 149052 \*Operator Nume Flevalion ELM RIDGE RESOURCES, INC. 6233 <sup>10</sup> Surface Location Ul. or tot no. Section Fret from the North/Bouth line East/West line Township Ronge (of id) Feel from the County 16 25N 12₩ NORTH 2286 EAST SAN JUAN B 1067 "Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface Township UL or lot no. Section. North/South line | Pest from the Range iol Idn Peel from the East/West line County Dedicated Acres Is Joint or Infili "Consolidation Code "Order No NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION 16 **PRATOR CERTIFICATION** I berety vertify that the information contained herein in true and complete to the best of my enoulogie and balles 1067 2286 N=36'24'19.83 W=10806 55.21" Signatur **BRIAN WOOD** Printed Nome CONSULTANT THL)c SECTION 16 JAN. 3, 2004 Date 18 SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION hereby with fy that the well location shown on this plat was piolist from field noise of actual surveys made by t r under my supervision, and that the same is true and oct to the best of my belief EXHIBIT A APRIL 8, 2002 Date of Survey Signature and Scal MUNINA RISEN W ME National States and St **¥5**979

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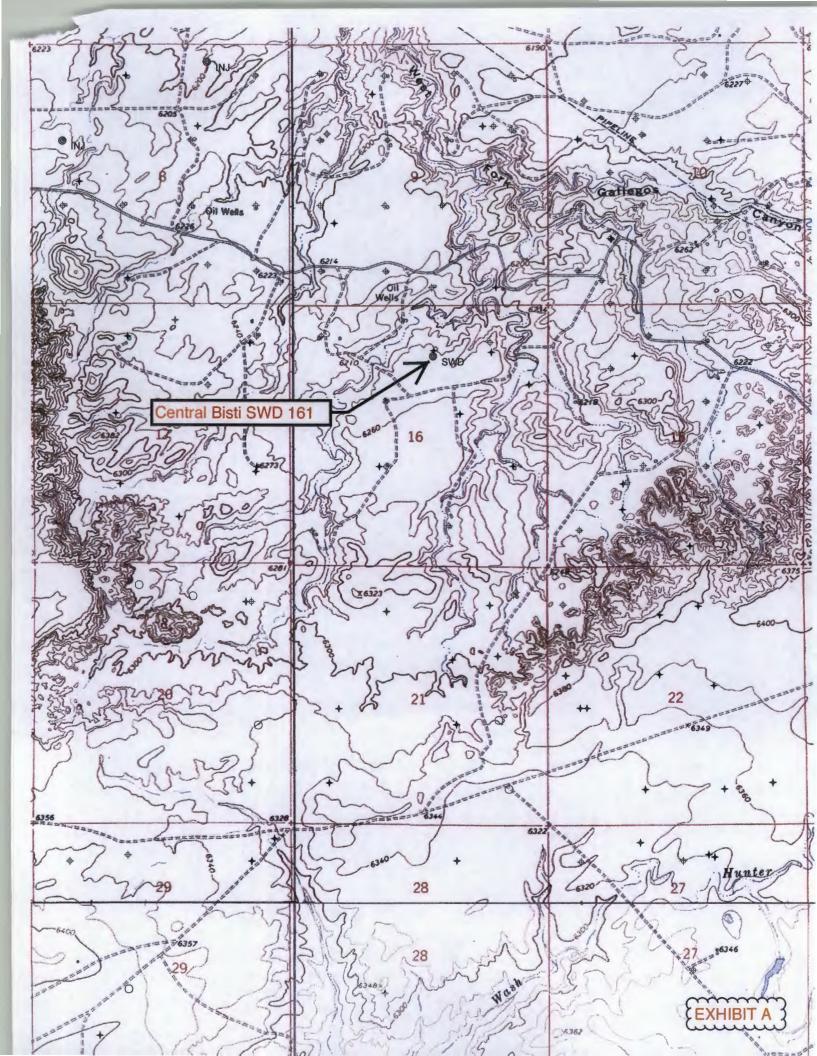
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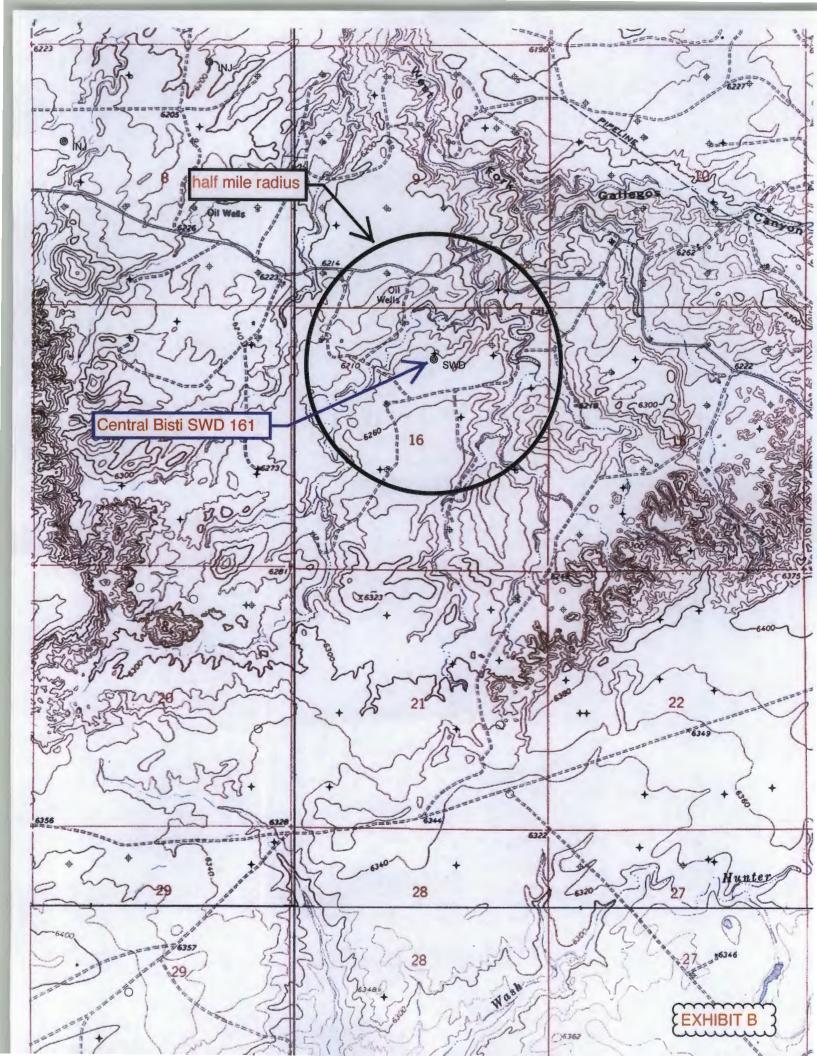
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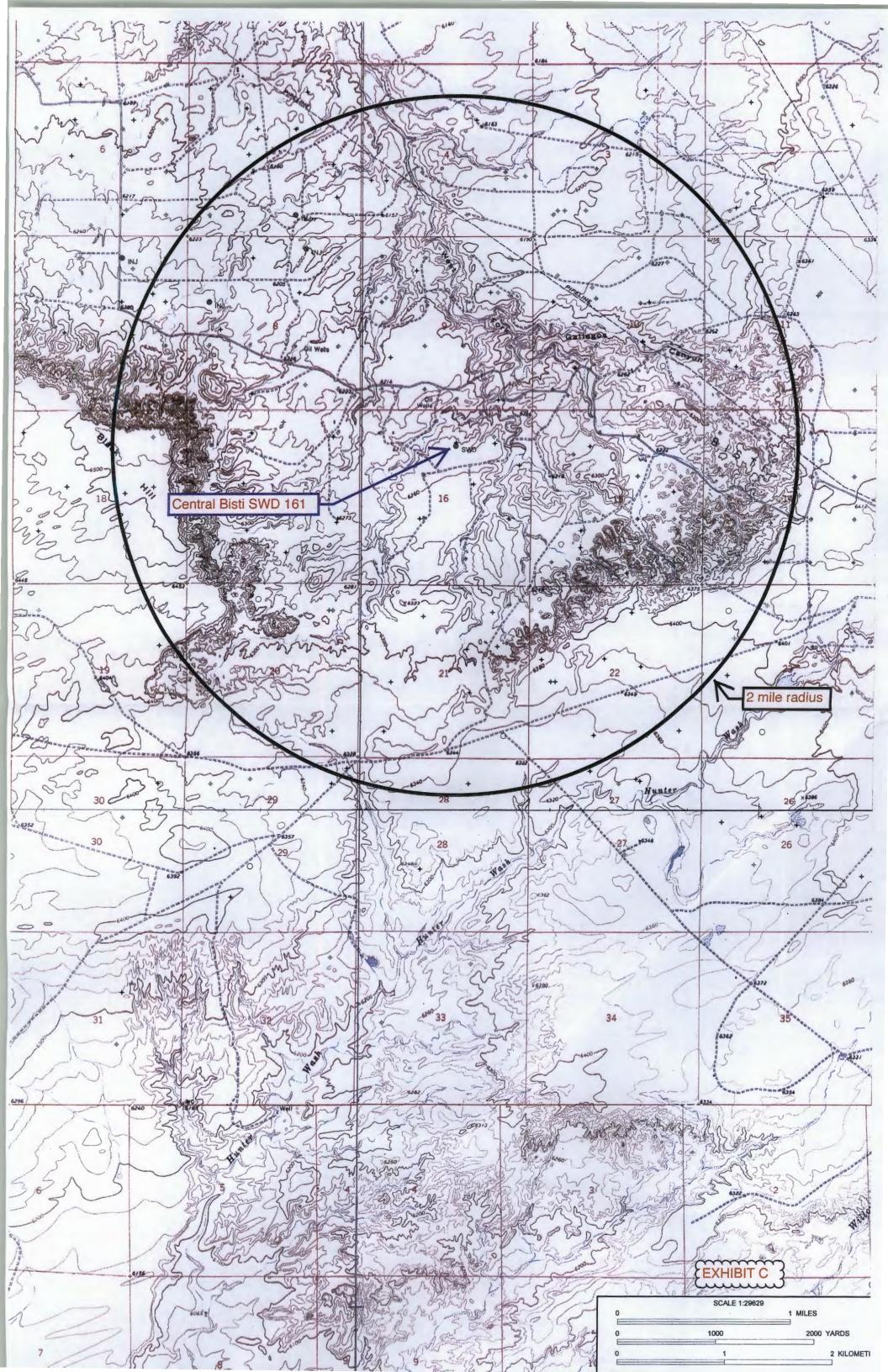
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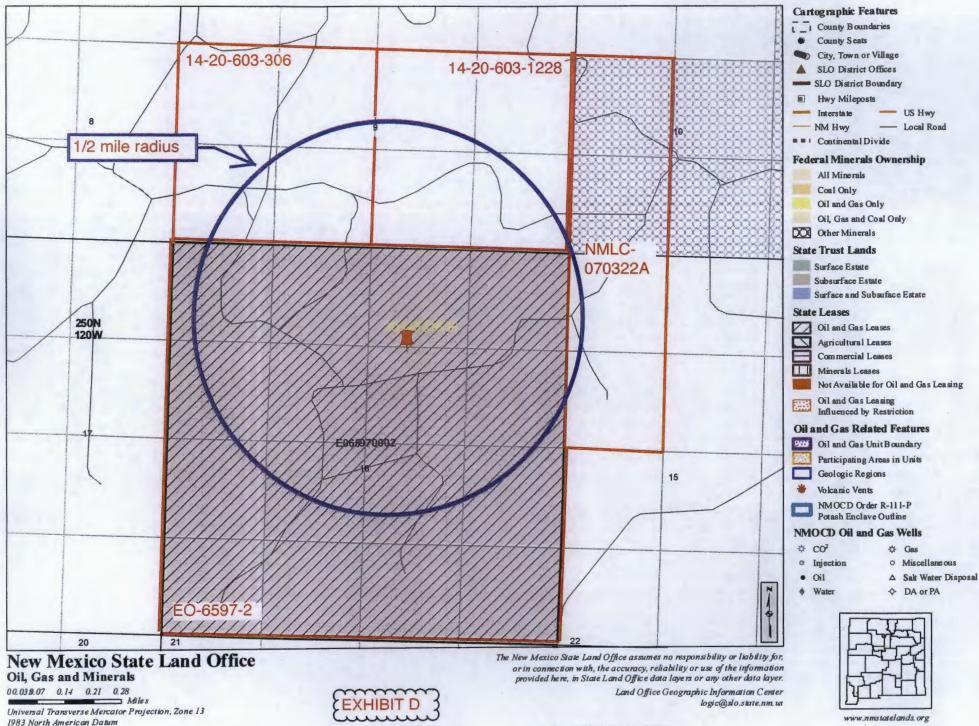
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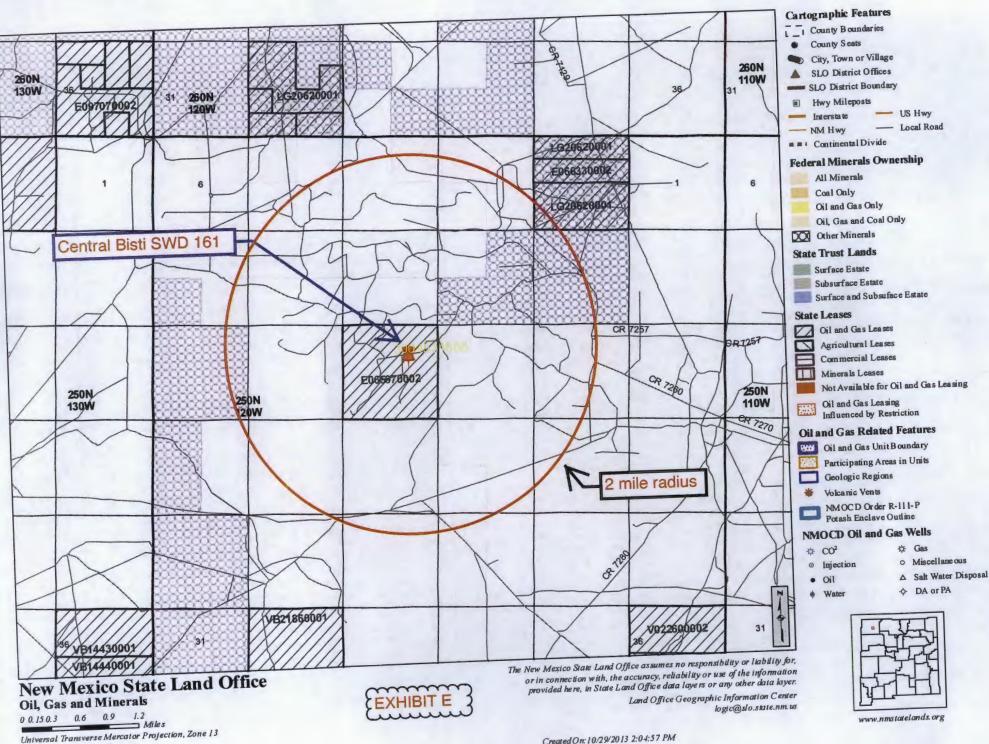






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Water Analysis Results Sheet Farmington NM 708 S. Tucker Phone:(505)325-4192 Fax:(505)564-3524 Zip:87401

Operator:	Elm Ridge	Date:	October 15, 2002
Well :	B.C. 28-1	District:	Farmington
Formation:	Coal	Requested by:	Tim Duggan
County:	San Juan	Technician:	Mike Brown
Depth:		1200 Source:	Well

### PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DETERMINATION

SPECIFIC GRAV	ITY: <b>1.</b>	005	AT 67 Degrees F.			
pH:	7.5			SULFATES:	0 ppm	
				CALCIUM:	258 7 ppm	
IRON:	0	ppm	1	BICARBONATES:	752.6 ppm	
				<b>RESISTIVITY:</b>	0.45 ohm/meter	
H2S:	0	ppm	•	CHLORIDES:	5970.1 ppm	
				SODIUM	2919.8 ppm	
				POTASSIUM:	160.0 ppm	
MAGNESIUM:	495.7	ppm	)	TDS:	10557.4 ppm	

CaCO3 Scale Tendency = Remote CaSO4 Scale Tendency = Remote

REMARKS:

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Operator:	Elm Ridge	Date:	October 15, 2002
Well :	С.Т.В.	District:	Farmington
Formation:	Gallup	Requested by:	Tim Duggan
County:	San Juan	Technician:	Mike Brown
Depth:		4800 Source;	Well

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DETERMINATION

SPECIFIC GRAVI	TY: 1.0	005	AT 67 Degrees F.		
pH:	7.8			SULFATES	0 ppm 1
				CALCIUM:	517.4 ppm
IRON:	0	ppm		BICARBONATES:	497.7 ppm
				RESISTIVITY:	0.75 ohm/meter
H2S:	0	ppm		CHLORIDES:	12736.3 ppm
				SODIUM :	7069.4 ppm
				POTASSIUM:	100.0 ppm
MAGNESIUM:	411.0	ррт		TDS:	21332.65 ppm /

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Formation:	NHA AU	SESW 22-25-124	Requested by:	Tim Duggan
County:	San Juan		Technician:	Mike Brown
Depth:		4800	) Source:	Well

## PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DETERMINATION

SPECIFIC GRAVI	17: 7.0	002	AT 67 Degrees F.		
pH:	7.4			SULFATES:	0 ppm
				CALCIUM:	239.5 ppm
IRON:	5	ppm		BICARBONATES:	389.6 ppm
				RESISTIVITY:	0.62 ohm/meter
H2S:	0	ppm		CHLORIDES:	13173.7 ppm
				SODIUM :	6760.6 ppm
				POTASSIUM:	150.0 ppm
MAGNESIUM:	873.1	ppm		TDS:	21592.05 ppm

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# HALLIBURTON

# Water Analysis Report

30-045-33217 F-11-24n-11w

To:	Dugan Production	Date:	11/10/2005
Submitted by:	Halliburton Energy Services	Date Rec:	11/10/2005
Attention:	Darrin Steed	Report #;	FLMM5A44
Well Name:	Herry Monster #3 SWD	Formation:	Entrada/SWD

Specific Gravity	1.005	
рН	8.4	
Resistivity	0.89	@ 70° F
iron (Fe)	0	Mg / L
Potassium (K)	200	Mg/L
Sodium (Na)	4165	Mg/L
Calcium (Ca)	176	Mg/L
Magnesium (Mg)	15	Mg/L
Chlorides (Cl)	2200	Mg / L
Sulfates (SO4)	2000	Mg / L
Carbonates (CO3)	40	Mg / L
Bicarbonat <del>es</del> (HCO3)	5612	Mg/L
Total Dissolved Solids	14408	Mg/L

Respectfully:	Bill Loughridge
Title:	Senior Scientist
Location:	Farmington, NM





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Calcium	1.35	27.0	Bicarbonate	41.73	2546.0
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### THE WESTERN COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA

### API WATER ANALYSIS

company:	MERRION		W.C.N.A. Sample No.:	S106995
Field:		30-043-20175	Legal Description:	
Well:	#1	M-12-19n-4w	Lease or Unit:	EAGLE MESA
Depth:		IVF-12-1911-4W	Water.B/D:	
Formation:	ENTRADA?		Sampling Point:	
State:			Sampled By:	STEVE DUNN
County:			Date Sampled:	05/03/95
_		Type of Water(P:	roduced, Supply, ect.):	PROD.

#### PROPERTIES

pH:	7.32	Iron, Fe(total):	0
Specific Gravity:	1.010	Sulfide as H2S:	0
Resistivity (ohm-meter):	.81	Total Hardness:	
Tempature:	64F	(see below)	

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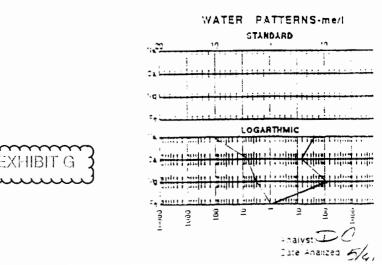
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**REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

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TENTRADA WATER







Giant Mid-Continent, Inc. c/o Western Refining 1250 W. Washington St., Suite 101 Tempe, AZ 85281

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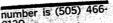
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Legal No. 69609 pub-lished in The Daily Times on Oct. 31, 2013



C-108 Review	/ Checklist: Re	aceived	est:	_ Reply Date:	Suspended: [Ver 12]			
		¥ *			s/Orders: SWD-913			
Well No. 10 Well Name(			•	''(	SW10-913-A			
API: 30-0 45-31606 Spud Date: 02/17/2005 New or Old: New (UIC Class II Primacy 03/07/1982)								
Footages 1067 FNL 2286 FEL Lot or Unit B Sec 16 TSp 25N Rge 12W County San Juan								
General Location: South of Gallagos Canyon Bisti Oi Meld SwD: Entrada Pool No.: 96436								
BLM 100K Map: Toudlena Operator: Elm Ridge Exploration Co. OGRID: 149052 Contact: Brion Word/ Permits								
COMPLIANCE RULE 5.9: Inactive Wells: 67 total Wells: 618 Fincl Assur: 04 Compl. Order? 10 IS 5.9 OK? Date:								
WELL FILE REVIEWED & Current Status: Well conservcted but perfs not completed								
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Well Construction Details:	Sizes (in) Borehole / Pipe	Setting Depths (ft)		Cement Sx or Cf	Cement Top and Determination Method			
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New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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### Administrative Order SWD-913-A July 10, 2008

### APPLICATION OF ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC FOR PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC (OGRID No. 149052) made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for permission to utilize for produced water disposal its Central Bisti SWD Well No. 161 (API No. 30-045-31606) located 1067 feet from the North line and 2286 feet from the East line of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

### THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules. Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified. The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met and no objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC ("operator") is hereby authorized to utilize its Central Bisti SWD Well No. 161 (API No. 30-045-31606) located 1067 feet from the North line and 2286 feet from the East line of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, in such manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Entrada formation through perforations from approximately 6,790 feet to approximately 6,940 feet and through plastic-lined tubing (or as required by the Aztec district office) set in a packer located within 100 feet of the top of the injection interval.



This approval is subject to the operator being in compliance with all other applicable Division rules, including but not limited to Division Rule 40.

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

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

After installing injection tubing, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure the integrity of said casing.

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 injection well or system shall be equipped with a *pressure limiting device* in workable condition which shall, at all times, limit surface injection pressure to the maximum allowable pressure for this well. The wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to <u>no more than 1358 psi</u>.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in the maximum injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that such higher pressure would not result in migration of the injected fluid from the injection formation. Such proper showing should be supported by a valid step rate test run in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Division.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of any mechanical integrity test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

<u>PROVIDED FURTHER THAT</u>, 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 water or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, or without notice and hearing in event of an emergency subject to NMSA 1978 Section 70-2-23, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of injection and the initial reservoir pressure to the Aztec district office of the Division.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division

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Form C-115, in accordance with Division Rules 706 and 1120.

The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator mailed prior to the expiration date, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

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This order does not relieve the operator of responsibility should its operations cause any actual damage or threat of damage to protectable fresh water, human health or the environment; nor does it relieve the operator of responsibility for complying with applicable Division rules or other state, federal, or local laws or regulations.

MARK E. FESMIRE, P.E. Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Aztec Bureau of Land Management – Farmington State Land Office – Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BILL RICHARDSON Governor Joanna Prukop Cabinet Secretary Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-913

### APPLICATION OF ELM RIDGE RESOURCES, INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on January 5, 2004, for permission to utilize for salt water disposal its proposed Central Bisti WDW Well No. 161 (API No. 30-045-31606) to be located 1,067 feet from the North line and 2,286 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

### THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

(1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;

(2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified;

(3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met; and

(4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by rule.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. is hereby authorized to utilize its proposed Central Bisti WDW Well No. 161 (API No. 30-045-31606) to be located 1,067 feet from the North line and 2,286 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 16, Township 25 North, Range 12 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Entrada formation from 6,910 feet to 6,990 feet, through 2 7/8 inch plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located at approximately 6,810 feet. Administrative Order SWD-913 Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. February 4, 2004 Page 2 of 3

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

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

After cementing, the operator shall provide proof of the cement top to the Aztec district office of the Division in the form of visual circulation, temperature survey, or cement bond log as applicable. The Entrada formation interval shall be logged with porosity and resistivity logs and swab tested after perforating. Results of the swab testing shall be reported to the Division and, if possible, water samples shall be obtained and supplied to the Division.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to **no more than 1,382 psi**.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the injection formations. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of any mechanical integrity test so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Aztec district office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

<u>PROVIDED FURTHER THAT</u>, 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 water or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of injection to the Aztec district office of the Division. The operator shall submit monthly reports of the Administrative Order SWD-913 Elm Ridge Resources, Inc. February 4, 2004 Page 3 of 3

disposal operations on Division Form C-120-A, in accordance with Rule Nos. 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 4th day of February 2004.

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Oil Conservation Division – Aztec State Land Office – Minerals Management Division New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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February 17, 2012

Amy Mackey Elm Ridge Exploration Co, LLC 20 CR 5060 PO Box 156 Bloomfield, NM 87413

### Re: Administrative Order SWD-913

Central Bisti Unit SWD #161 (API No. 30-045-31606) 1067 FNL, 2286 FEL (Unit B), Sec 16, T25N, R12W, NMPM, San Juan County Injection into the Entrada formation from 6,790 to 6,940 feet

Your request on behalf of Elm Ridge for a second extension was received February 15, 2012.

SWD 913 was originally granted February 4, 2004. The extension SWD-913-A expired some 8 months ago on July 10, 2011.

The Division cannot extend an expired permit. Your request is therefore denied.

Elm Ridge Exploration Co, LLC can reapply for a new SWD at any time by submitting a new application and C-108.

Sincerely,

Jami Bailey Director

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Aztec API No. 30—45-31606