



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-988

## APPLICATION OF BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), BP America Production Company made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on April 6, 2005, for permission to utilize for produced water disposal its Washington 33 State Well No. 12 (API No. 30-015-30348) located at 2,432 feet from the North line and 2,270 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy 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 said rule.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The applicant is hereby authorized to utilize its Washington 33 State Well No. 12 (API No. 30-015-30348) located at 2,432 feet from the North line and 2,270 feet from the East line of Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Queen, Grayburg, and San Andres formations through perforations from 1,449 feet to 2,928 feet and through plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located within 100 feet of the top of the injection interval.

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.

The operator shall supply the Division in writing (reference SWD-988) with the estimated bottom hole pressure of the injection interval as inferred from fluid levels or measured with bottom hole pressure gauges.

**Prior to injection the operator shall perform the following remedial operation upon one well within the area of review:** Obtain a plugging procedure from the Artesia district office of the Division sufficient to isolate the proposed injection interval. **Re-enter and replug the Carper Levers Well No. 1 API No. 30-015-01704** located 2,380 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line in Section 34, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

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 wellhead injection pressure on the well shall be limited to **no more than 290 psi**. In addition, 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 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 formation. 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 Artesia 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 Artesia 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.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, 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 Artesia district office of the Division.

The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-115, 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 22nd day of June 2005.

  
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Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia  
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