

July 25, 2003

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505-4000

Attention: Mr. David Catanach

Re: Injection Pressure Increase Request Burch Keely Cooperative Waterflood Project Eddy County

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Marbob Energy respectfully requests a blanket, unit-wide 900 psig maximum surface injection pressure limit for any and all Grayburg/San Andres water injection wells within the Burch Keely Unit boundary. We already have approval for a 900 psi injection pressure limit for the 32 injection wells that were active as of September 14, 1993, per the attached letter signed by Mr. LeMay.

There are currently ten newer water injection wells, averaging 823 psig injection pressure, that are exceeding the average allowable injection pressure of 603 psig (based on 0.2 psi/ft to the top perforation). Field experience shows that injection pressures approaching 900 psig are required in order to inject reasonable water volumes. The ten newer injectors average 120 BWPD (0.083 BPM) each at 823 psig average injection pressure. Step-rate tests run for injection pressure increase requests in the past support the application of the 900 psig pressure limit.

Attached for your information is the letter from Mr. LeMay dated September 14, 1993, and a map of the Burch Keely Unit showing the older wells with 900 psig pressure limits and newer wells with lower pressure New Mexico Oil Conservation Division July 25, 2003

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limits. Some of the past records related to this request are Case No. 2640/Order No. R-2324, Case No. 8418/Order No. R-7900, Order No. WFX-555, Case File 7572, Order No. WFX-682 and Order No. WFX-743. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Brian Collins

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xc: Mr. Tim Gum - OCD Artesia BKU Water Injection File ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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September 14, 1993

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Marbob Energy Corporation P.O. Box 217 Artesia, NM 88210

Attention: Raye Miller

RE: Injection Pressure Increase Burch-Keely Cooperative Waterflood Project, Eddy County, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to your request to increase the surface injection pressure on all wells in the above-referenced Burch-Keely Cooperative Waterflood Project. This request is based on step rate tests conducted previously in this project. The results of the tests have been reviewed by my staff and we feel a field-wide increase in injection pressure is justified at this time.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure to a maximum of 900 psi each, on thirty-two authorized injection wells in the subject waterflood project in Eddy County, New Mexico.

The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected water is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

Sincerely, William J. /lav

William J. LeMay Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia File: WFX-555 Case File 8418 D. Catanach

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