

Box 376  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
AUGUST 9, 1963

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Box 871  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RE: ORDER #R-1538, LEONARD NICHOLS  
WATER FLOOD

GENTLEMEN:

ORDER R-1538 AUTHORIZED A WATER FLOOD PROGRAM IN THE MALJAMAR POOL, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO WITH CERTAIN WELLS AUTHORIZED AS INJECTION WELLS AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PLAT AND IN THE ORDER. THE PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO RULE 701.

APPLICATION IS MADE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF AN EXPANSION OF THIS PROJECT UNDER RULE 701-E-5.

THE ATTACHED PLAT SHOWS IN RED THE PRESENT INJECTION WELLS. THE APPLICATION IS FOR APPROVAL TO CONVERT THE FOUR WELLS SHOWN IN YELLOW FROM PRODUCERS TO INJECTORS. THE WELL NAMES AND LOCATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE WELL DATA.

THESE WELLS ARE ALL OFFSET BY PRODUCING WELLS WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCED RESPONSE FROM THE WATER FLOOD. FORMS C-116 ARE ENCLOSED SHOWING WELL TESTS ON THESE WELLS. ALSO ATTACHED ARE WELL DATA ON THE PROPOSED INJECTION WELLS. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THESE ARE ALL RELATIVELY NEW WELLS DRILLED WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. SURFACE CASING IS SET THROUGH ANY SHALLOW WATER WHICH MIGHT BE PRESENT AND CEMENTED TO THE SURFACE. THE PRODUCTION CASING IS 5 1/2" AND IS CEMENTED WITH 350 SACKS. THE CALCULATED TOP OF THE CEMENT IS SHOWN. THIS CASING WAS MILL TESTED TO 3000 PSI AND HAS BEEN PRESSURED TO 4000 PSI DURING SAND-FRAC OPERATIONS. IT IS PLANNED TO INJECT DOWN THE CASING INTO THE GRAYBURG FORMATION INDEPENDENT OF TUBING AND PACKERS. THE WELLS ARE NOT IN A DECLARED WATER BASIN.

SINCE ALL OFFSET LEASES ARE OWNED BY LEONARD NICHOLS, NO COMMUNICATION IS MADE WITH OTHER OPERATORS. A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IS BEING SENT TO THE STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

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THE EXPANSION OF THIS PROJECT IS AN EXTENSION OF THE ORIGINAL PATTERN  
AND WILL RESULT IN AN EFFICIENT RECOVERY OF SECONDARY RESERVES AND  
WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF CONSERVATION.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

LEONARD NICHOLS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HCP' followed by a stylized flourish.

H. C. PORTER  
AGENT

HCP:EL

CC: STATE ENGINEER

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GAS-OIL RATIO REPORT

OPERATOR.....LEONARD NICHOLS.....POOL.....MALJAMAR.....  
 ADDRESS.....Box 376, ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.....MONTH OF.....JUNE.....1963.....  
 SCHEDULED TEST.....COMPLETION TEST.....SPECIAL TEST.....X.....(Check One)  
 (See Instructions on Reverse Side)

| Lease    | Well No. | Date of Test | Producing Method | Choke Size | Test Hours | Daily Allowable Bbls. | Production During Test |           |         | GOR Cu. Ft. Per Bbl. |
|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
|          |          |              |                  |            |            |                       | Water Bbls.            | Oil Bbls. | Gas MCF |                      |
| ILES     | 25       | 6/10         | PUMP             |            | 24         | 150                   | 110                    | 50        | TSTM    |                      |
| ILES     | 28       | 6/15         | PUMP             |            | 24         | 60                    | 42                     | -0-       | TSTM    |                      |
| TAYLOR E | 1        | 6/21         | PUMP             |            | 24         | 120                   | 62                     | 60        | TSTM    |                      |

No well will be assigned an allowable greater than the amount of oil produced on the official test.

During gas-oil ratio test, each well shall be produced at a rate not exceeding the top unit allowable for the pool in which well is located by more than 25 percent. Operator is encouraged to take advantage of this 25 percent tolerance in order that well can be assigned increased allowables when authorized by the Commission.

Gas volumes must be reported in MCF measured at a pressure base of 15.025 psia and a temperature of 60 degrees F. Specific gravity base will be 0.60.

Mail original and one copy of this report to the district office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission. In accordance with Rule 301 and Appropriate Pool Rules.

(I certify that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.)

Date.....AUGUST 8, 1963.....

.....LEONARD NICHOLS.....  
 Company.....  
 By.....H. C. PORTER.....  
 AGENT.....  
 Title.....

LEONARD NICHOLS - WELL DATA

|             |            | <u>SURFACE CASING</u> | <u>CASING</u>  | <u>ELEVATION</u> | <u>COMPLETION DATE</u> | <u>PERFORATIONS</u>                      | <u>TOTAL DEPTH</u> | <u>CALC. TOP CEMENT</u> | <u>TOP SALT</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| LES #26     | H-10-17-32 | 8 5/8" @ 337'         | 5 1/2" @ 4190' | 4184'            | 9-11-62                | 3970-82<br>4083-87<br>4093-4105          | 4190'              | 1460'                   | 1150'           |
| LES #28     | J-10-17-32 | 8 5/8" @ 293'         | 5 1/2" @ 4100' | 4130'            | 10-30-62               | 3908-20<br>4036-48                       | 4100'              | 1370'                   | 1150'           |
| TAYLOR E #2 | L-11-17-32 | 8 5/8" @ 321'         | 5 1/2" @ 4125' | 4121'            | 8-29-62                | 3918-28<br>4028-32<br>4040-44<br>4047-57 | 4125'              | 1395'                   | 1150'           |
| TAYLOR E #3 | N-11-17-32 | 8 5/8" @ 324'         | 5 1/2" @ 4100' | 4101'            | 3-27-63                | 3934-44<br>4059-63<br>4067-79            | 4100'              | 1370'                   | 1150'           |

LARGE FORMAT  
EXHIBIT HAS  
BEEN REMOVED  
AND IS LOCATED  
IN THE NEXT FILE

Box 376  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
AUGUST 9, 1963

STATE ENGINEER  
Box 1079  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

ATTENTION: MR. FRANK IRBY

DEAR MR. IRBY:

I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF OUR APPLICATION TO CONVERT  
FOUR WELLS TO INJECTION. WELL NAMES AND LOCATIONS  
ARE SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITS.

WE PLAN TO INJECT DOWN THE CASING, IF POSSIBLE. WE  
ARE DOING SO IN ALL THE OTHER WELLS SHOWN, WITH ONE  
EXCEPTION WHICH WAS A RE-ENTRY JOB.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR CONSIDERATION AND IF YOU NEED  
FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ME.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

LEONARD NICHOLS

*Original Signed by H. C. Porter*

H. C. PORTER  
AGENT

HCP:EL

Box 100  
ARRESTA, NEW MEXICO  
AUGUST 2, 1953

STATE ENGINEER  
Box 100  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

ATTENTION: MR. FRANK IRBY

DEAR MR. IRBY:

I AM ENCLOSED A COPY OF OUR APPLICATION TO CONVERT  
FOUR WELLS TO INJECTION. WELL NAMES AND LOCATIONS  
ARE SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITS.

WE PLAN TO INJECT DOWN THE CASING, IF POSSIBLE. WE  
ARE DOING SO IN ALL THE OTHER WELLS SHOWN, WITH ONE  
EXCEPTION WHICH HAS A RE-ENTRY JOBS.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR CONSIDERATION AND IF YOU NEED  
FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ME.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

LEONARD NICHOLS

Copy 2 sent by H. C. Porter

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HCP:EL

Box 376  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
AUGUST 16, 1963

STATE ENGINEER  
Box 1079  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

ATTENTION: MR. FRANK IRBY, CHIEF  
WATER RIGHTS DIVISION

DEAR MR. IRBY:

PURSUANT TO OUR CONVERSATION TODAY I HAVE REVISED  
OUR APPLICATION TO THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
TO THE EFFECT THAT WE ARE AGREEABLE TO INJECTING  
BELOW PACKERS IN THESE WELLS IN THE EVENT WE INJECT  
ANY FLUID OTHER THAN FRESH WATER.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING YOUR RECOMMENDATION  
TO THE COMMISSION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

LEONARD NICHOLS

Original Signed by H. C. Porter

H. C. PORTER  
AGENT

HCP;EL

CC: WHITEY MCCUTCHEON  
CURTIS MCBROOM  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
AUGUST 16, 1963

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Box 871  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

GENTLEMEN:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
APPROVAL TO CONVERT FOUR WELLS TO WATER INJECTION IN  
THE MALJAMAR POOL. THESE WELLS ARE:

ILES No. 26, H-10-17-32  
ILES No. 28, J-10-17-32  
TAYLOR E No. 2, L-11-17-32  
TAYLOR E No. 3, N-11-17-32

I HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF PROTECTING ANY FRESH  
WATER WHICH MIGHT BE PRESENT WITH MR. FRANK IRBY. HE  
HAS AGREED VERBALLY THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND THAT WE BE  
GIVEN PERMISSION TO INJECT DOWN THE CASING IN THESE  
WELLS AS LONG AS WE ARE INJECTING ONLY FRESH WATER.  
IN THE EVENT WE INJECT PRODUCED WATER, WE WILL RUN  
PACKERS ON TUBING.

PLEASE AMEND OUR APPLICATION TO THIS EFFECT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

LEONARD NICHOLS



H. C. PORTER  
AGENT

HCP:EL

CC: WHITEY McCUTCHEON  
CURTIS MCBROOM  
STATE ENGINEER



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS  
STATE ENGINEER

August 14, 1963

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
STATE CAPITOL  
SANTA FE, N. M.

Mr. A. M. Porter, Jr.  
Secretary-Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Reference is made to the Leonard Nichols' application dated August 9, 1963 which seeks administrative approval to convert the following producing wells to injection wells:

| WELL        | LOCATION   |
|-------------|------------|
| Iles #26    | H-10-17-32 |
| Iles #28    | J-10-17-32 |
| Taylor E #2 | L-11-17-32 |
| Taylor E #3 | N-11-17-32 |


I have considered the information in the application and the attachments thereto. I have also considered the geologic and hydrologic information that is available to me.

This office offers no objection to the granting of the application provided injection is down tubing with the packer set well below the top of the cement surrounding the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch casing, in each well.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer

FEI/ma  
cc-H. C. Porter  
F. H. Hennighausen

By:   
Frank E. Irby  
Chief  
Water Rights Division



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE

SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS  
STATE ENGINEER

August 19, 1963

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
STATE CAPITOL  
SANTA FE, N. M.

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.  
Secretary-Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Reference is made to the Leonard Nichols' application dated August 9, 1963 which seeks administrative approval to convert certain producing wells to injection wells. Further reference is made to my letter of August 14, 1963 addressed to you and to Mr. H. C. Porter's letter addressed to me under date of August 16, 1963, all pertaining to the same application.

This office offers no objection to the granting of the application to inject water down the casing in the wells involved so long as the injected fluid is fresh, non-corrosive water and further provided that this office be notified 15 days in advance of any plan to inject produced water which must be injected through tubing under packers. Furthermore, this project shall be opened to inspection by State Engineer staff at all times.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds  
State Engineer

FEI/ma  
cc-H. C. Porter  
F. H. Hennighausen

By: *Frank E. Irby*  
Frank E. Irby  
Chief  
Water Rights Division