



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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September 10, 1997

Devon Energy Corporation
20 North Broadway, Suite 1500
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-8260

Attn: Mr. Ernie L. Buttross, Jr.

**RE: Injection Pressure Increase,
West Red Lake Unit Waterflood Project,
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Buttross:

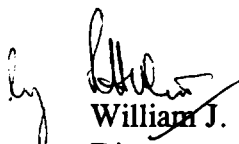
Reference is made to your request dated May 8, 1997 to increase the surface injection pressure on one well in the above referenced waterflood project. This request is based on fracture pressure gradient data on five (5) wells surrounding the subject well. Your request has been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure is justified at this time.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following wells:

Well Name		Injection Pressure
West Red Lake Unit Well No.8 Unit Letter G, Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East		760 PSIG .7 psi gradient
Located 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. LeMay
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
Files: WFX-692; PSI-X 1st QTR 98