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April 30, 1997

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department **Oil Conservation Division** 2040 South Pacheco Santa Fe, New Mexico 88505

Mr. Bill Lemay Attention:

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Conversion to Injection of **Empire Abo Unit Well C-48**

Request for Administrative Approval for

Gentlemen:

RE:

Please find attached our Application for Authorization to Inject in the Empire Abo Unit Well C-48. We respectively request Administrative Approval. Included in our attachment are copies of the Proof of Notice and an Affidavit of Publication and the actual legal notice. Arco Permian is the only Abo operator within 1/2 mile of the proposed injection well.

Our maximum injection pressure request is based on the 0.2 psi per foot statewide yardstick.

Please call me at 915-688-5359 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Gary B. Smallwood Sr. Engineer

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INJECT

X Pressure Maintenance Secondary Recovery Disposal Storage τ. Purpose: Application qualifies for administrative approval? X yes 0.0

II.	Operator:	ARCO	Permian

Address:	600 N. Marienfeld	Midland, TX 79702	
Contact of	arty: Gary B. Smallwood	Phone: 915/688-5359	_

- III. Well data: Complete the data required on the reverse side of this form for each well proposed for injection. Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.
- Xyes Is this an expansion of an existing project? no IV. If yes, give the Division order number authorizing the project R-4549As amended
- thru "H" Attach a map that identifies all wells and leases within two miles of any proposed ۷. injection well with a one-half mile radius circle drawn around each proposed injection well. This circle identifies the well's area of review.
- VI. Attach a tabulation of data on all wells of public record within the area of review which penetrate the proposed injection zone. Such data shall include a description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, depth, record of completion, and a schematic of any plugged well illustrating all plugging detail.
 - VII. Attach data on the proposed operation, including:
 - Proposed average and maximum daily rate and volume of fluids to be injected; 1.
 - Whether the system is open or closed; 2.
 - 3.
 - Proposed average and maximum injection pressure; Sources and an appropriate analysis of injection fluid and compatibility with 4. the receiving formation if other than reinjected produced water; and
 - 5. If injection is for disposal purposes into a zone not productive of oil or gas at or within one mile of the proposed well, attach a chemical analysis of the disposal zone formation water (may be measured or inferred from existing literature, studies, nearby wells, etc.).
- Attach appropriate geological data on the injection zone including appropriate lithologic ***VIII.** detail, geological name, thickness, and depth. Give the geologic name, and depth to bottom of all underground sources of drinking water (aquifers containing waters with total dissolved solids concentrations of 10,000 mg/l or less) overlying the proposed injection zone as well as any such source known to be immediately underlying the injection interval.
 - Describe the proposed stimulation program, if any. IX.
- Attach appropriate logging and test data on the well. (If well logs have been filed Χ. with the Division they need not be resubmitted.)
- Attach a chemical analysis of fresh water from two or more fresh water wells (if XI. available and producing) within one mile of any injection or disposal well showing location of wells and dates samples were taken.
 - Applicants for disposal wells must make an affirmative statement that they have XII. examined available geologic and engineering data and find no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the disposal zone and any underground source of drinking water.
- Applicants must complete the "Proof of Notice" section on the reverse side of this form. XIII.
- XIV. Certification

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Title Sr. Engineer Gary B. Smallwood Name: Small wood Jan Signature: Date:

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

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 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, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 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

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Spot 10' cmt plug @ surface 🗲

Surface Casing 12-3/4" 34# Cmt'd w/475 sx, Circ., Shoe @ 400'

Spot cmt plug 350' to 450'

Surface Casing 8 5/8" 24# & 28# Cmt'd w/950 sx, Circ., Shoe @ 2895'

Empire South Deep Unit #18

1980' FNL & 1980' FWL (F) Sec. 30, T-17-S, R-29-E, Eddy County, NM API: 30-015-22400 Spudded 04/08/78 Completed 06/22/78

GL: 3643.4'

Spot cmt plug 2850' to 2955'

Production Casing 5-1/2" 14# & 15.5# Cement w/1525 sx, TOC @ 4010' TS Shoe @ 11,010'

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Part VII

- 1. The proposed average and maximum daily injection rate is 5000 BWPD.
- 2. The system is closed.
- 3. The proposed average and maximum injection pressure is 1240 psig.
- 4. The source is produced water.
- 5. The zone of injection produces within one mile of the proposed injection well.

FORM C-108 PART VIII <u>GEOLOGICAL DATA</u>

The Empire Abo Field produces from a transgressive, carbonate, barrier reef buildup of lower Leonardian (Permian) age. This reef is one of several in a long trend flanking the northern edge of the Delaware Basin. The reef grew from southwest to northeast. It is approximately 12.5 miles long and 1.5 miles wide. Parallel to the reef trend, the reef dips 1 degree from southwest to northeast. Perpendicular to this trend the reef dips sharply at 10 to 20 degrees from crest to fore-reef, or north to south. The average depth of the reef is 5800 feet and the average thickness is 300 feet.

The trapping mechanism at Empire Abo is both stratigraphic and structural. The reef dips below the oil water contact to the south and east. Permeability pinch outs to the north and west occur as a result of carbonate muds, green shales and anhydrite inclusions.

Porosity development is erratic and cannot be correlated between wells. Development is the result of leaching of abundant detrital fossil fragments, dolomitization and recrystallization. The most prolific porosity development is found in the reef core. There is no apparent intercrystalline porosity.

Vertical fracturing, which contributes to the gravity drainage mechanism of the reservoir, is apparently due to local slumping as well as large scale setting and some tectonic activity. Fracture orientation is generally 0 to 45 degrees from vertical and is parallel to the reef trend. These fractures apparently link up the erratic porosity development and provide excellent communication in the reservoir.

There are no known fresh water aquifers overlying the proposed zone or immediately underlying the injection interval.

Part IX

Proposed Stimulation

It is proposed to selectively perforate the Abo Reef from approximately 6250' to 6340' and open this interval by acidizing with as much as 10,000 gals. of 15% Hcl acid. Depending on the injectivity of the well, fracture treatments may be used to further stimulate the formation.

Part X

Logging Data

Well logs were filed upon initial completion.

Part XI <u>Fresh Water Analysis</u>

There are no known fresh water wells within one mile of the proposed injection well.

Part XII <u>Disposal Wells</u>

Not applicable. Application is not for a disposal well.

PROOF of Notice

SENDER: Complete items 1 and 2 when additional services are desired, and complete items 3 and 4. Put your address in the "RETURN TO" Space on the reverse side. Failure to do this will prevent this card from being returned to you. The return receipt fee will provide you the name of the person delivered to and the date of delivery. For additional fees the following services are available. Consult postmaster for fees and check box(es) for additional service(s) requested. Show to whom delivered, date, and addressee's address. Extra charge) 			
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Affidavit of Publication

No. 15828

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

County of Eddy:

Gary D. Scott		being duly
sworn, says: That he is the	Publisher	of The
Artesia Daily Press, a dai	ly newspaper of genera	l circulation,
published in English at Art	tesia, said county and st	ate, and that
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was published in a regular and entire issue of the said Artesia Daily Press, a daily newspaper duly qualified for that purpose within the meaning of Chapter 167 of the 1937 Session Laws of

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th

day April 19 97

Notary Public, Eddy County, New Mexico

My Commission expires_September 23, 1999

Copy of Publication

LEGAL NOTICE

ARCO Permian proposes to convert Empire Abo Unit well C-48 to water injection. The well is located 1980' FSL and 990' FEL of section 3-17S-29E in Eddy Co. New Mexico. The zone injection is the Abo at 6250'. The maximum expected injection rate and pressure is 5000 BWPD and 1240 psig. respectively. For information contact: Gary B. Smallwood **ARCO** Permian PO Box 1610 Midland, TX 79702 phone: 915-688-5359 Interested parties must file any objections or requests for hearing with the: **Oil Conservation Division** PO Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 Filings must be made within 15 days. Published in the Artesia Daily Press, Artesia, N.M. April 25, 27, 1997.

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