

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

APPLICATION OF OASIS WATER SOLUTIONS, LLC  
FOR APPROVAL OF A SALT WATER DISPOSAL  
WELL, IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Case No. 15307

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This pre-hearing statement is submitted by applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division under 19.15.4.13 (A) NMAC.

**APPEARANCES**

APPLICANT

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**STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

APPLICANT

Case No. 15307: Application of Oasis Water Solutions, LLC, for approval of a salt water disposal well, Lea County, New Mexico; Applicant seeks an order approving its application for a salt water disposal in its Cooper 17 #1, located 2320' FNL and 2200' FWL, Unit F, Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 37 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant proposes to set a packer at 4100 feet below the surface of the earth and then inject into the Lower San Andres formation at depths of 4170' to 4900' open hole. The well is located approximately 7 miles south east of Monument, New Mexico.

OPPONENT NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE

The State Land Office is concerned that injection of produced waters of undemonstrated salt contents, if higher than those present in the formation, will negatively impact protectable and useable water in the Capitan Reef Aquifer. The Grayburg-San Andres Formations in this area are protectable under current federal and state law. The formations injected into have no defined borders which isolate the water from the Capitan Reef Aquifer.

**PROPOSED EVIDENCE.**

APPLICANT

The State Land Office has not received notice of witnesses or exhibits that will be presented by the Applicant.

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<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
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OTHER OPPONENTS

The State Land Office has not received notice of witnesses or exhibits that will be presented by the other opponent.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

No procedural matters have been identified that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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