

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

**APPLICATION OF JUDAH OIL, L.L.C.
FOR APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL
SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

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APPLICANT'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by the applicant as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

Judah Oil, L.L.C.

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OPPONENT

Scott Branson, grazing lessee
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ATTORNEY

None

STATEMENT OF CASE

Applicant filed a form C-108 with the Division seeking administrative approval to convert its existing MWJ State #1Y (API 30-015-23888) oil well to a commercial salt water disposal well. Said well is located on State Trust Lands 860 feet from the South line and 2020 feet from the West line of Unit N, Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy

County, New Mexico. Applicants seeks to inject up to 4000 barrels of produced water per day at a maximum pressure of 726 psi into the Delaware formations through perforations from 3630 to 4975 feet.

Scott Branson, the holder of a grazing lessee for this state acreage, filed an objection with the Division causing this matter to be set for hearing. *See* Attachment 1. The State Land Office, the owner of both the surface and mineral estate, does not have any objection to the proposed injection well. *See* Attachment 2.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

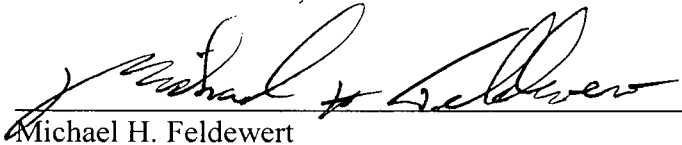
<u>WITNESSES</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
James B. Campanella, President of Judah Oil.	10 minutes	Approx. 2
George Scott, Geologist	10 minutes	Approx. 2

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Applicant's Motion to Dismiss Objection Filed by Scott Branson was summarily denied by Order No. R-13151.

Respectfully,

HOLLAND & HART, LLP



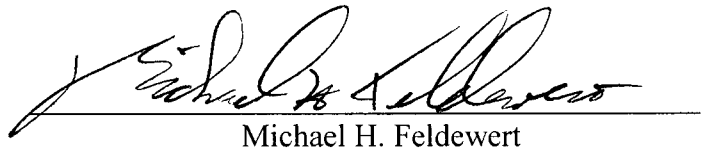
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 10, 2009, I served a copy of the foregoing document to the following by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

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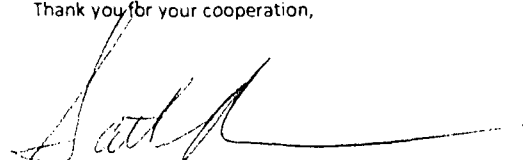
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API # 30-015-23888, 860 FSL X 2020 FWL, Unit Letter "N" Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

I Scott Branson would like to oppose the C- 108 application for Authorization to inject from Judah Oil, L.L.C. The reasons for opposing are:

1. Lease road very long, trucking in and out will inhibit the growth of vegetation
2. Do not want oilfield traffic day and night disturbing cattle ranch.
3. Environmental issues.
4. High Traffic on grazing land.

Thank you for your cooperation,


Scott Branson

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**Re: Judah Oil, Inc. Application for Injection Permit
API 30-015-2388**

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

Please be advised that the State of New Mexico owns the surface and mineral estates in the S½, Section 30, Twp. 24 South, Range 29 East. The land is State trust land managed by the New Mexico State Land Office. It is our understanding that the above-referenced well is located in the SE¼/SW¼ of Section 30, and that Judah Oil, Inc. has applied for a permit to inject produced water using that well. Please be advised further that the Commissioner of Public Lands and the State Land Office do not oppose Judah Oil, Inc.'s application for a permit to inject produced water into the well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Garcia
Deputy Commissioner

cc: James B. Campanella, Judah Oil, Inc.
Billy (Bill) E. Prichard, Pueblo West Oilfield Consulting
Scott Branson (Lease No. GS-1438)
Nick Jaramillo, SLO Surface Resources Division
Mary Dubose, SLO Agricultural Leasing Division

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