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**New Mexico State Land Office  
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Ray Powell, M.S., D.V.M.**

April 4, 2001

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Attention: Mr. William F. Carr

Re: In the matter of the application of Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.  
for approval of a pressure maintenance project for its New Mexico "O"  
State "BA" Lease, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Carr:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 3, 2001 notifying this office of the above-referenced application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Please be advised that we have no objection to Texaco's application.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

RAY POWELL, M.S., D.V.M.  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

BY:

JAMI BAILEY, Director  
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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 12638 Exhibit No. 8

Submitted by:

Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.

Hearing Date: April 5, 2001

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

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

**CASE NO. 12638**

**APPLICATION OF TEXACO EXPLORATION AND  
PRODUCTION, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A PRESSURE  
MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR ITS NEW MEXICO "O"  
STATE NCT-1 LEASE AND ITS STATE "BA" LEASE,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**OIL CONSERVATION DIV  
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**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Holland & Hart LLP and Campbell & Carr, as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES OF PARTIES**

**APPLICANT**

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc.  
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**STATEMENT OF CASE**

APPLICANT

Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks approval for injection of water into the Abo formation, North Vacuum-Abo Pool, Wolfcamp formation, Undesignated Vacuum-Wolfcamp Pool, and the Upper Pennsylvanian formation, Vacuum-Upper Pennsylvanian Pool through three injection wells located in the following described area:

TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 36: N/2, SE/4, S/2 SW/4

Said leases are located approximately 1 mile east of Buckeye, New Mexico.

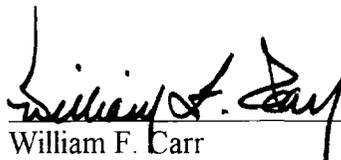
**PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

APPLICANT

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Kevin Hickey (Engineer)	20 Minutes	Approximately 3
Robert Martin (Geology)	10 Minutes	Approximately 2

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. has none at this time.



William F. Carr  
ATTORNEY FOR TEXACO EXPLORATION  
AND PRODUCTION, INC.