



STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF TEXAS

A DIVISION OF CHEVRON OIL COMPANY
P. O. BOX 1249 HOUSTON TEXAS 77001

February 14, 1969

Case 4049, To be Heard Feb. 19, 1969
Application of Standard Oil Company
of Texas for Exception to Order
R-3221 for an Unlined Pit in NE/4,
Section 5, T-24-S, R-38-E,
Lea County, New Mexico

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director

Gentlemen:

Standard Oil Company of Texas hereby requests that the captioned application be dismissed.

The basis of our application was that produced water volumes are very small (approximately 2 BPD/40 acre tract) and that the nearest fresh water was about five miles distant, based on the U. S. Geological Survey Ground-Water Report 6. We have now learned that, since the USGS report was compiled, additional fresh water wells have been completed only about two miles from the pit location, in a direction which could conceivably place those fresh water wells in jeopardy. The R. M. Evans Estate, operators of the fresh water wells, have indicated that they would much prefer for the salt water to be disposed of by subsurface means. We have already applied for administrative approval of subsurface disposal of this water down the annulus of one of the producing wells.

Very truly yours,

John J. Cameron
Paul Hull
for Supervising Proration Engineer

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cc: R. M. Evans Estate
First National Bank, Midland, Texas, Trustee
Attention: Mr. Bob Noah

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