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*Case 3924*

Oil Conservation Commission  
State of New Mexico  
Post Office Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Application of Minerals, Inc. and R.G. Montgomery

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find original and two copies of the  
above application.

Kindly set same for hearing November 13, 1968.

Yours very truly,

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BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO

APPLICATION OF MINERALS, INC., AND  
R. F. MONTGOMERY, ET AL., FOR AN  
EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
R-3221, AS AMENDED, SALT LAKE POOL,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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A P P L I C A T I O N

Come now MINERALS, INC., and R. F. MONTGOMERY, et al., and apply to the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico for an exception to the provisions of Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the continued disposal of produced water in unlined surface pits in the Salt Lake Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to permit use of a surface, salt lake for water disposal, and in support thereof would show the Commission:

1. Applicants are the operators of producing oil wells located in Sections 7 and 18, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

2. At the present time water produced in association with the oil production is being disposed of in unlined surface pits, one of which is located in Unit N of Section 7, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M., and the other is located in Unit C of Section 18 of Township 20 South, Range 33 East, N.M.P.M.

3. Volumes of water produced total approximately 150 barrels per day, with approximately 95 barrels per day being produced from wells located in Section 7, and approximately 55 barrels per day from wells located in Section 18.

4. Said surface pits are located in the vicinity of a large surface lake, designated as Laguna Gatuna, which lake

contains concentrations of chlorides far in excess of the chloride content of water produced from the Salt Lake Pool.

5. Continued use of said surface pits will not result in **damage** to any underground or surface fresh water supply.

6. In the alternative, applicant proposes to utilize Laguna Gatuna for disposal of produced water from the Salt Lake Pool, the major portion of said lake being located in the E/2 of Section 18, Township 20 South, Range 33 East.

7. The utilization of said lake will not endanger any fresh water supply nor create any possibility of pollution not already present under natural conditions.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or its duly appointed examiner, and that after notice and hearing as required by law, the Commission enter its order granting an exception to the provisions of Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit continued use of surface pits for water disposal, or, in the alternative, use of Laguna Gatuna for water disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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