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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF H. N. SWEENEY and
PAUL SLAYTON FOR AN EXCEPTION TO
ORDER NUMBER R-3221, AS AMENDED,
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. 3998
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APPLICATION

Come now H. N. Sweeney and Paul Slayton, by their attorneys,
and seek an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended, in order
to permit the disposal of produced salt water into unlined, open
surface pits located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 28
East, and in Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, Chaves
County, New Mexico, and in support of their application state:

1. Applicants are the owners of the O'Brian C Well No. 1,
located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28
East, Chaves County, New Mexico, which well presently produces
approximately 25-30 barrels of water per day in connection with
the production of oil from the Twin Lakes-Devonian Pool. The
said salt water production presently is being disposed of into an
open unlined surface pit located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 1,
and the applicants seek permission to continue to dispose of the
produced salt water in this manner as an exception to Order Number
R-3221, as amended.

2. The applicant H. N. Sweeney is the operator of the Citgo
State A Wells Nos. 2, 3 and 5, and the Citgo State Well No. 4, all
located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 28 East, Chaves
County, New Mexico, and the O'Brian A Well No. 1, located in
Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 28 East, Chaves County, New
Mexico, which wells all are completed and producing from the
Twin Lakes-San Adres Pool. In connection with the production of

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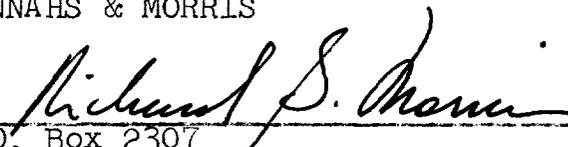
oil from these wells, small quantities of salt water also are produced, which water is being disposed of into open unlined pits located in the said Section 36, and the said Section 1. Applicant seeks permission to continue to dispose of the said produced salt water into the said open unlined pits as an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended.

3. There is no fresh water and there are no windmills in the vicinity of the said salt water disposal pits, and therefore the exception that is sought to Order Number R-3221, as amended, if granted, will not injure any fresh water or present any threat of injury thereto.

4. Approval of this application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent the premature abandonment of the subject wells.

WHEREFORE, applicants request that this application be set for hearing before the Commission or one of its examiners, and that the Commission enter its order granting to applicants an exception to Order Number R-3221, as amended, in accordance with this application.

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