

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5655
Order No. R-5196

APPLICATION OF APOLLO OIL COMPANY
FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, LEA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 31, 1976, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 20th day of April, 1976, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Apollo Oil Company, is the owner and operator of the Brown Well No. 5, located in Unit E of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to dispose of produced salt water into the lower Yates-Seven Rivers formation, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 3289 feet to 3363 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch plastic-lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3150 feet; that the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure and/or vacuum gauge or approved leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(5) That if injection into said well should be under pressure, the injection well or system should be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 825 psi.

(6) That the operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

(7) That the operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(8) That approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the applicant, Apollo Oil Company, is hereby authorized to utilize its Brown Well No. 5, located in Unit E of Section 25, Township 25 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Jalmat Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the lower Yates-Seven Rivers formation, injection to be accomplished through 2 3/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 3150 feet, with injection into the open-hole interval from approximately 3289 feet to 3363 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the tubing shall be plastic-lined; that the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and that a pressure and/or vacuum gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) That if injection into said well shall be under pressure, the injection well or system shall be equipped with a pop-off valve or acceptable substitute which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 825 psi.

(3) That if injection into said well is under a vacuum, the operator shall conduct an annual pressure test of the casing-tubing annulus to determine leakage of the casing, tubing, or packer in said well.

(4) That the operator shall notify the Hobbs office of the Commission of the date and time of such pressure tests in order that they may be witnessed by a Commission representative.

(5) That the operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Commission of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment so that the same may be inspected.

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(6) That the operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs district office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(7) That the applicant shall submit monthly reports of its disposal operations in accordance with Rules 704 and 1120 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(8) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

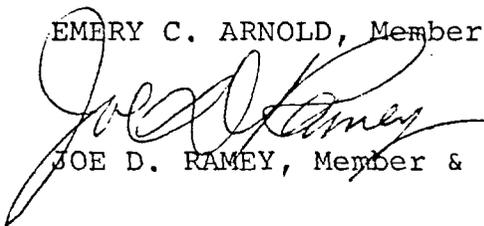
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

EMERY C. ARNOLD, Member



JOE D. RAMEY, Member & Secretary

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