

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
RAY WESTALL, FOR AN EXCEPTION TO
ORDER NO. R-3221, AS AMENDED, TO
PERMIT THE DISPOSAL OF PRODUCED
SALT WATER INTO UNLINED OPEN SUR-
FACE PITS IN EDDY COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO

No. 8629

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, Ray Westall by his attorneys, Jennings & Christy, and seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, to permit the disposal of produced salt water into unlined open surface pits located adjacent to tank batteries in Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and in support of said application, states:

1. Applicant is the operator of leases located in Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, on which four wells have been completed, known as the Ritz Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, located in the $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, in the Shugart-Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool. The Applicant contemplates the drilling of four or more additional wells to be located in the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 30 East.

2. That in connection with the production of oil from the four currently producing wells located in the $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35, there is produced approximately 115 barrels of water per day and that said wells, for the month of April, produced approximately 2,273 barrels of oil.

3. That said water is currently being disposed of into unlined open pits located in Unit G ($SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$) and in Unit O ($SW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 35.

4. That there is no fresh or potable water in the vicinity and the only water available in the vicinity for any purposes is from the pipelines serving the potash mines in the area.

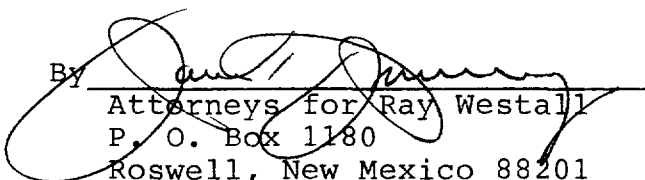
5. That the Oil Conservation Division has granted numerous exceptions to Order No. R-3221 for disposal of salt water in unlined surface pits in the area.

6. Approval of the Application for an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended, will prevent waste, protect correlative rights and will not injure any fresh water or present any threat of such injury.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this Application be set for hearing and that after notice and hearing the Division enter its Order granting Applicant an exception to Order No. R-3221, as amended in accordance with this Application.

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Application of Ray Westall for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to the provisions of Division Order No. R-3221 to permit the disposal of produced salt water in ^{two} unlined open pits ~~on his~~ ⁱⁿ ~~Ritz Lease~~ comprising the W/2 E/2 of Section 35, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Shugart Yates-Seven Rivers-Queen-Grayburg Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, ^{and} Ritz Wells Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 located in Units O, J, G, and B, respectively, currently produce approximately 115 barrels of water per day which would be disposed of in two pits located in Units G and O of said Section 35. It is contemplated that four or more additional wells may be drilled in the W/2 of said Section 35 and provision for disposal of possible produced salt water from these wells in open pits is also requested.