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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 6838 Order No. R-111-N

APPLICATION OF AMAX CHEMICAL CORPORATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF ORDER NO. R-111-A, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

## ORDER OF THE DIVISION

#### BY THE DIVISION;

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 26, 1980, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. **Stamets.** 

NOW, on this 15th day of April, 1980, the Division Director, 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 Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter **thereof**.

(2) That the applicant, Amax Chemical Corporation, seeks an extension of the Potash-Oil Area as defined in Order No. R-111-A, as amended, by the addition of the following described lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Section 11: S/2 NE/4 Section 12: NE/4, W/2 SE/4, NE/4 SE/4, and SW/4 NW/4 Section 13: NE/4

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Section 7: NW/4 Section 18: W/2 NW/4 and NW/4 SW/4 -2-Case No. 6838 Order No. R-111-N

(3) That the evidence establishes that although a small percentage of the lands described in Finding No. (2) above contain only marginal potash mineralization, most of the lands do contain commercial deposits of potash which may reasonably be recovered in commercial quantities.

(4) That, based upon the evidence submitted at the hearing, it is <u>not</u> established that the E/2 NE/4 of Section **7**, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, contains commercial deposits of potash and the application for inclusion of said lands in the Oil-Potash Area should be <u>denied</u>.

(5) That in order to promote the orderly development of the natural resources in the Potash-Oil Area, and prevent waste and protect correlative rights, Order No. R-lll-A, as amended, should be further amended to include in the Potash-Oil Area, as defined by said **order**, the lands described in Finding No. (2) above with the exception of the lands described in Finding No. (4) above.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

(1) That Order No. R-lll-A, as amended, is hereby further amended to include the following-described lands within the Potash-Oil Area in Eddy County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPMSection 11:S/2 NE/4Section 12:NE/4, W/2 SE/4, NE/4 SE/4and SW/4 NW/4Section 13:NE/4TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPMSection 7:W/2 NW/4Section 18:W/2 NW/4 and NW/4 SW/4

(2) That the application of **Amax** Chemical Corporation to include in the Potash-Oil Area, as defined by Order No. R-lll-A, as amended, the lands described in Finding No. (4) of this order is hereby <u>denied</u>.

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

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 $\ensuremath{\texttt{DONE}}$  at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

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