

**BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

ORDER NO. R-2722

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

On this 11th day of June, 1964, the Commission, a quorum being present, having received a report from the Supervisor of the Commission's Hobbs District Office, and having considered the situation and all available facts,

FINDS:

(1) That an emergency exists which requires the issuance of this order.

(2) That Administrative Order No. SWD-16 dated October 17, 1958, authorized Continental Oil Company to utilize its Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 9, located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, for salt water disposal in the San Andres formation through the open hole interval from 4180 feet to 5300 feet.

(3) That Continental Oil Company has been and is disposing of approximately 2600 barrels of salt water per day into said well.

(4) That the subject well has developed a casing leak which has been and is permitting substantial quantities of salt water to enter a formation or formations not authorized by the Commission for use as a disposal formation or formations.

(5) That salt water disposal into the subject well should be prohibited in order to prevent contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the State Engineer.

(6) That salt water disposal into the subject well should be prohibited in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(7) That due to the possibility of water encroachment that might result from a shut in of the wells presently producing the said salt water, Continental Oil Company should be given a reasonable opportunity to establish another salt water disposal system.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Continental Oil Company is hereby ordered to cease and desist from disposing of salt water into its Anderson Ranch Unit Well No. 9, located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That this order shall be effective at 12 o'clock midnight on June 20, 1964.

(3) 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

Jack M. Campbell

JACK M. CAMPBELL, Chairman

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