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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505





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		Check	One Only for [B] or [C]
		[B]	Commingling - Storage - Measurement DHC CTB PLC PC OLS OLM
11-1		[C]	Injection - Disposal - Pressure Increase - Enhanced Oil Recovery WFX PMX SWD PI EOR PPR
		[D]	Other: Specify
[2]		ICAT [A]	ION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or □ Does Not Apply □ Working, Royalty or Overriding Royalty Interest Owners
		[B]	Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
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		[F]	Waivers are Attached
			CURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE ATION INDICATED ABOVE.
approva	l is accu	rate ai	FION: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this quired information and notifications are submitted to the Division.
		Note:	Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

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January 14, 2005

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Att: Mr. David Catanach

Re: Application for Increased Surface Pressure

Querecho Plains Queen Associated Waterflood Project

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Mewbourne Oil company requests administrative approval to increase surface injection pressure for the following wells at the referenced project (see attached step-rate graphs). Step rate tests were run in December to bring wells in compliance with permit pressures.

<u>Well</u>	Permit Pressure	Frac Pressure	Requested Pressure
QPQASU No. 3	1780	1870	1850 psig
QPQASU No. 6	1370	1525	1500 psig
QPQASU No. 13	1800	2320	2300 psig
QPQASU No. 14	1900	2250	2230 psig

Administrative approval is requested as interpreted in Division Order No. R-10151 and Division Rule 704.C. The attached step-rate tests demonstrate that the subject wells can inject at the requested surface pressures without propagating the existing fracture stimulation out of the Queen and/or Penrose formations.

The step-rate tests, as represented on the graphs, have water gravity, friction factors and depth to top perforation incorporated in the calculations. Stabilization times between test were held constant.

I have attached a copy of the most recent QPQASU performance graph. The waterflood is in later stages of production. Continued injection for ten years has caused continued increase in pore pressure and difficulty in maintaining injectivity is increasing. The fracture pressure is directly proportional to the pore volume pressure plus other rock matrix stress relationships. Decreasing injectivity is demonstrated by the injection curve shown in violet color. I point this out for the fact that approved injection pressure have a pressure 50 psig below the fracture pressure as shown on the previous step-rate test. Fracture pressure is a continually moving target. By the time that approval is obtained, fracture pressure will have progressed above the current request.

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The attached step rate tests show an injection pressure of less than 100 psig below the lowest test pressure on any well would prevent any injection into the reservoir. For this reason, I respectfully request the approval of the requested pressures without a reduction of 50 psig. If you have any questions, please contract me at the above number. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

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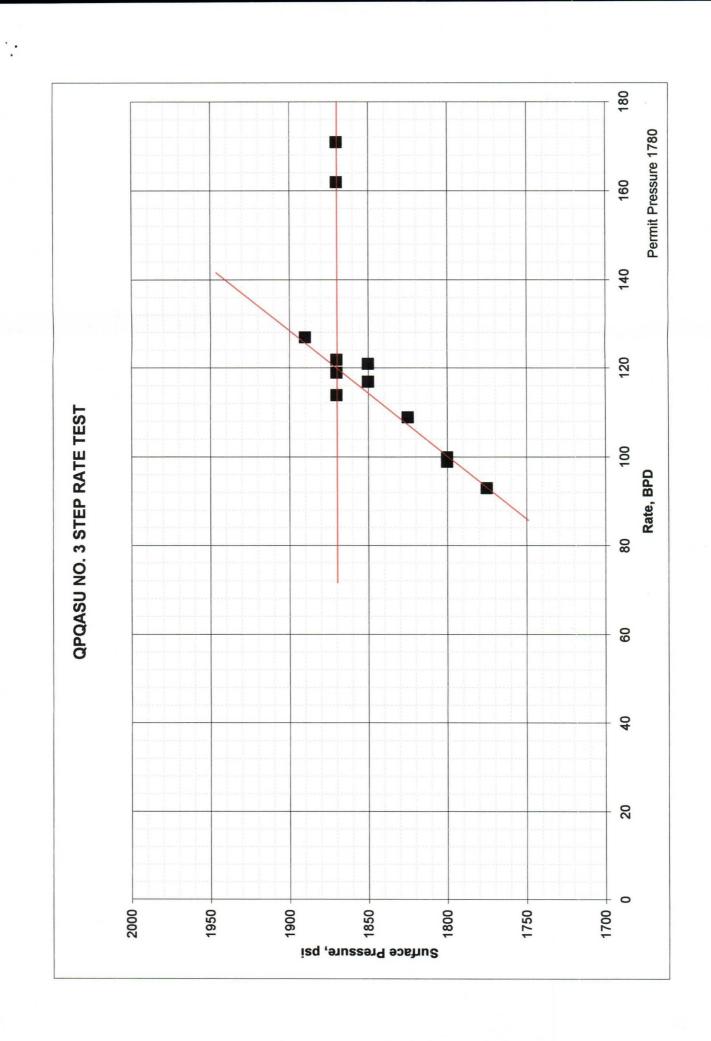
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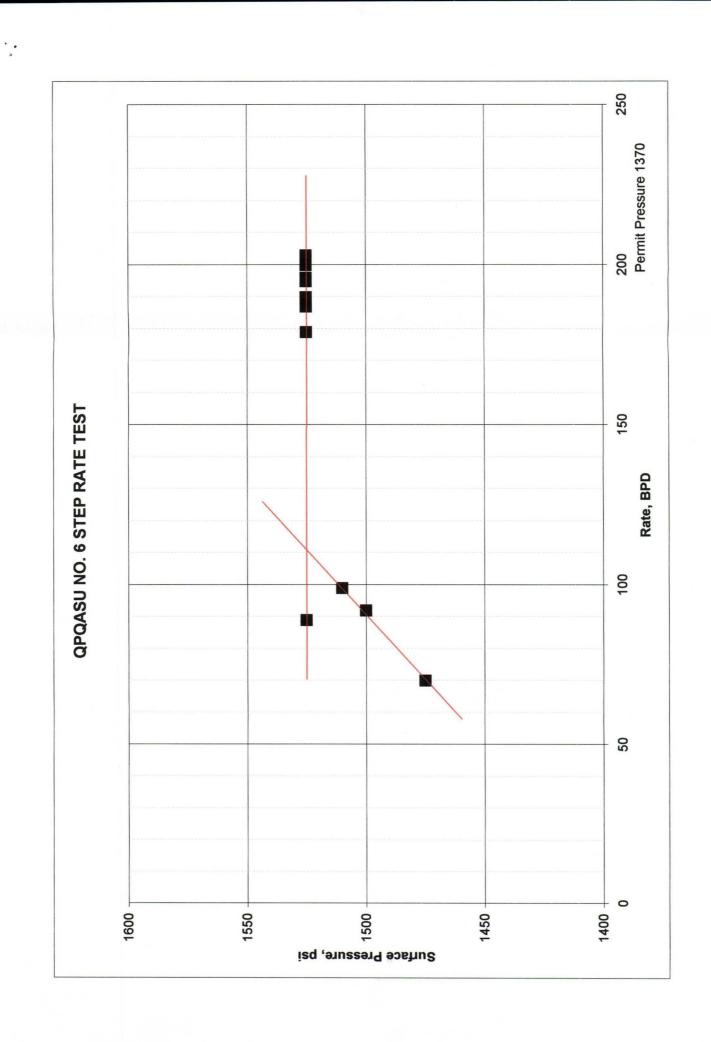
Attachments: Step-Rate Graphs

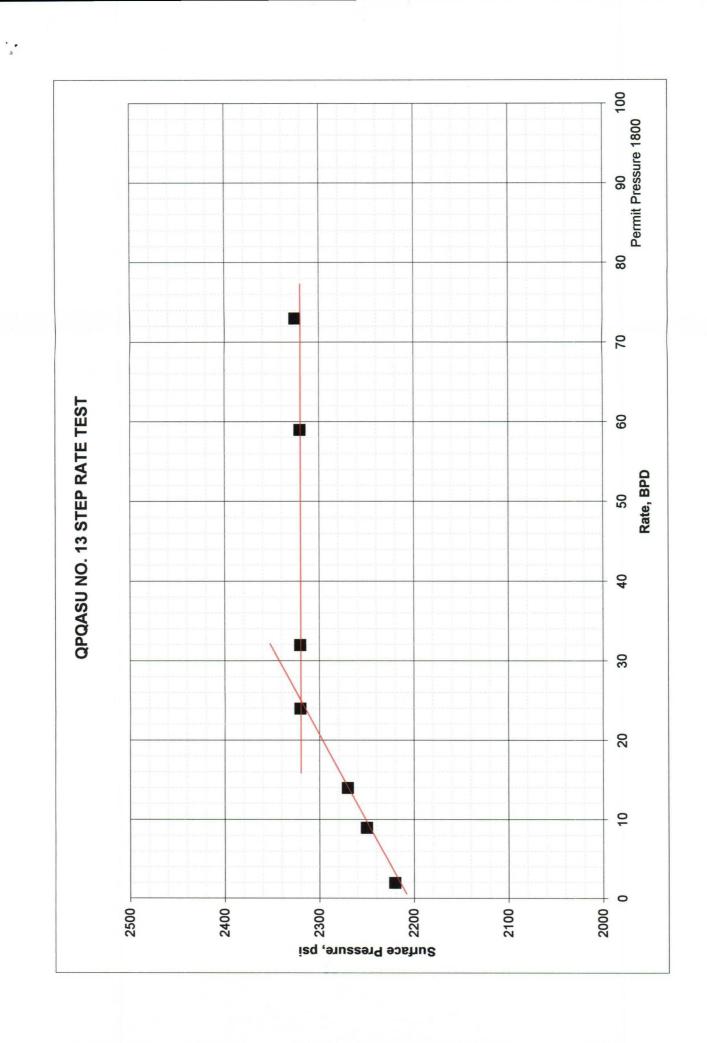
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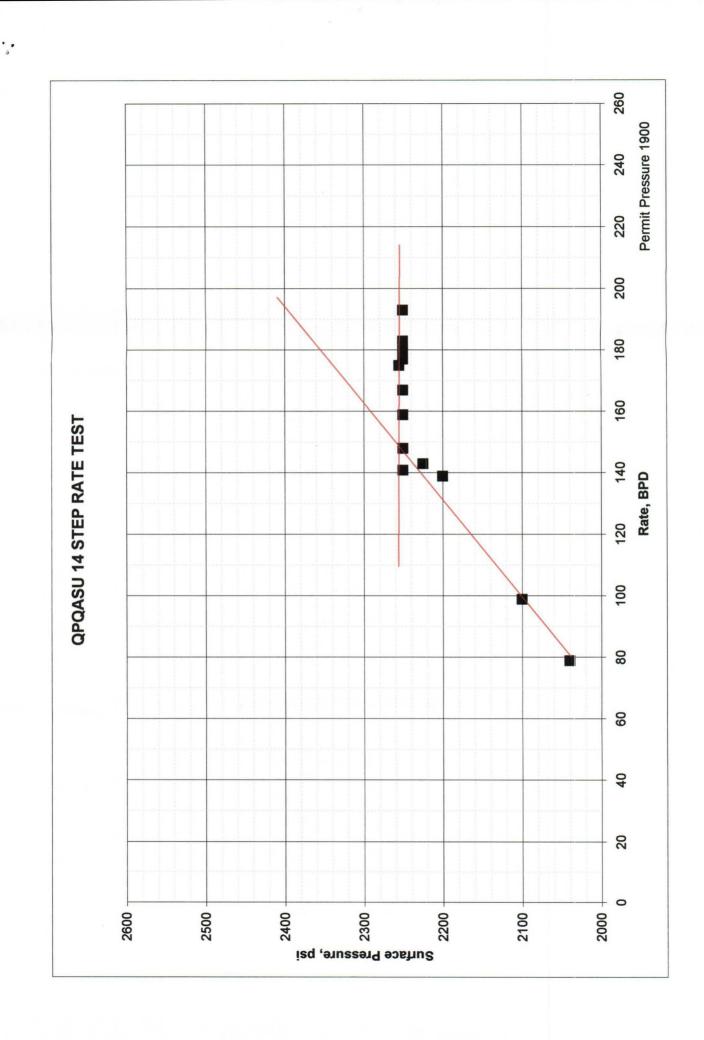
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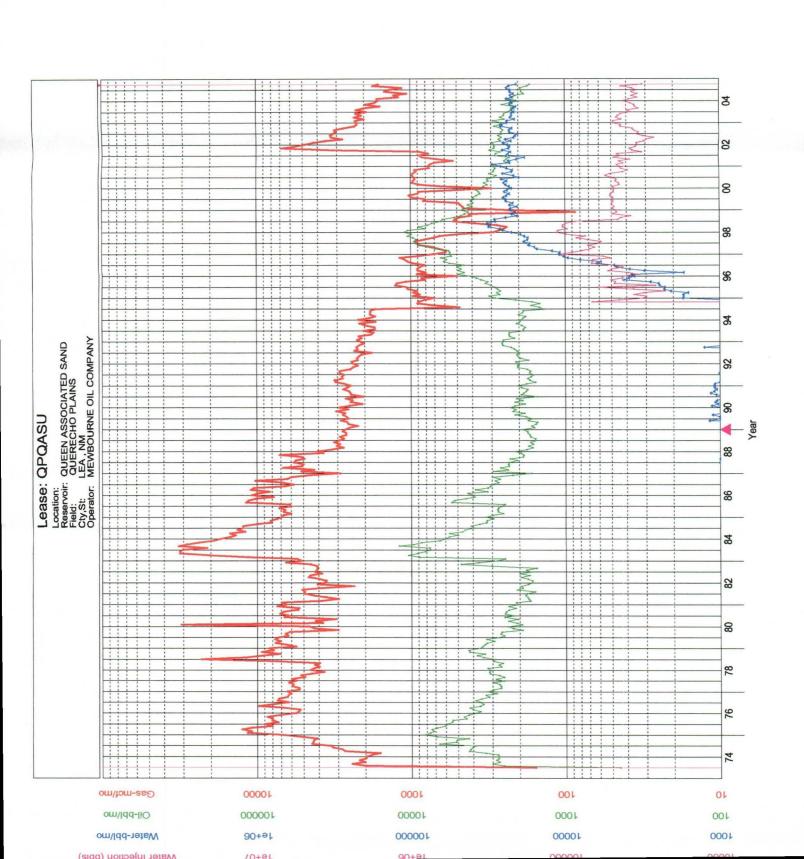
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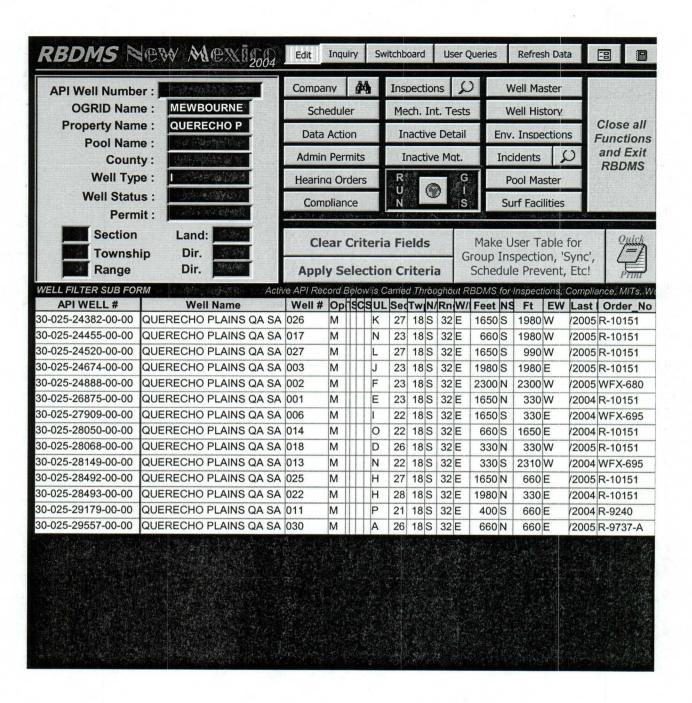






Water-bbl/mo-Ref= 10/2004 Cum= 2303412

Gas-mcf/mo-Ref= 10/2004 Cum= 1682617 Oil-bbl/mo Ref= 10/2004 Cum= 1258958



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