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Administrative Order IPI-455
November 1, 2013

Apache Corporation
303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000
Midland, Texas 79705-9909
Attn: Fatima Vasquez

RE: Injection Pressure Increase
Disposal Permit: SWD-1378-B
Pool: SWD; Wolfcamp and Cisco formations
Geronimo 28 State SWD Well No. 2 API 30-015-40876
Unit I, Sec 28, T17S, R28E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Vasquez:

Reference is made to your request on behalf of Apache Corporation (OGRID 873) received by the Division on September 9, 2013, to increase the maximum allowed surface tubing pressure on the above named well.

This well was permitted by the Division for water disposal in the Wolfcamp and Cisco formations by Division administrative order SWD-1378-B approved June 17, 2013. That permit allowed disposal through perforations from 7176 feet to 9150 feet at a maximum surface disposal pressure of 1435 psi.

It is our understanding that this well will not take a sufficient volume of fluid at the current pressure limit and a higher pressure limit is needed. It is also understood that an increase will not result in the fracturing of the formation and confining strata.

Based on a step-rate test for this well conducted on August 27, 2013, through 4½-inch tubing, you are hereby authorized to inject at the following maximum surface tubing pressure:

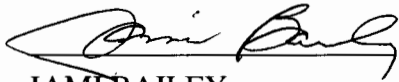
Geronimo 28 State SWD Well No. 2 API 30-015-40876 2162 psig

This approval is based on the provision that the tubing size, packer setting depth and completion interval for this well does not change. Any future requested pressure increase will require resubmission of additional data and a new step-rate test. The Division Director retains the right to require at any time wireline verification of completion and packer setting depths in this well.

This approval is subject to your being in compliance with all other Division rules, including but not limited to Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

The Division Director may rescind this permitted injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected fluid is not being confined to the permitted disposal interval or is endangering any fresh water aquifer.

Sincerely,



JAMI BAILEY
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
State Land Office – Oil, Gas and Minerals Division
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