

Withdrawn Protest SWD Application

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Subject: [EXT] RE: New Mexico State Land Office Objection to Application by Longfellow Energy, LP (Ozzy 18 State SWD #1)

On August 14, 2020 the New Mexico State Land Office filed an email protest with the OCD re the Longfellow Energy, LP proposed salt water disposal well Ozzy 18 State SWD #1 (see email chain below).

Please treat our protest as withdrawn. Longfellow has agreed to reconfigure the proposed operation to meet SLO's concerns regarding unnecessary surface disturbance and immediate reclamation of a northern portion of the initial acreage after the SWD well has been drilled.

Thank you/Ari Biernoff

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Subject: New Mexico State Land Office Objection to Application by Longfellow Energy, LP (Ozzy 18 State SWD #1)

Good afternoon-

The New Mexico State Land Office objects to the application recently filed by Longfellow Energy, LP for the Ozzy 18 State SWD #1 well located in Unit J, Section 18, T17S, R29E, Eddy County, NM.

This objection is based on several grounds. The first reason is that the proposed location of the SWD at 2280 From the South and 1972 from the East is a standard location for oil wells (wells less than 330 feet from the Unit boundary are considered standard locations). Operators would have to change the surface location of vertical wells or change the horizontal well path. This could adversely affect the state land trust by stranding oil and gas reserves. SWD operators now locate the proposed SWD wells in unorthodox locations (less than 330 feet from Unit boundaries) for this exact reason.

The other reason is unnecessary surface disturbance, because Longfellow would have to build a new pad for the SWD, instead of using the existing pad at the Empire 18 State #8, which is also operated by Longfellow.

The State Land Office may determine that there are additional grounds for its objection. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours,

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