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April 14, 1992

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Mitchell Energy Corporation
P.O. Box 4000
The Woodlands, Texas 77387-4000

Attention: Mark N. Stephenson

RE: *Injection Pressure Increase
Sapphire Federal SWD No. 1
Lea County, New Mexico*

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

Reference is made to your request dated March 16, 1992, to increase the surface injection pressure on the Sapphire Federal SWD Well No. 1. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on the well on March 4, 1992. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on the well is justified at this time.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following well.

WELL AND LOCATION

MAXIMUM INJECTION
SURFACE PRESSURE

Sapphire Federal SWD No. 1
Unit J, Section 23, T-19S, R-33E, NMPM
Lea County, New Mexico

1070 PSIG

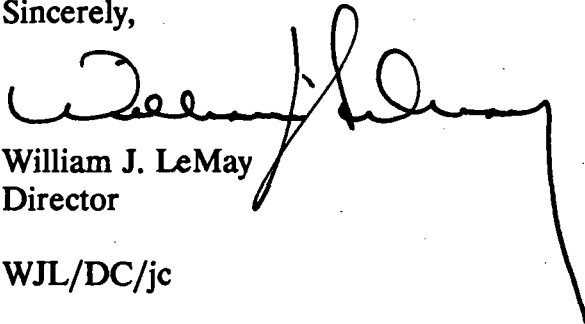
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The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected water is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. LeMay', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/DC/jc

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Hobbs
File: SWD-455
D. Catanach
R. Brown

NO WAITING PERIOD

COMPANY: Mitchell Energy Corporation
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4000
CITY, STATE, ZIP: The Woodlands, Texas 77387-4000
ATTENTION: Mark N. Stephenson

Re: Injection Pressure Increase

Sapphire Federal SWD No. 1

Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request dated March 16, 1992, to increase the surface injection pressure on the Sapphire Federal SWD Well No. 1. This request is based on a step rate test conducted on the well on March 4, 1992. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel an increase in injection pressure on the well is justified at this time.

You are therefore authorized to increase the surface injection pressure on the following well:

<u>Well & Location</u>	<u>Maximum Injection Surface Pressure</u>
<u>Sapphire Federal SWD No. 1</u>	<u>1070 PSI</u>
<u>Unit J, Section 23, T-19N, R-10E, N.M.</u>	
<u>Lea County, New Mexico</u>	

The Division Director may rescind this injection pressure increase if it becomes apparent that the injected water is not being confined to the injection zone or is endangering any fresh water aquifers.

R. Brown
XC: T. GALLEGOS
D. CATANACH
FILE- SWD-455
OCD- Hobb

Via Federal Express

March 16, 1992

**Mr. Mike Stogner
Oil Conservation Division
State of Land Office Building
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87504**



**Re: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. SWD-455
SAPPHIRE FEDERAL SWD WELL NO. 1
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Dear Mr. Stogner:

The above referenced Order was approved by the Oil Conservation Division on December 13, 1991, authorizing Mitchell Energy Corporation to inject salt water for disposal purposes into the Queen formation at approximately 4300 feet to approximately 4820 feet, subject to an injection pressure limitation of 860 psi at the wellhead. The Order provides for an increase in injection pressure upon a showing that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the Queen formation. Based on the attached step-rate test, Mitchell requests that the authorized injection pressure be increased to 1070 psi.

If you have any questions, please call me at (713) 377-5818.

Very truly yours,

MITCHELL ENERGY CORPORATION

**Mark N. Stephenson
Manager
Production-Regulatory Affairs**

**MNS:mtb
sapphfed.mns**

enc.

STEP RATE TESTERS, INC.

915/366-3409

P. O. Box 13094

ODESSA, TEXAS 79768

No. _____

COMPANY Mitchell Energy Corp. DATE 3-4-92

ADDRESS 400 W. Illinois, Midland, TX

WELL # SWD#1 LEASE Sapphire Federal

WELL FILE DATA:

T.D. 4800 PACKERS @ 4236 PERFS. OH 4324-4820

TBG. ID. 2 7/8 TBG. COATING _____ DEPTH SN. _____ BHP @ 4340'

STABILIZATION:

RATE 0 BWPD PRES. 2349 PSIG. CUMULATIVE _____ BBLs.

INCREMENTS:

RATE 100 BWPD PRES. _____ PSIG. STEP LENGTH 15 MINS.
SURFACE 1120 635

TEST RESULTS:

FORMATION PARTING POINT BHP. 2995 PSIG. @ 650 BWPD

	RATE BWPD	PRESSURE SURFACE PSIG.	PRESSURE MINUS FRICTION PSIG.	PRESSURE BOTTOM HOLE PSIG.
1.	0	115		2349
2.	100	339		2501
3.	200	474		2539
4.	300	667		2627
5.	400	866		2735
6.	500	968		2835
7.	600	1083		2944
8.	700	1165		3023
9.	800	1230		3082
10.	900	1283		3128
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REMARKS _____

TESTER Wade Rice COMPANY REP. _____

STEP RATE TESTERS INC.

WELL # SWD #1

DATE 3-4-92

STABILIZATION

RATE 0 BWPD.

PRESS 2349 PSI.

CUM. INJ _____ BWD.

INCREMENTS

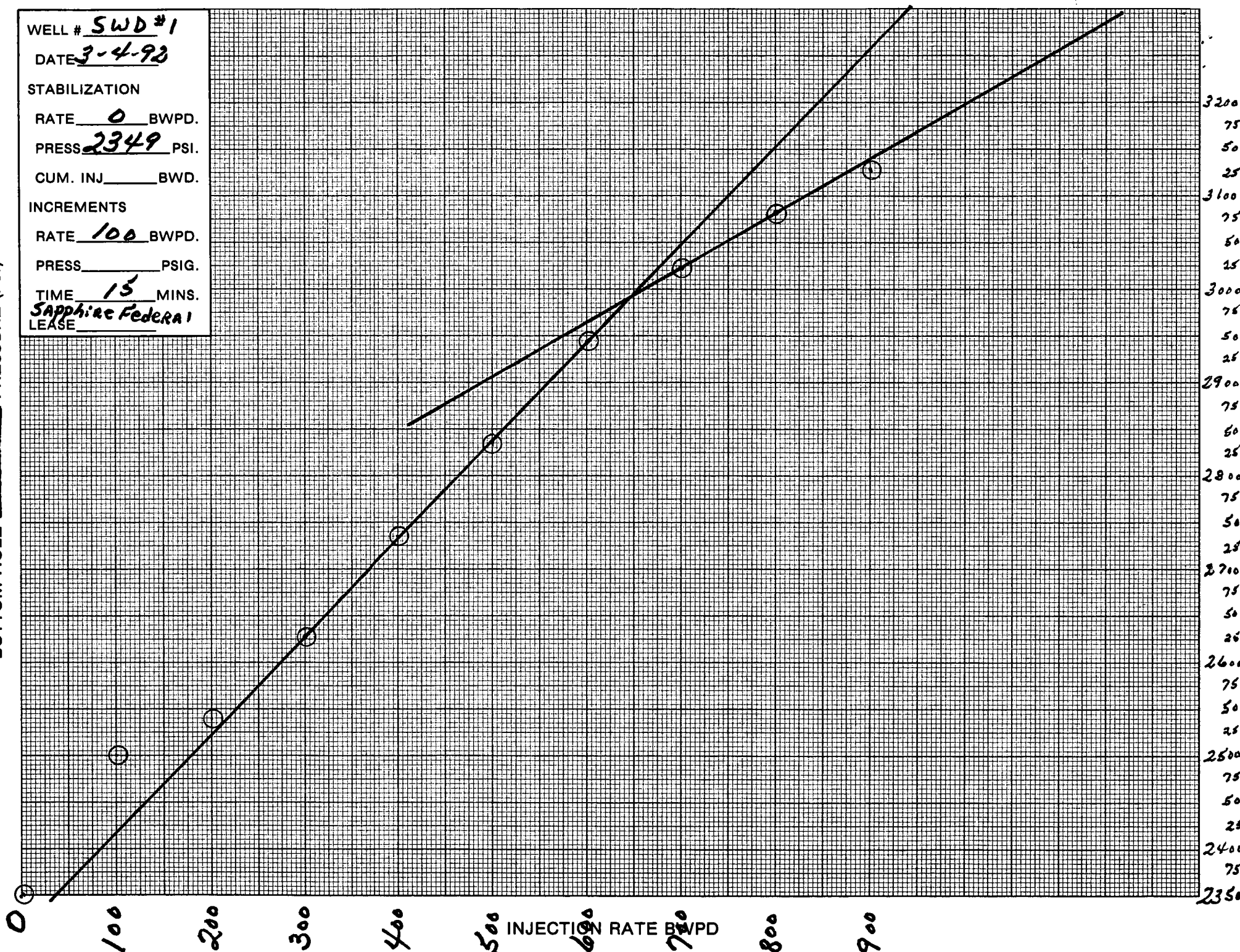
RATE 100 BWPD.

PRESS _____ PSIG.

TIME 15 MINS.

Sapphire Federal
LEASE

BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE (PSI)



STEP RATE TESTERS INC.

WELL # SWD #1

DATE 3-4-92

STABILIZATION

RATE 0 BWPD.

PRESS 115 PSI.

CUM. INJ _____ BWD.

INCREMENTS

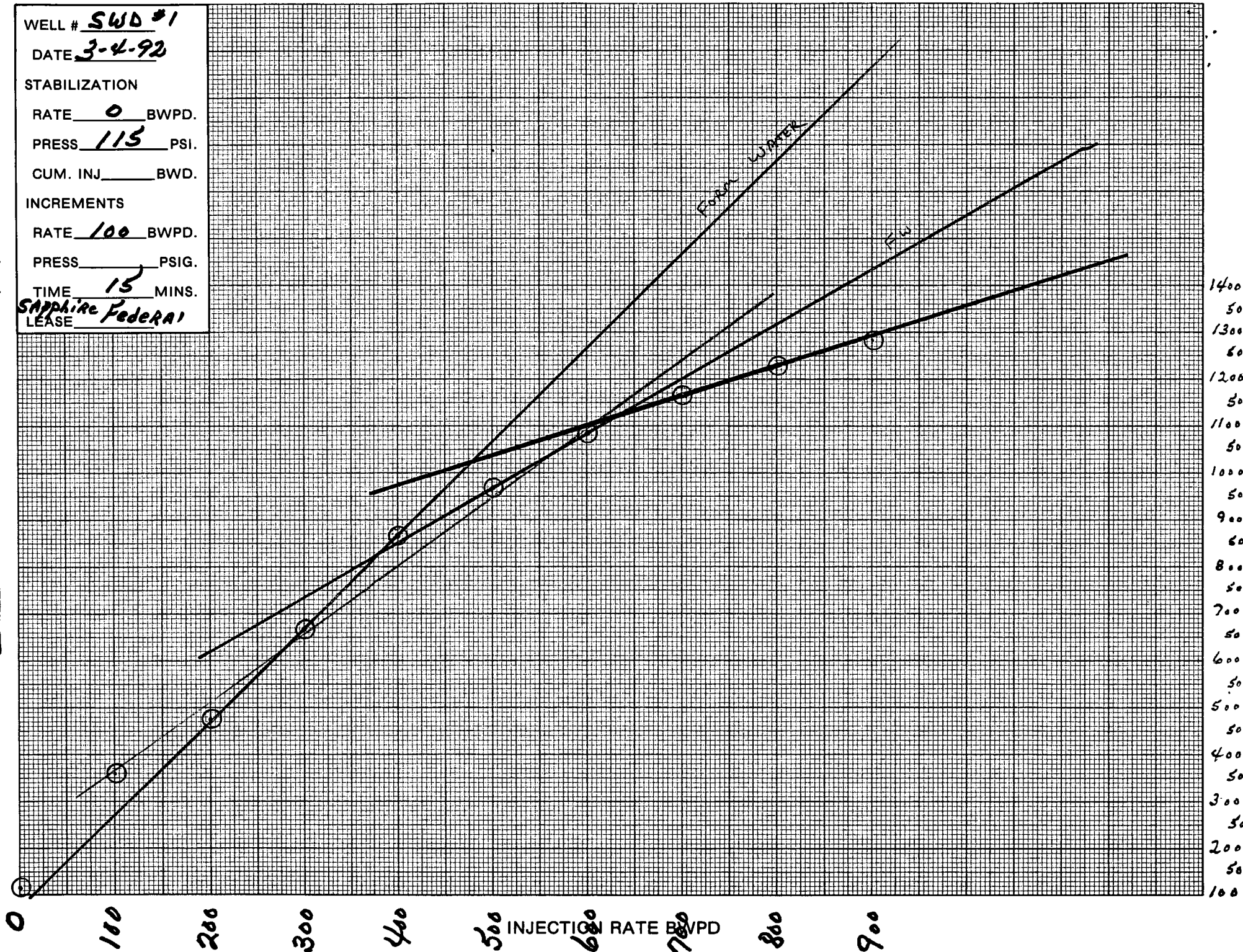
RATE 100 BWPD.

PRESS _____ PSIG.

TIME 15 MINS.

LEASE Sapphire Federal

SURFACE PRESSURE (PSI)

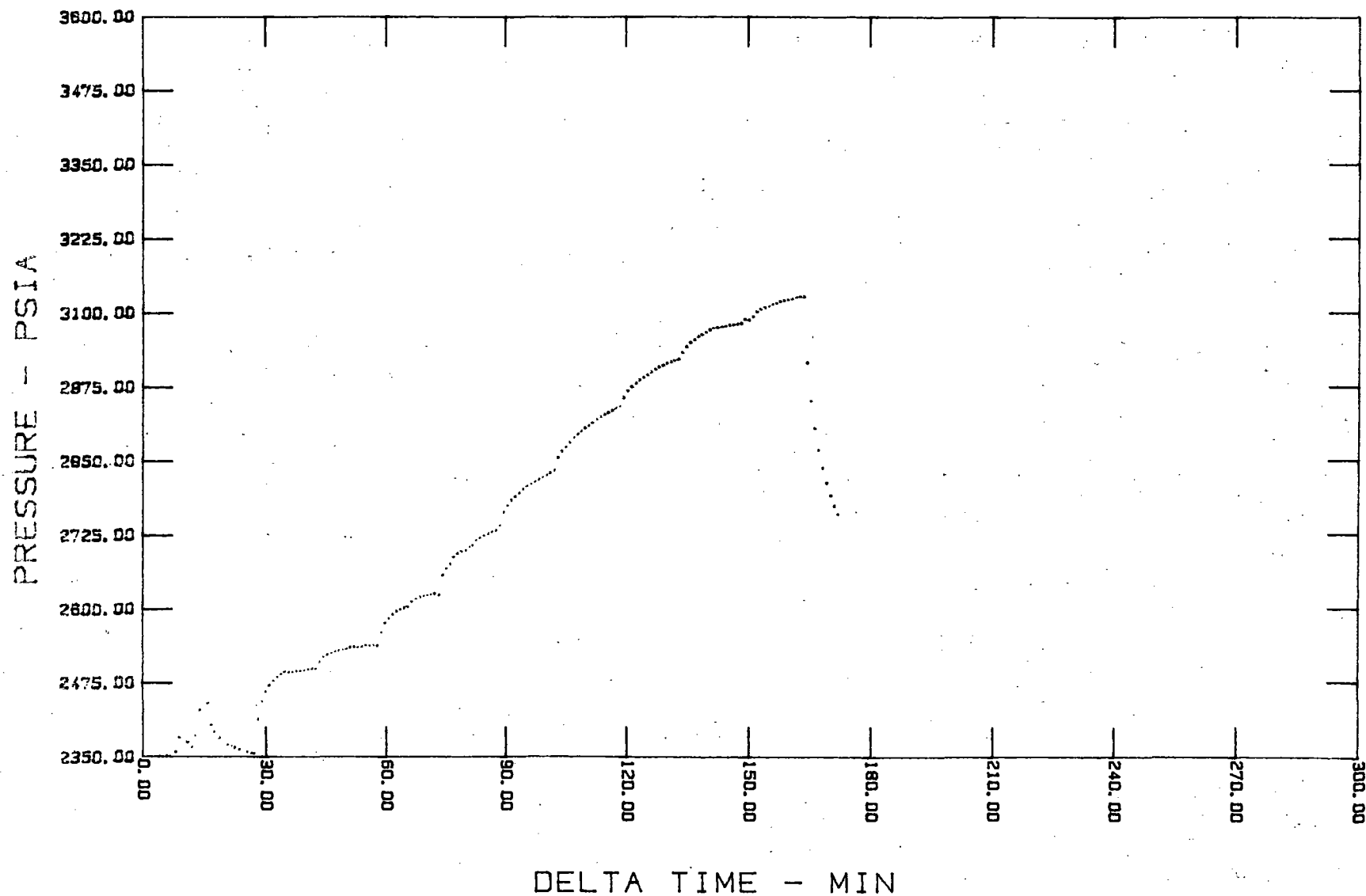


Plot starting date: 3/ 4/92
time: 8:52:29

Gauge S/N 64750

Company: STEP RATE TESTERS INC.
Client: MITCHELL ENERGY CORP.
Well name: SAPPHIRE FEDERAL
Well number: SWD #1
Test number: 1

Location: LEA COUNTY N.M.
Test Operator: WADE RICE
Comments: STEP RATE TEST
BHP AT 4340





OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

April 7, 1992

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GOVERNOR

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
P.O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-2088

RE: APPLICATION FOR PRESSURE LIMIT INCREASE FOR DISPOSAL & INJECTION WELLS

Gentlemen:

I have examined the step rate test for the:

Mitchell Energy Corp.	Sapphire Federal SWD #1-I	23-19-33
Operator	Lease & Well No.	Unit S-T-R

and my recommendations are as follows:

OK

Very truly yours

Jerry Sexton
Supervisor, District I

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