



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Oil Conservation Division

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SWD-910

APPLICATION OF DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION COMPANY, LP FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Rule 701(B), Devon Energy Production Company, LP made application to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on November 24, 2003 for permission to re-complete for salt water disposal its H B 11 Federal Well No. 11 (API No. 30-015-29739) located 2,080 feet from the South line and 1,930 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

- (1) The application has been duly filed under the provisions of Rule 701(B) of the Division Rules and Regulations;
- (2) Satisfactory information has been provided that all offset operators and surface owners have been duly notified;
- (3) The applicant has presented satisfactory evidence that all requirements prescribed in Rule 701 will be met; and
- (4) No objections have been received within the waiting period prescribed by said rule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Devon Energy Production Company, LP is hereby authorized to re-complete for salt water disposal its H B 11 Federal Well No. 11 (API No. 30-015-29739) located 2,080 feet from the South line and 1,930 feet from the East line (Unit J) of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to permit the injection of produced water for disposal purposes into the Bell Canyon formation through a perforated interval from 3,265 feet to 3,658 feet through 2 7/8-inch plastic-lined tubing set in a packer located at approximately 3,220 feet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

The operator shall take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

As preparation and prior to injection, the operator shall raise the current cement top on the 5-1/2 inch casing of the subject well by cement squeeze operations. The operator shall squeeze with at least 300 sacks of cement, raising the new cement top to the level of the 8-5/8 inch casing shoe or higher. The new cement top shall be verified by temperature or cement bond log and this log supplied to the Artesia district office of the Division.

The casing-tubing annulus shall be loaded with an inert fluid and equipped with a pressure gauge at the surface or left open to the atmosphere to facilitate detection of leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to **no more than 653 psi**.

The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the injection formation. Such proper showing shall consist of a valid step-rate test run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the date and time disposal equipment will be installed and the mechanical integrity pressure test conducted so that these operations may be inspected and witnessed.

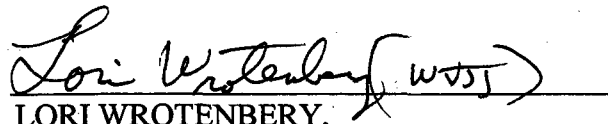
The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Artesia district office of the Division of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

PROVIDED FURTHER THAT, jurisdiction is retained by the Division for the entry of such further orders as may be necessary for the prevention of waste and/or protection of correlative rights or upon failure of the operator to conduct operations (1) to protect fresh water or (2) consistent with the requirements in this order, whereupon the Division may, after notice and hearing, terminate the injection authority granted herein.

The operator shall provide written notice of the date of commencement of injection to the Artesia district office of the Division. The operator shall submit monthly reports of the disposal operations on Division Form C-120-A, in accordance with Rule Nos. 706 and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

The injection authority granted herein shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject well, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.

Approved at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 17th day of December 2003.


LORI WROTENBERY,
Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia
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