



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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February 5, 2003

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Oil Conservation Division

Mr. Scott Curtis
Rice Operating Company
122 West Taylor
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Division Order R-4495
Blinebry-Drinkard SWD Well No. 2 API 30-025-24399
Section 2, T22S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Curtis:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (Division) received your application on January 27, 2003, to revise Division Order R-4495 by raising the injection interval to 4,230 feet from 4,400 feet. Division Orders cannot be revised without another hearing in Santa Fe. In order to process this application administratively as a new Salt Water Disposal application, the Division will require some additional information.

- 1) Water analysis of (i) fresh water in this area, (ii) of San Andres water, and (iii) of blended injection water along with statement of whether the blended injection water is compatible with the San Andres water.
- 2) Copies of the certified return receipts signed by the parties that were noticed – offset working interest owners and the landowner.
- 3) Please include an “Administrative Applications Checklist” with all applications to the Division. This form is available on the Division web site at URL, www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/ under “forms”.

The Administrative order cannot be issued until this information is received but the Division will continue to process this application and will incorporate the additional information into the file as it arrives. Please call me here in Santa Fe as needed, 505-476-3448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Jones".

William V. Jones Jr. PE

cc: Oil Conservation Division-Hobbs
Files: R-4495 (Case 4916)

February 24, 2003

Mr. Scott Curtis
Rice Operating Company
122 West Taylor
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Re: Division Order R-4495
Blinebry-Drinkard SWD Well No. 2 API 30-025-24399
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Dear Mr. Curtis:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (Division) received your application on January 27, 2003, to raise the permitted top of injection interval to 4,230 feet from 4,400 feet in the referenced well. On February 5, 2003, the Division sent a letter requesting additional data as necessary to process this order administratively.

To date, the Division has not received the additional data and the Division is under a 30-day time constraint for outstanding permit requests.

This application packet is being returned to you. Whenever the requested information is available, please re-apply and the Division will process your request as a new administrative permit for this injection well. Since this injection well was permitted originally via hearing order R-4495, you could also request this matter be set for hearing to revise this order.

Sincerely,



William V Jones Jr. PE

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