



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## Administrative Order WFX-866

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Under the provisions of Division Order R-9467, ConocoPhillips Company has made application (*administrative application reference No. pTGW1019655175*) to the Division for permission to add 16 water injection wells to its Warren Blinbry-Tubb Waterflood Project located within the Warren Blinbry-Tubb Oil and Gas Pool (62965) in Lea County, New Mexico.

#### THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FINDS THAT:

The application was filed in due form. No objections have been filed within the waiting period prescribed by Division Rule 26.8C(2). The proposed injection wells are eligible for conversion to injection under the terms of Rule 26.8. The operator is in compliance with Rule 5.9.

The proposed expansion of the above-referenced waterflood project, will prevent waste, is in the best interests of conservation, will not impair correlative rights, and should be approved.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

ConocoPhillips Company (OGRID No. 217817) is hereby authorized to inject water into the unitized interval, through plastic-lined tubing set in packers located within 100 feet of the top of the injection intervals in the following-described wells for purposes of secondary recovery:



API	Well #	Unit	Sec	Tsp	Rge	Top Perf	Bot Perf	Tubing	Pressure
30-025-07841	9	E	27	20S	38E	5850	6350	2.375	1200
30-025-07842	26	M	27	20S	38E	5760	6290	2.375	1200
30-025-24732	30	K	27	20S	38E	5880	6376	2.375	1200
30-025-24781	31	O	27	20S	38E	5800	6390	2.375	1200
30-025-25058	34	C	34	20S	38E	5800	6370	2.375	1200
30-025-25152	36	D	27	20S	38E	5880	6450	2.375	1200
30-025-25204	40	G	27	20S	38E	5900	6450	2.375	1200
30-025-25362	42	I	27	20S	38E	5900	6420	2.375	1200
30-025-25459	44	M	26	20S	38E	5950	6470	2.375	1200
30-025-26125	54	E	26	20S	38E	5920	6460	2.375	1200
30-025-26210	68	A	27	20S	38E	6010	6520	2.375	1200
30-025-31179	97	D	34	20S	38E	5740	6330	2.375	1200
30-025-34033	104	B	27	20S	38E	5970	6500	2.375	1200
30-025-31936	106	A	34	20S	38E	5910	6400	2.375	1200
30-025-31965	110	L	27	20S	38E	5720	6350	2.375	1200
30-025-33099	123	C	27	20S	38E	5890	6480	2.375	1200

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.

Prior to commencing injection operations into these wells, the casing shall be pressure tested from the surface to the packer setting depth to assure casing integrity.

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 wells or injection system shall be equipped with pressure limiting devices which will limit the wellhead pressure to the maximum surface injection pressure described above, provided that the supervisor of the Division's district office at Hobbs shall be notified of any injection pressure above 1000 psi in any well and may require a step-rate test to be conducted on such well.

The Director of the Division may authorize increases in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the permitted injection interval or harmful formation fracturing. Such

proper showing shall consist of valid step-rate tests and possibly injection profiles or pressure transient testing run in accordance with and acceptable to this office.

The operator shall notify the supervisor of the District Office of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of all mechanical integrity tests so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the District Office of the failure of the tubing, casing or packer in said wells and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

The subject wells shall be governed by all provisions of Division Order No. R-2243, and Rules 26.9 through 26.13 not inconsistent herewith.

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



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