## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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\*Response Required – Deadline Enclosed\* Underground Injection Control Program

July 28, 2016

Mr. Nevin Bannister Chief Operating Officer OWL SWD Operating, LLC 8214 Westchester Drive, Suite 850 Dallas, TX 75225

### RE: <u>NOTICE TO OPERATOR:</u> REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT INJECTION SURVEY

Maralo Sholes B Well No. 2 (API 30-025-09806) 660' FSL, 660' FEL; Unit P, Sec 25, T25S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico Injection Authority: Administrative Order SWD-1127 Order Date: June 1, 2008 Permitted Interval: Yates and Seven Rivers formations; 2938 feet to 3055 feet

Mr. Bannister:

The Division is in receipt of a formal correspondence by the City of Jal regarding the potential impacts of the operation of the injection well referenced above (the "subject well"). This correspondence presents concerns for the protection of underground source of drinking water in the vicinity of the subject well. In response to this correspondence, the Engineering Bureau is conducting a technical review of the well file and operation with respect to the conditions contained in the administrative order.

OWL SWD Operating, LLC (the "operator" or "OWL") has responded to recent requests for inspection and upgrade of the wellhead in order to monitor an intermediate casing string that is only sealed in place with drilling mud and not cement. This situation is being assessed for potential vertical migration of fluids behind casing and may require additional testing based on the results of the Bradenhead monitoring.

During the review of the well file, the Division found that the reported volumes of injection fluids increased significantly during the calendar year 2015 (see attachment). The average daily injection rate for 2015 was approximately 19.500 barrels of water per day (BWPD) while the highest single-month rate happened in August with approximately 30,790 BWPD. All of the reported volumes were

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injected with a surface pressure of zero (0) pounds per square inch (PSI). Conversely, the injection volumes for the period from 2009 to 2014 showed an average of 3300 BWPD with all volumes injected with a surface pressure of 0 PSI.

The Division is required "to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval" as a condition of the administrative order. Based on the recent injection information and lack of any quantitative testing, the Division cannot confidently determine that the injection fluids are staying within the permitted interval. Therefore, the Division is stipulating that the operator conduct an injection survey for the subject well with the results to be submitted within the next twenty-one (21) days of this correspondence date.

The type of injection survey may be either a temperature survey or a radioactive tracer survey. At a minimum, the injection survey will be conducted to established industry protocols with results that provide a clear interpretation. A description of activities to conduct the proposed injection survey must be submitted in a Notice of Intent Sundry for approval by the Hobbs District Supervisor. Scheduling of the injection survey must provide the opportunity for Division personnel to be present to witness the activities. All test results, logs and reports prepared as a result of the injection survey are to be submitted to the attention of the Division Director in Santa Fe.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction within the prescribed period, enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include immediate shut-in and an application for appearance by OWL before a Division Examiner to terminate the injection authority granted in the administrative order.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Sanchez, Fields Operations Manager (505.476.3493), with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. CATANACH Director

DRC/prg

Attachment: GRAPH 1: INJECTION RATE VS. TIME: Maralo Sholes B No. 2 (30-025-09806; SWD-1127)

 cc: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office Well File API 30-025-09806 Administrative Order SWD-1127 Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad Field Office Mr. Bob Gallagher, City Manager, City of Jal



April 28, 2016

Mr. Matthew Earthman Souder, Miller & Assocs. 3451 Candelaria Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87112

Mr. Earthman,

## CITY OF JAL

JAL, NEW MEXICO 88252

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I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you about a concern that was brought to the city by several individuals and companies. The concern is in reference to our pending application for 900 acre feet of water and nine well locations.

There are several disposal wells in the same section that we are considering to place our wells, Section 25, T 255, R 36E, that would be utilized for drinking water. In particular, there is a disposal well, Owl Maralo Sholes B #2, that has continued to inject large volumes of disposal water, 13 million barrels in 2015. In addition to the ongoing volumes of water, a company is now constructing a 16 inch line that will travel west out of the Jal area. The purpose for this line, as we understand it, would be to transport produced water for disposal in the above-mentioned disposal well.

Before the city undertakes the expenditure to drill water supply wells in the area close to this well, we would like to ensure this salt water disposal well is injecting into the permitted Seven Rivers Zone and will not cause problems with shallow fresh water aquifers.

Our specific request is for you to involve the Oil Conservation Division and the State Engineer Office in requiring the following information.

- 1. Provide documentation to demonstrate wellbore integrity;
- 2. To run a spinner survey to demonstrate injection is within the permitted interval

We strongly believe that these tests and any others that the regulatory agencies believe are warranted should be conducted immediately and then on a regular basis thereafter to ensure that the drinking water to the residents of our community has not been negatively impacted or contaminated in any manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully

Bob Gallagher, City Manager

XC: David Martin, Sec. EMNRD David Catanach, Director, OCD Tom Blaine, State Engineer

Final Report for Maralo Sholes B Well No. 2 Attachment 2

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OWL SWD OPERATING , LLC MARLO SHOLES B WELL #2

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# **OWL SWD Operating**

## Maralo Sholes B #2

#### 11/28/16

08:15 arrived location Baker Hughes Coil tubing (Alex Prado, Corey Denzy, Jace Huddle, Rogelio Sosa)rigging up Reservoir Services (Richard Valencia, Abraham Rodriquez) for water transfer, Thru-Tubing Solutions (Darel) thru tubing motor and bit WTX (Robert Pringle) OWL (Tyler Richardson)

09:00 Shut down rig up due to high winds

10:15 Resume rig up

11:00 Renegade wireline (Munny Flores, Zack Ortis) Jim Smith (spinner and temp tools) arrives

11:15 Safety meeting with Baker Hughes and personnel on location

11:30 pressure test wellhead

11:45 RIH with coil and wash out nozzle

13:00 Tagged at 3008' by coil tubing measurements using Nitrogen to lift returns back to surface Reservoir Services monitoring flow back tank for returns Getting back returns equal to amount pumped well not taking fluids

14:30 Leave location coil not making any new hole as of yet

#### 11/29/16

08:30 Arrived location Baker Hughes has been released made no progress on drilling out Will rig up pulling unit this evening to drill out WTX (Robert Pringle) OWL (Tyler Richardson) ESC (Energy Service Company) pulling unit crew (Francisco Silva, Michael Sanchez, Juan Terrazas, Jesse Hernandez)

10:30 Leave location

#### 11/30/16

0830 Arrive location ESC unit laying down 4.5 csg and pkr

09:30 Out of the hole with 4.5 csg and pkr changing tongs and BOP rams from 4.5 to 3.5 for workover string waiting for work string to arrive

10:15 Work string arrives Well-Foam equipment arrives

12:15 RIH with tubing and scraper

12:45 Tongs broke waiting on new set

14:00 Leave location

#### 12/1/16

10:00 Arrive location crew TOOH with tubing and scraper WFR (Wellbore Fishing and Rental tools)(Drew) Ran scraper to 2930'

10:30 RIH with tubing and 6.25 bit (WFR)

11:00 Renegade Wireline arrives

11:30 Rig up Well-Foam continue RIH with tubing and 6.25 bit

12:45 Pickup next joint of tubing and RIH

13:30 Start clean out

14:00 FTH vacuum truck arrives to empty half tank

14:30 Leave location

#### 12/2/16

09:30 Arrive location Renegade Wireline RIH with Temp tool and Spinner wireline td 3072' correlated to casing bottom. Tubing tally td 3057' not using KB on either measurement.

#### 12:00 Leave location

Initial readings on the spinner log show fluids going into the formation at 3005-3010' computed logs should be sent to Santa Fe by @ 12/6/16.

They will run tracer scan after Spinner runs are complete no data on that log yet.

#### 12/3/16

Robert Pringles called said finished running RA Tracerscan (Renegade Wireline Mike Salas) on 12/2/16, 12/3/16 RIH with 3.5 work string to lay down then RIH with 4.5" casing and packer Made it most of the way in will wait til morning to nipple down BOP and circulate packer fluid. Said Tracer showed fluid going into permitted zone. Computed logs will be sent to Santa Fe around 12/6/16 POOH w/4.5" casing and packer lay down 4.5" casing, pick up and RIH w/3.5" work string

#### 12/4/16

Received call from Robert Pringles, said that they had nippled down the BOP and was circulating packer fluid. Tried to test and got communication between 7" and 8 58" casings, will trip out of hole and pick 3.5" work string up to find leak

#### 12/5/16

12:40 Arrived location to check on progrees, POOH with 3.5" work string, Using plugs and packer to isolate where communication between the 7" and 8 5/8" is coming in at, 13:30 RIH w/work string and packer RIH 8 stands and pressure tested below packer held 500# POOH w/4 stands and pressure check below packer.

#### 12/6/16

09:30 POOH W/3.5 work string and RPB found leak at 30' laying work string down Will dig out cellar to top of 8 5/8 @ 20' below surface and check on where leak is.

11:30 out of the hole laid down work string and pkr

12:15 start rigging pulling unit

13:30 finish rigging down unit 14:00 start digging out cellar

#### 12/7/16

12:00 arrive location, Backhoe is back filling hole so rig can back in and rig back up. A culvert has been put inside the cellar. Will put fence around after finish with the well.

12:30 spotting unit to rig up

13:00 rigging up unit

#### 12/8/16

12:30 arrive location 4.5" csg already in the hole, BOP still on well circulating packer fluid. Will run MIT on 12/9/16 at 09:00

#### 12/9/16

09:00 MIT/BHT-OK Ran with 540# ended with 525# 32 minute test Energy Services Company (Cleve) Ser#6973 Cal date 12/8/16 1000# spring Left chart with Robert (OWL) Energy Services Company Pulling unit crew will back fill cellar and connect lines back up after rigging down unit.

11:00 leave location Crew rigging down pump truck from well to connect and pump out plug in packer

13:00 Robert called said unit is rigged down and well is hooked back up.

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January 12, 2017

Mr. Nevin Bannister Chief Operating Officer OWL SWD Operating, LLC 8214 Westchester Drive, Suite 850 Dallas, TX 75225

#### **RE:** Final UIC Geological Assessment Concerning:

NOTICE TO OPERATOR: Requirement to Conduct Injection Survey, Dated July 28, 2016 (EMNRD) Maralo Sholes B Well No. 2 (API 30-25-09806) 660' FSL & 660' FEL, Sec. 25 T25S R36E Lea County, New Mexico Injection Authority: Administrative Order SWD-1127 Order Date: June 1, 2008 Permitted Interval: Yates and Seven Rivers (2938'-3055')

Mr. Bannister:

Per your request, CEK Engineering LLC has performed an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Geological Assessment for the Maralo Sholes B Well No. #2 (API 30-25-09806), herein WELL. The following is our final assessment, completed on or about January 12, 2017, we have incorporated the following:

- i.) Discussions from our October 24, 2016 meeting with David Catanach, Phillip Goetze and Michael McMillan (EMNRD) in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- ii.) Results from the cleanout and injection survey re-run, performed December 2, 2016.

We specifically note, to the best of our understanding, the above "NOTICE TO OPERATOR" was sent in response to that certain letter dated April 28, 2016 from the City of Jal, New Mexico to Mr. Matthew Earthman (Souder, Miller & Assoc.) XC: David Martin, Sec. EMNRD; David Catanach, Director OCD; and Tom Blaine, State Engineer, enclosed herein (LETTER).

The LETTER was prepared due to concerns raised by several individuals and companies to the City of Jal, as well as, the City of Jal's pending application of 900 ac-ft of water per annum and nine well locations proposed in the same section (Sec. 25 T255 R36E) as the WELL. The City of Jal's specific concerns were related to the WELL's wellbore integrity, and potential contamination of shallow (< 600' MD) fresh water aquifer in the immediate area.

Additionally, Renegade Services performed an Injection Survey (Temperature, Tracer) on the WELL, September 2, 2016 (SURVEY1); the results of the SURVEY1 were inconclusive, tool set down 50' (3005' MD) above base of injection interval. Because the SURVEY1 results were inconclusive, Maxey G. Brown (OCD District 1 Supervisor) sent Ben Stone (SOS Consulting – OWL Regulatory Consultant) that certain email dated September 6, 2016, enclosed herein (EMAIL).

The EMAIL was prepared, after consultation with David Catanach, to serve as formal notice for OWL to proceed with the cleanout of the 50' of fill and to re-run the injection survey.

**Final Report for Maralo Sholes B Well No. 2 Attachment 7** 

Texas Registered Engineering Firm F-14059

The following UIC Geological Assessment was prepared to specifically address concerns mention in the LETTER and EMAIL, in addition to informal discussions (email, phone conversations) raised by OWL's Staff/Consultants regarding potential out of zone injection into the Capitan Reef. Additionally, as an attachment to this report, we specifically address comments posed by Mr. Goetze, during our October 24, 2016 meeting, concerning the spatial location of the injected fluids with respect to the Capitan Reef (Seven Rivers Shelf Margin).

#### **UIC Geological Assessment**

The WELL is injecting into the very top of the Seven Rivers Formation and basal Yates Formation. The WELL is situated (completed) in the back reef lagoonal environment (comprised of shelf carbonates, siliciclastics and evaporites) of the Guadalupian Artesia Group. Neutron/Gamma Ray Well Log signatures identify several highly porous and permeable, regionally extensive, eolian sand/dolomitic grainstone reservoirs. These reservoirs are the, updip, productive members of the Jalmat, Rhodes, and Scharbrough oil and gas fields (combined production to date is ~ 100 MMBO & 1.9 TCF).

The WELL's equivalent (injection interval) in the Capitan Reef (Late/Upper Seven Rivers) Margin is located 3.5+ miles to the west and approximately 200-300' down dip structurally. *Additionally, in our opinion, there is sufficient evidence* (HISS 1975, NMOCD Case No. 8405 testimony/Water Sample Analysis, IC Potash Corp Feasibility Study) that the interstitial waters of the Capitan Reef and back reef Artesia Group members near the WELL are mineralized above 10,000 mg/L (TDS), digital copies provided on FTP site.

Several injection wells (examples in the cross-section) have injected into the same reservoirs at high rates since the late 1960's and possibly earlier. Additionally we have identified 460+ injection wells in the immediate area injecting into the same/similar reservoirs as the WELL. These wellbores have been utilized for secondary recovery operations and salt water disposal since the early 1960's.

Additionally, we observed in the literature core analysis reports indicating that Seven Rivers (in the back reef lagoonal environment) eolian siliciclastics reservoirs have permeability's in excess of 350 millidarcies. These core analysis reports support our Pressure Transient Analysis stochastic modeling.

#### Current (12-02-2016) Injection Profile Survey Assessment

Based on our review of that certain Injection Profile Survey performed by Renegade Services on December 2, 2016 (SURVEY2); we observe that ALL fluid is being injected into the approved permitted interval (Lower Yates / Upper Seven Rivers, 2938'-3055'). We specifically call your attention to the comparison exhibit of SURVEY1 and SURVEY2, enclosed herein; and note that the spinner, temperature, and tracers logs all indicated a no-flow vertical boundary at ~ 3055' (MD). Additionally, both SURVEY 1 and SURVEY 2 indicated a no-flow (no channeling of fluids behind the 7" production casing) vertical boundary at ~ 2935' (top of open-hole section).

#### Summary / Professional Opinion

Based on SURVEY1 and SURVEY2 results for the WELL, and our regional geological/injection well study; it is our professional opinion that the injected fluids into the WELL are remaining within the permitted interval (Lower Yates / Upper Seven Rivers, 2938'-3055'). This opinion is based on regional/local scale geological interpretation, wellbore configuration and surface operations (injection pressures between Vacuum and 575 psi).

Additionally, the WELL **is not** injecting into the Capitan Reef (limestone); the WELL is injecting into the Upper Seven Rivers Sands (minor amounts into dolomitized shelf carbonate grainstones). These same reservoirs are hydrocarbon productive in the updip members in the Jalmat, Rhodes, and Scharbrough oil and gas fields located in the immediate area.

Based on the results of SURVEY1 and SURVEY2, at this time our opinion is, the WELL does not pose a threat to public health or safety (this opinion does not encompass an environment site assessment, which we have not performed nor reviewed). We reserve the right to revise this statement, based on additional data collected subsequent to the date of this report.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at you convenience.

Respectfully,

Chad E. Kronkosky, P.E. President

Enclosures (4):

Letter dated April 28, 2016 from the City of Jal, New Mexico to Mr. Matthew Earthman (Souder, Miller & Assoc.) XC: David Martin, Sec. EMNRD; David Catanach, Director OCD; and Tom Blaine, State Engineer

Email dated September 6, 2016 from Maxey G. Brown (OCD District 1 Supervisor) to Ben Stone (SOS Consulting – OWL Regulatory Consultant).

Jal, New Mexico (Middle Seven Rivers) Lithology Map

Jal, New Mexico (Artesia Group) Injection Wells Map

#### FTP Website (contact CEK Engineering for instructions to website):

Hiss, William, "Stratigraphy and Ground-Water Hydrology of the Capitan Aquifer, Southeastern New Mexico and Western Texas", University of Colorado, PhD Dissertation, 1975

National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report "Ochoa Project Feasibility Study Lea County, New Mexico USA" IC Potash Corp.

NMOCD Case No. 8405, West Jal Disposal #1, Currently Operated by Mesquite SWD.

#### Injection Profile Comparison

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

Initial Injection Profile (09-02-2016)

Current Injection Profile (12-02-2016)

## Maralo Sholes B No. 2 (30-025-09806; SWD 1127) Pressure Transient Analysis Uncertainty Modeling

Chad E. Kronkosky, P.E.

January 10, 2017

#### Introduction

The following document and technical calculations were prepared in accordance of generally accepted hydrogeological principles. The following calculations utilize stochastic (monte carlo) simulation methods coupled with the line source solution to the single phase radial flow diffusivity equation, presented as follows:

For an infinite-acting reservoir, Mathews and Russell (1967) propose the following solution to the diffusivity equation.

$$p(r,t) = p_i + \left[\frac{70.6Q_w\mu}{kh}\right]Ei\left[\frac{-948\phi\mu c_t r^2}{kt}\right]$$

The following Pressure Transient Analysis (with uncertainty) was performed in the "R" programming environment (most off-the-shelf commercial PTA software do not handle uncertainty models well).

#### **Uncertainty Analysis**

Parameter estimates (e.g. k, h, phi, ct) always exhibit varying degrees of uncertainty. Based on a detailed review of literature/offset publicly available information and sound professional judgement; we estimates the following parameters with normal distributions (1000 samples) with means and standard deviations as follows:

library(pracma)

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n <- 1000
k <- rnorm(n = n, mean = 200, sd = 50)  # md
h <- rnorm(n = n, mean = 120, sd = 20)  # ft
phi <- rnorm(n = n, mean = .10, sd = 0.02)  # dec.
ct <- rnorm(n = n, mean = 2*10^(-5), sd = 4*10^(-6))  # psi^-1</pre>
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![](_page_39_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Near Wellbore Reservoir Pressure Estimates

An estimate of the near wellbore (static) reservoir pressure (top of openhole section) as of 12-02-2016; was made utilizing the injection survey results obtained from that certain welllog prepared by Renegade Services on 12-02-2016 "Indepth Injection Profile" pressure log.

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Pwf <- 1285 # psi (from Renegade Service 12-02-2016 Indepth Injection Profile)
             # bwpd ~ 5 BPM (from Renegade Service 12-02-2016 Indepth Injection Profile)
    <- 7200
q
    <- 1
             # bbl/bbl
B
    <- 1
             # cp
u
    <- 0.33 # ft
r
             # hr (from Renegade Service 12-02-2016 Indepth Injection Profile)
    <- 1
t
Pi <- Pwf - ((70.6*q*B*u)/(k*h))*expint((948*phi*u*ct*r^2)/(k*t))
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We estimate that the near wellbore static reservoir pressure is **995** psi which means the reservoir is **0.115** psi/ft underpressured. This explains why most if not all injection wells (within the vacuum/artesia trend) inject on vacuum pressure (i.e. hydrostatic head in the injection tubing is greater than static reservoir head).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 307.4 927.1 995.1 971.9 1047.0 1154.0

#### Reservoir Pressure Increase Due To Injection as of (12-2016)

We estimate the reservoir pressure increase due to injection as of (12-2016) using multi-rate (avg. Fulfer and avg. Owl injection rates) superposition principles as follows:

The estimated reservoir pressure increase 1/2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. AOR boundary) due to injection is **295** psi.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 136.2 246.2 294.8 313.4 359.5 847.6

The estimated reservoir pressure increase 1 mile from the wellbore due to injection is 218 psi.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 102.0 182.2 217.8 229.5 263.8 610.7

The estimated reservoir pressure increase 2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. Lease/Well identification boundary) due to injection is **141 psi**.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 68.34 118.60 141.00 147.90 168.80 407.70

The estimated reservoir pressure increase 4 miles from the wellbore due to injection is 71 psi.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 35.38 59.95 71.17 73.98 85.36 218.20

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#### Perturbed/Displaced Reservoir Volume Due To Injection as of (12-2016)

We estimated the perturbed/displaced volume due to injection as of (12-2016) using radial flow volumetrics as follows:

A1 <- (q1\*(t1/24))/((7758\*phi\*h)/B) A2 <- (q2\*((t-t1)/24))/((7758\*phi\*h)/B) A <- A1 + A2

The estimated perturbed/displaced reservoir fluid due to Fulfer Oil & Cattle LLC injection (01/2009 to 12/2014, 7.25 MMbw at 4000 bwpd) is 80 acres.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 39.35 67.69 80.25 84.18 97.13 224.90

The estimated perturbed/displaced reservoir fluid due to Owl SWD Operating, LLC injection (01/2014 to 11/2016, 12.86 MMbw at 18400 bwpd) is 142 acres.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 69.77 120.00 142.30 149.30 172.20 398.80

The estimated perturbed/displaced reservoir fluid due to all injection (01/2009 to 11/2016, 20.11 MMbw) is **223 acres**.

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
##	109.1	187.7	222.5	233.5	269.4	623.7

The solid blue circle is our best estimate (based on statistics above) of the present situation (spatially) of the injected fluid. Based on our professional judgement, numerical simulation (e.g. ModFlow) is unwarranted at this time.

![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

Note: Outer purple circle 2 Mile Lease/Well Identification Boundary; inner purple circle 1/2 Mile AOR.

#### Reservoir Pressure Increase Due To Future Injection (5-year Estimate)

We estimate the reservoir pressure increase due to injection as of (12-2016 + 5-Years) using multi-rate (avg. Fulfer and avg. Owl injection rates - assuming Owl rates remain constant) superposition principles as follows:

t	<-	24*365*((60+23+60)/12)	#	hr (t	otal	time	of	inj 01/	2009	9 to 1	1/2016	+ 5	years	5)
t1	<-	24*365*((60)/12)	#	hr (t	otal	time	of	fulfer	inj	01/20	09 to	12/2	014)	
t2	<-	24*365*((60+23)/12)	#	hr (t	otal	time	of	fulfer	inj	01/20	09 to	11/2	016)	
q1	<-	7250125/(t1/24)	#	bwpd	(avg	rate	of	fulfer	inj	- tot	al inj	/ to	tal	time)
q2	<-	12856680/((t2-t1)/24)	#	bwpd	(aug	rate	of	OWL in:	j - t	total	inj /	total	time	2)

The estimated future reservoir pressure increase 1/2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. AOR boundary) due to 5-years of additional injection (at 18400 bwpd) is **63 psi** (from 295 psi to 357 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 27.86 51.10 63.25 68.37 78.32 231.10

The estimated future reservoir pressure increase 1 mile from the wellbore due to 5-years of additional injection (at 18400 bwpd) is **63 psi** (from 218 psi to 280 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 27.72 50.85 62.79 67.85 77.69 226.60

The estimated future reservoir pressure increase 2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. Lease/Well identification boundary) due to 5-years of additional injection is **61 psi** (from 141 psi to 203 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 27.19 49.69 61.06 65.84 75.59 209.60

The estimated future reservoir pressure increase 4 miles from the wellbore due to 5-years of additional injection is **55 psi** (from 71 psi to 127 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 25.18 45.55 54.63 58.60 67.31 158.30

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# Purturbed/Displaced Reservoir Volume Due To Due To Future Injection (5-year Estimate)

We estimated the perturbed/displaced volume due to injection as of (12-2016 + 5-Years) using radial flow volumetrics as follows:

A1 <- (q1\*(t1/24))/((7758\*phi\*h)/B) A2 <- (q2\*((t-t1)/24))/((7758\*phi\*h)/B) A3 <- (q3\*((t-t2)/24))/((7758\*phi\*h)/B) A <- A1 + A2 + A3

The estimated perturbed/displaced reservoir fluid due to Owl SWD Operating, LLC injection (12/2016 to 12/2021, 33.55 MMbw at 18400 bwpd) is **514 acres**.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 182.0 313.1 371.2 389.4 449.3 1040.0

The estimated perturbed/displaced reservoir fluid due to all injection (01/2009 to 12/2021, 53.69 MMbw) is **965 acres**.

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## 473.1 814.0 965.0 1012.0 1168.0 2705.0 The solid blue circle is our best estimate (based on statistics above) of the future situation (spatially) of the injected fluid. Based on our professional judgement, numerical simulation (e.g. ModFlow) is unwarranted at this time.

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

Note: Outer purple circle 2 Mile Lease/Well Identification Boundary; inner purple circle 1/2 Mile AOR.

#### Reservoir Pressure Decrease (5-year Estimate) If Shut-in 12/2016.

We estimate the reservoir pressure decrease due to secession of injection as of (12-2016 + 5-Years) using multi-rate (avg. Fulfer and avg. Owl injection rates - and shut-in 12-2016 for 5-Years) superposition principles as follows:

The estimated future reservoir pressure decrease 1/2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. AOR boundary) after 5-years from secession of injection is -270 psi (from 295 psi to 25 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## -756.4 -329.3 -270.4 -286.4 -226.0 -125.3

The estimated future reservoir pressure decrease 1 mile from the wellbore after 5-years from secession of injection is **-192 psi** (from 218 psi to 25 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## -544.70 -232.90 -192.10 -202.70 -160.60 -91.07

The estimated future reservoir pressure decrease 2 mile from the wellbore (i.e. Lease/Well identification boundary) after 5-years from secession of injection is **-117 psi** (from 141 psi to 24 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## -342.50 -139.00 -116.80 -121.50 -98.57 -57.52

The estimated future reservoir pressure decrease 4 miles from the wellbore after 5-years from secession of injection is -48 psi (from 71 psi to 23 psi).

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. ## -155.8000 -58.3100 -47.8100 -49.3400 -38.2600 0.5565

We Specificly Note That (5-Years) After The Secession of Injection The Reservoir Pressure Will Have Only Increased 25 psi From Initial (prior to injection) Conditions

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Estimated Reservoir Pressure Increase at 1 mile

Estimated Reservoir Pressure Increase

at 2 mile

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![](_page_47_Figure_5.jpeg)

pressure, psi

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April 28, 2016

Mr. Matthew Earthman Souder, Miller & Assocs. 3451 Candelaria Rd NE Albuquergue, NM 87112

Mr. Earthman,

CITY OF JAL

JAL, NEW MEXICO 88252

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I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you about a concern that was brought to the city by several individuals and companies. The concern is in reference to our pending application for 900 acre feet of water and nine well locations.

There are several disposal wells in the same section that we are considering to place our wells, Section 25, T 25S, R 36E, that would be utilized for drinking water. In particular, there is a disposal well, Owl Maralo Sholes B #2, that has continued to inject large volumes of disposal water, 13 million barrels in 2015. In addition to the ongoing volumes of water, a company is now constructing a 16 inch line that will travel west out of the Jal area. The purpose for this line, as we understand it, would be to transport produced water for disposal in the above-mentioned disposal well.

Before the city undertakes the expenditure to drill water supply wells in the area close to this well, we would like to ensure this salt water disposal well is injecting into the permitted Seven Rivers Zone and will not cause problems with shallow fresh water aquifers.

Our specific request is for you to involve the Oil Conservation Division and the State Engineer Office in requiring the following information.

- 1. Provide documentation to demonstrate wellbore integrity;
- 2. To run a spinner survey to demonstrate injection is within the permitted interval

We strongly believe that these tests and any others that the regulatory agencies believe are warranted should be conducted immediately and then on a regular basis thereafter to ensure that the drinking water to the residents of our community has not been negatively impacted or contaminated in any manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully

Bob Gallagher, City Manager

XC: David Martin, Sec. EMNRD David Catanach, Director, OCD Tom Blaine, State Engineer

### State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez Governor

Tony Delfin Deputy Cabinet Secretary David R. Catanach, Division Director Oil Conservation Division

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\*Response Required – Deadline Enclosed\* Underground Injection Control Program

July 28, 2016

Mr. Nevin Bannister Chief Operating Officer OWL SWD Operating, LLC 8214 Westchester Drive, Suite 850 Dallas, TX 75225

#### RE: <u>NOTICE TO OPERATOR:</u> REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT INJECTION SURVEY Maralo Sholes B Well No. 2 (API 30-025-09806) 660' FSL, 660' FEL; Unit P, Sec 25, T25S, R36E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico Injection Authority: Administrative Order SWD-1127 Order Date: June 1, 2008 Permitted Interval: Yates and Seven Rivers formations; 2938 feet to 3055 feet

#### Mr. Bannister:

The Division is in receipt of a formal correspondence by the City of Jal regarding the potential impacts of the operation of the injection well referenced above (the "subject well"). This correspondence presents concerns for the protection of underground source of drinking water in the vicinity of the subject well. In response to this correspondence, the Engineering Bureau is conducting a technical review of the well file and operation with respect to the conditions contained in the administrative order.

OWL SWD Operating, LLC (the "operator" or "OWL") has responded to recent requests for inspection and upgrade of the wellhead in order to monitor an intermediate casing string that is only sealed in place with drilling mud and not cement. This situation is being assessed for potential vertical migration of fluids behind casing and may require additional testing based on the results of the Bradenhead monitoring.

During the review of the well file, the Division found that the reported volumes of injection fluids increased significantly during the calendar year 2015 (see attachment). The average daily injection rate for 2015 was approximately 19,500 barrels of water per day (BWPD) while the highest singlemonth rate happened in August with approximately 30,790 BWPD. All of the reported volumes were

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injected with a surface pressure of zero (0) pounds per square inch (PSI). Conversely, the injection volumes for the period from 2009 to 2014 showed an average of 3300 BWPD with all volumes injected with a surface pressure of 0 PSI.

The Division is required "to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval" as a condition of the administrative order. Based on the recent injection information and lack of any quantitative testing, the Division cannot confidently determine that the injection fluids are staying within the permitted interval. Therefore, the Division is stipulating that the operator conduct an injection survey for the subject well with the results to be submitted within the next twenty-one (21) days of this correspondence date.

The type of injection survey may be either a temperature survey or a radioactive tracer survey. At a minimum, the injection survey will be conducted to established industry protocols with results that provide a clear interpretation. A description of activities to conduct the proposed injection survey must be submitted in a Notice of Intent Sundry for approval by the Hobbs District Supervisor. Scheduling of the injection survey must provide the opportunity for Division personnel to be present to witness the activities. All test results, logs and reports prepared as a result of the injection survey are to be submitted to the attention of the Division Director in Santa Fe.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction within the prescribed period, enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include immediate shut-in and an application for appearance by OWL before a Division Examiner to terminate the injection authority granted in the administrative order.

Please contact Mr. Daniel Sanchez, Fields Operations Manager (505.476.3493), with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. CATANACH Director

DRC/prg

Attachment: GRAPH 1: INJECTION RATE VS. TIME: Maralo Sholes B No. 2 (30-025-09806; SWD-1127)

 cc: Oil Conservation Division – Hobbs District Office Well File API 30-025-09806 Administrative Order SWD-1127 Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad Field Office Mr. Bob Gallagher, City Manager, City of Jal

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GRAPH 1: INJECTION RATE VS. TIME: Maralo Sholes B No. 2 (30-025-09806; SWD-1127)

Mr. Bob Gallagher, City Manager City of Jal P. O. Drawer 340 Jal, NM 88252 1

#### Brown, Maxey G, EMNRD

From:	Brown, Maxey G, EMNRD	HOBBS OCD
Sent:	Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:13 PM	110000
To:	Ben Stone (ben@sosconsulting.us)	5-20 6 2016
Cc:	Catanach, David, EMNRD; Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD	oct t
Subject:	OWL Maralo Sholes B #2	DECEIVED
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Ben,

I am approving the C103 I received from you today. After discussing the recent profile with Director Catanach, please move forward with the cleanout of the 50' of fill and re-run the injection profile. The condition of approval is that the profile be completed and copies to the Santa Fe office by <u>October 7, 2016</u>. At this time OWL will not receive a formal letter stating these requirements. This email will be used as notice. Please pass this information to your contacts at OWL.

Thanks.

Maxey G. Brown OCD District 1 Supervisor 575-393-6161 ext. 102

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