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New Mexico Department of Energy,
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1220 South Saint Francis Drive
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Case /2885

Re.

Application of Armstrong Energy Corporation for approval of a pressure maintenance project and for qualification of the Project Area for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico.

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Enclosed in triplicate is the Application of Armstrong Energy Corporation in the above-referenced case as well as a copy of a legal advertisement. Armstrong requests that this matter be set for hearing before a Division Examiner on June 27, 2002.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

William F. Carr

Enclosures

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND FOR QUALIFICATION OF THE PROJECT AREA FOR THE FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX RATE PURSUANT TO THE ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY ACT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. /2885

APPLICATION

ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION. ("Armstrong") through its attorneys, Holland & Hart LLP hereby makes application for an order approving a pressure maintenance project for the injection of water into the Delaware formation, Lea Northeast-Delaware Pool in a portion of its Mobil Lea State Lease (State Lease No. LG-2750), and in support of its application states:

- 1. By Order No. R-10541, dated February 6, 1996, the Division approved Armstrong's application for authorization to implement a pressure maintenance project in its a portion of its Mobil Lea State Lease (Lease No. LG-2750) by the injection of produced water into the third sand interval of the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain group, which is the within the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool. A copy of Order No. R-10541 is attached hereto.
- 2. Armstrong did not commence injection pursuant to Order No. R-10541 and it expired of its own terms on February 6th, 1997.
- 3. Armstrong now desires to implement this project and seeks an order reauthorizing this project with injection through the perforated interval from

approximately 5,930 feet to 5,970 feet in its proposed Mobil Lea State Well No. 8 to be drilled at standard location 330 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 2 Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Armstrong's Application for Authorization to Inject (Division Form C-108) through this new injection well is attached hereto.

4. The boundaries of the proposed pressure maintenance project include the following acreage in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: SW/4

- 5. Notice of this application and the requested hearing date as well as a copy of Armstrong's Application for Permit to Inject (Form C-108) have been provided by certified mail in accordance with the rules of the Oil Conservation Division to each leasehold operator within ½ mile of the proposed injection well and the owner of the surface of the land upon which the injection well is to be located. These owners are identified on Exhibit A to this application.
- 6. Approval of this application will afford Armstrong the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the remaining reserves in the New Mexico State Lease No. LG-2750 and will otherwise be in the best interest of the conservation, the protection of correlative rights and the prevention of waste.

WHEREFORE, Armstrong Energy Corporation requests that this matter be set for hearing before a duly appointed Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on June 27, 2002, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its Order granting this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION

EXHIBIT A NOTIFICATION LIST

APPLICATION OF ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT FOR ITS NEW MEXICO STATE LEASE NO. LG-2750, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Brothers Production Company Post Office Box 7515 Midland, Texas 79708-7515

Read & Stevens, Inc.
Post Office Box 1518
Roswell, New Mexico 88202-1518

Samson Resources Two West 2nd Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

Wynn-Crosby, LLC 5500 West Plano Parkway, Suite 200 Plano, Texas 75093-4836 CASE (2885:

Application of Armstrong Energy Corporation for approval of a pressure maintenance project and for Qualification of the Project Area for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of a pressure maintenance project by the injection of water into the third sand interval of the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain group which is within the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool, through its Mobile Lea State Well No. 8 to be drilled as an injection Well at a point 330 feet from the South line and 1650 feet from the West line of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant also seeks to qualify this project for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act. Said lease is located approximately 24 miles 5W of Hobbs. New Mexico.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11436 ORDER NO. R-10541

APPLICATION OF ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION FOR A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND QUALIFICATION FOR THE RECOVERED OIL TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO THE "NEW MEXICO OIL RECOVERY ACT", LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on December 7 and on December 21, 1995 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiners Michael E. Stogner and David R. Catanach, respectively.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of February, 1996 the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- The applicant, Armstrong Energy Corporation, seeks authority to institute a pressure maintenance project on a portion of its Mobil Lea State Lease (State lease No. LG-2750) underlying the SW/4 of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, by the injection of produced water into the third sand interval of the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain group, which is within the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool, through the perforated interval from approximately 5,930 feet to 5,970 feet in its proposed Mobil Lea State Well No. 6 to be drilled at a standard location 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of said Section 2.

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(3) There are currently four producing oil wells that will be initially affected by the proposed injection well, all of which are located in the SW/4 of said Section 2:

Well Name and Number	Footage Location	Unit Letter Designation	API Number
Mobil Lea State Well No. 1	1800' FSL & 1980' FWL	K	30-025-31696
Mobil Lea State Well No. 2	1800' FSL & 990' FWL	L	30-025-31928
Mobil Lea State Well No. 3	990' FSL & 870' FWL	M	30-025-32105
Mobil Lea State Well No. 4	1155' FSL & 1770' FWL (Unorthodox Oil Well Location Approved By Division Order No. R-10015, dated November 9, 1995)	N	30-025-32310

- (4) The applicant presented testimony which indicates:
 - (a) the total primary recovery from this reservoir with the above-described producing oil wells is estimated at 900,000 to 1,000,000 barrels of oil, or 16.5% to 18.3% of the original-oil-in-place;
 - (b) the estimated total capital cost to implement this project is \$361,175.00; and,
 - the estimated incremental production from this pressure maintenance project is expected to yield an additional 306,000 barrels of oil, or 33% of the original-oil-in-place, which results in the recovery of additional oil that would not otherwise be recovered.
- (5) The current producing rates for the four aforementioned wells are "non-marginal" in nature; therefore, pursuant to Division General Rule 701.F, the proposed project should be classified as a pressure maintenance project and governed accordingly.
- (6) Nearburg Producing Company, an off-set mineral interest owner, appearing through legal counsel at the time of the hearing neither objected nor supported the subject application. No other offset operator or interested party appeared at the hearing in opposition to this application.
- (7) The proposed pressure maintenance project, as proposed by the applicant, is in the best interest of conservation, exhibits sound engineering practices, serves to prevent waste, and will not impair correlative rights; therefore, the subject application should be approved and the project should be governed by the provisions of Rules 701

through 708 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

- (8) Produced water from the Delaware producing wells within said Section 2 is to be the initial source of injection water into the proposed project.
- (9) The area for said project should incorporate that portion of the applicant's Mobil Lea State Lease as described in Finding Paragraph No. (2), above and, at the request of the applicant, should be designated the "Lea Pressure Maintenance Project".
- (10) The project allowable should be equal to the top unit allowable for the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool, which is 300 barrels of oil per day (as provided by Division Order No. R-9842, as amended), times the number of developed (production or injection) proration units within the project area.
- (11) The transfer of allowable between wells within the project area should be permitted.
- (12) The operator should take all steps to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape into other formations or onto the surface from injection, production or plugged and abandoned wells.
- (13) The applicant submitted data on the proposed injection well, water wells in the area, and all other wells (including plugged wells) which penetrate the zone of interest within the ½-mile "area-of-review" ("AOR") of the proposed injection well. One particular well within this AOR (2,575 feet from the proposed injection well), the Samson Resources Company Federal 11-20-34 Well No. 1 (API No. 30-025-02426) located 1,980 feet from the North line and 2,130 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 11, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico is currently producing oil from the Lea-Bone Spring Pool from the perforated interval from approximately 9,476 feet to 10,258 feet. The 10 3/4-inch intermediate casing in this well was set at 5,293 feet. Evidence presented indicates that the 7-inch production string (set to 14,360 feet) in this wellbore was cemented from the bottom back up-hole to an approximate depth of 8,680 feet. The corresponding injection interval depths are therefore open. Geologic data presented by the applicant however indicates that the injection interval or "sand" does not extend far enough to the southeast to be present in the Samson well.

<u>FINDING</u>: Even though the Samson Resources Company Federal 11-20-34 Well No. 1 is within the AOR, the injected water should not be a factor. <u>FURTHER</u>, such evidence indicates that wells in the AOR are cased and plugged so as to protect fresh water and prevent fluid migration from the injection zone, and includes testimony

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indicating no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the injection zone and the fresh water resources in the area.

- (14) Injection into each well should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch internally lined or coated tubing installed in a packer set no higher than 100 feet above the top of the upper most perforation; the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and a pressure gauge or approved leak-detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leaks in the casing, tubing or packer.
- (15) The injection well or its pressurization system should be so equipped as to limit injection pressure at the wellhead to no more than 750 psi, again as requested by the applicant, the Division Director however should have the authority to increase said pressure limitation, should circumstances warrant.
- (16) Prior to commencing injection operations, the casing in the subject well should be pressure tested throughout the interval, from the surface down to the proposed packer-setting depth, to assure integrity of such casing.
- (17) The operator should give advance notice to the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity pressure-test in order that the same may be witnessed.
- (18) The applicant further requests that the subject pressure maintenance project be approved by the Division as a qualified "Enhanced Oil Recovery Project" pursuant to the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5).
- (19) The evidence presented indicates that the subject pressure maintenance project meets all the criteria for approval.
- (20) The approved "project area" is to be limited to that area described in Finding Paragraph No. (2) above.
- (21) To be eligible for the EOR credit, prior to commencing injection operations, the operator must request from the Division a Certificate of Qualification, which certificate will specify the proposed project area as described above.
- (22) At such time as a positive production response occurs and within five years from the date of the Certificate of Qualification, the applicant must apply to the Division for certification of positive production response, which application shall identify the area actually benefitting from enhanced recovery operations, and identifying the specific wells

which the operator believes are eligible for the credit. The Division may review the application administratively or set it for hearing. Based upon evidence presented, the Division will certify to the Department of Taxation and Revenue those lands and wells which are eligible for the credit.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The applicant, Armstrong Energy Corporation, is hereby authorized to institute a pressure maintenance project on a portion of its Mobil Lea State Lease by the injection of produced water into the third sand interval of the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain group in its proposed Mobil Lea State Well No. 6 to be drilled at a standard location 330 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (2) The pressure maintenance project, hereby designated the "Lea Pressure Maintenance Project", shall be comprised of the following described area in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 2: SW/4.

(3) The allowable for the project area shall be any amount up to and including a volume equal to the top unit allowable for the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool (300 barrels of oil per day) times the number of developed (production or injection) proration units within the project area.

<u>FURTHER</u>: The allowable assigned to the project area may be produced from any well or wells within the project area in any proportion.

(4) Injection into the Mobil Lea State Well No. 6 shall be through 2 7/8-inch internally lined or coated tubing with injection into the perforated interval from approximately 5,930 feet to 5,970 feet.

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- (5) The tubing string in said well shall be installed in a packer set no higher than 100 feet above the upper most perforation; the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak-detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing or packer.
- (6) Said injection well or its pressurization system shall be equipped with a pressure-limiting switch or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 750 psi.
- (7) The Division Director shall have the authority to administratively authorize an increase in the injection pressure limitation placed upon any well upon a proper showing by the operator that such higher pressure will not result in the migration of the injected waters from the third sand interval of the Cherry Canyon formation of the Delaware Mountain group, which is within the Northeast Lea-Delaware Pool.
- (8) Prior to commencing injection operations, the casing in the subject well shall be pressure tested to assure the integrity of such casing in a manner that is satisfactory to the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office.
- (9) The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division in advance of the date and time of the installation of injection equipment and of the mechanical integrity pressure-test in order that the same may be witnessed.
- (10) The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs District Office of the failure of the tubing, casing, or packer in said injection well or the leakage of water or oil from any plugged and abandoned well within the project area and shall take such timely steps as may be necessary or required to correct such failure or leakage.
- (11) Should it become necessary, the supervisor of the Hobbs District Office of the Division or the Director may at any time order a decrease of the injection pressure on any injection well within said project.
- (12) The operator of the Lea Pressure Maintenance Project shall conduct injection operations in accordance with all applicable Division rules, regulations, and policies, including Division General Rules 701 through 708 and shall submit monthly progress reports in accordance with Division General Rules 706 and 1115.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- (13) The subject pressure maintenance project is hereby approved as an "Enhanced Oil Recovery Project" pursuant to the "Enhanced Oil Recovery Act" (Laws 1992, Chapter 38, Sections 1 through 5).
- (14) The approved "project area" shall be limited to that area described in Decretory Paragraph No. (2) above.
- (15) To be eligible for the EOR credit, prior to commencing injection operations, the operator must request from the Division a Certificate of Qualification, which certificate will specify the proposed project area as described above.
- (16) At such time as a positive production response occurs and within five years from the date of the Certificate of Qualification, the applicant must apply to the Division for certification of positive production response, which application shall identify the area actually benefitting from enhanced recovery operations, and identifying the specific wells which the operator believes are eligible for the credit. The Division may review the application administratively or set it for hearing. Based upon evidence presented, the Division will certify to The Department of Taxation and Revenue those lands and wells which are eligible for the credit.
- (17) The injection authority granted herein for the proposed injection wells shall terminate one year after the effective date of this order if the operator has not commenced injection operations into the subject wells, provided however, the Division, upon written request by the operator, may grant an extension thereof for good cause shown.
- (18) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERYATION DIVISION

WILLIAM J/LEMAY

Director

Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INJECT

I.	PURPOSE: Secondary Recovery X Pressure Maintenance Disposal Storage Application qualifies for administrative approval? Yes X No
II.	OPERATOR: Armstrong Energy Corporation
	ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1973, Roswell, New Mexico 88202
III.	CONTACT PARTY: Bruce A. Stubbs, P.E. PHONE: 505-624-2800 WELL DATA: Complete the data required on the reverse side of this form for each well proposed for injection. Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.
IV. V.	Is this an expansion of an existing project? Yes X No X Modification If yes, give the Division order number authorizing the project: R-10541 (2-6-96) Attach a map that identifies all wells and leases within two miles of any proposed injection well with a one-half mile radius circle drawn around each proposed injection well. This circle identifies the well's area of review.
VI.	Attach a tabulation of data on all wells of public record within the area of review which penetrate the proposed injection zone. Such data shall include a description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, depth, record of completion, and a schematic of any plugged well illustrating all plugging detail.
VII.	Attach data on the proposed operation, including:
	 Proposed average and maximum daily rate and volume of fluids to be injected; Whether the system is open or closed; Proposed average and maximum injection pressure; Sources and an appropriate analysis of injection fluid and compatibility with the receiving formation if other than reinjected produced water; and, If injection is for disposal purposes into a zone not productive of oil or gas at or within one mile of the proposed well, attach a chemical analysis of the disposal zone formation water (may be measured or inferred from existing literature, studies, nearby wells, etc.).
*VIII.	Attach appropriate geologic data on the injection zone including appropriate lithologic detail, geologic name, thickness, and depth. Give the geologic name, and depth to bottom of all underground sources of drinking water (aquifers containing waters with total dissolved solids concentrations of 10,000 mg/l or less) overlying the proposed injection zone as well as any such sources known to be immediately underlying the injection interval.
IX.	Describe the proposed stimulation program, if any.
*X.	Attach appropriate logging and test data on the well. (If well logs have been filed with the Division, they need not be resubmitted).
*XI.	Attach a chemical analysis of fresh water from two or more fresh water wells (if available and producing) within one mile of any injection or disposal well showing location of wells and dates samples were taken.
XII.	Applicants for disposal wells must make an affirmative statement that they have examined available geologic and engineering data and find no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the disposal zone and any underground sources of drinking water.
XIII.	Applicants must complete the "Proof of Notice" section on the reverse side of this form.
XIV.	Certification: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
	NAME: Bruce A. Stubbs, P.E. SIGNATURE: DATE: 5-22-02
*	If the information required under Sections VI, VIII, X, and XI above has been previously submitted, it need not be resubmitted. Please show the date and circumstances of the earlier submittal:

OPERATOR: ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION

WELL NAME & NUMBER: MOBIL LEA STATE #8

TOWNSHIP SECTION UNIT LETTER Z 330' FSL & 1650' FWL FOOTAGE LOCATION WELL LOCATION:

WELLBORE SCHEMATIC

WELL CONSTRUCTION DATA Surface Casing

RANGE

34E

Hole Size: 14 3/4 Casing Size:

Cemented with: 1100 sx. or

 $\mathfrak{f}\mathfrak{t}^3$

9 5/8"

Top of Cement: SURFACE Method Determined: CIRC.

Intermediate Casing

Hole Size:

Cemented with: sx. or

 $f\!f^3$

Top of Cement:

Production Casing

Hole Size: 77/8" Casing Size:

Cemented with: 2050 sx. or

 $f t^3$

5 1/2"

CIRC.

Top of Cement: SURFACE Method Determined:

Total Depth: 6100'

Injection Interval

5930' feet to 5940' PERFORATED WITH 2 ISPF

PERFORATED WITH 2 JSPF (Perforated or Open Hole; indicate which)

MOBIL LEA FEDERAL #8 PMW 330' FSL & 1650 FWL SECTION 2-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

III. PROPOSED PRESSURE MAINTENANCE WELL DATA:

Α.

CONDUCTOR PIPE: 16"-54 #/FT SET @ 42', CEMENT TO SURFACE W/ 3 CU. YDS. REDI-MIX

SURFACE CASING: 9 5/8"-36 #/FT. SET @ 1700', CEMENTED TO SURFACE W/ 1100 SX

LONG STRING CASING: 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. SET @ 6100', CEMENTED IN TWO STAGES WITH A D.V.

TOOL @ 5200'

1ST STAGE - 450 SX, CIRCULATED TO D.V. TOOL 2ND STAGE - 1600 SX CIRCULATED TO SURFACE

TOTAL DEPTH: 6100'

TUBING: 2 7/8"-6.5 #/FT., J-55, W/ FREECOM CERAMIC COATING

PACKER: BAKER LOCKSET W/ ON-OFF TOOL AND PROFILE NIPPLE, SET @ 5850'

В.

INJECTION FORMATION: DELAWARE - CHERRY CANYON - THIRD SAND

(AS SHOWN ON MOBIL LEA STATE #3 LOG FROM 5910'-6012')

FIELD: NORTHEAST LEA DELAWARE

INJECTION INTERVAL: 5930'-5970', CASED HOLE

ORIGINAL WELL PURPOSE: THIS WELL WILL BE DRILLED AS A PRESSURE MAINTENANCE WELL.

OTHER PERFORATED INTERVALS: NONE

DEPTHS AND NAMES OF DELAWARE -CHERRY CANYON - 1ST SAND - 5456'-5676'

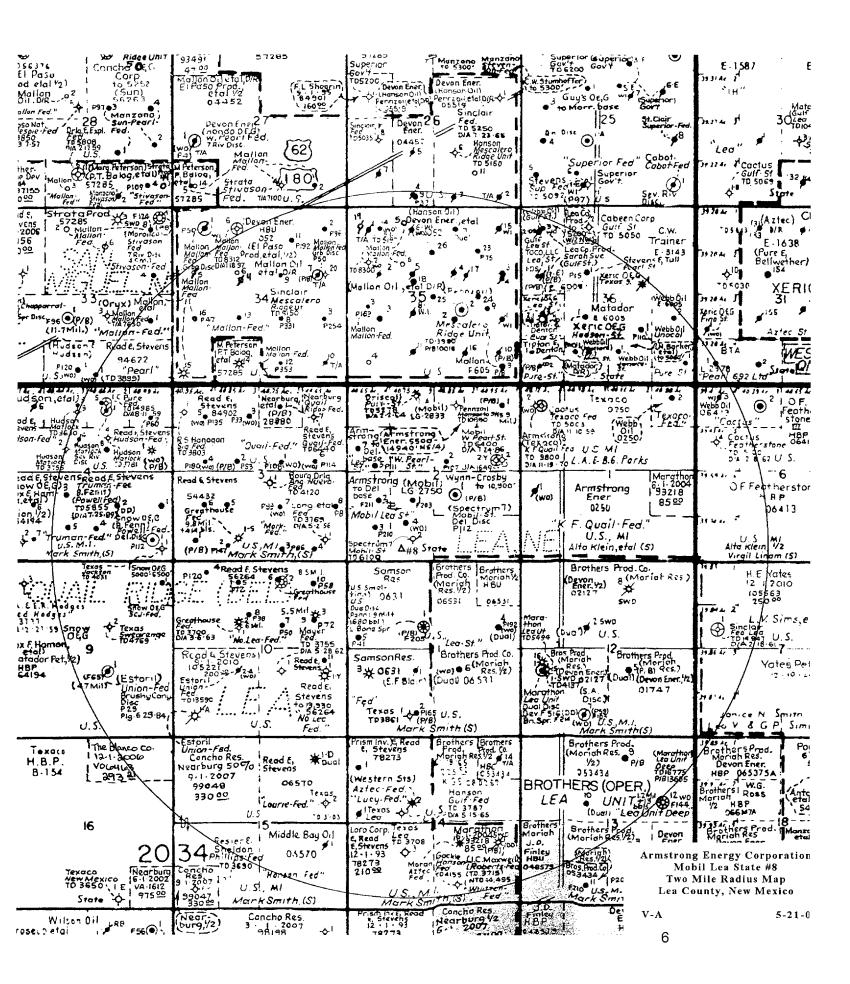
OTHER OIL & GAS ZONES BONE SPRINGS - 9476'-10258'
IN THE AREA: MORROW - 13034'-13462'

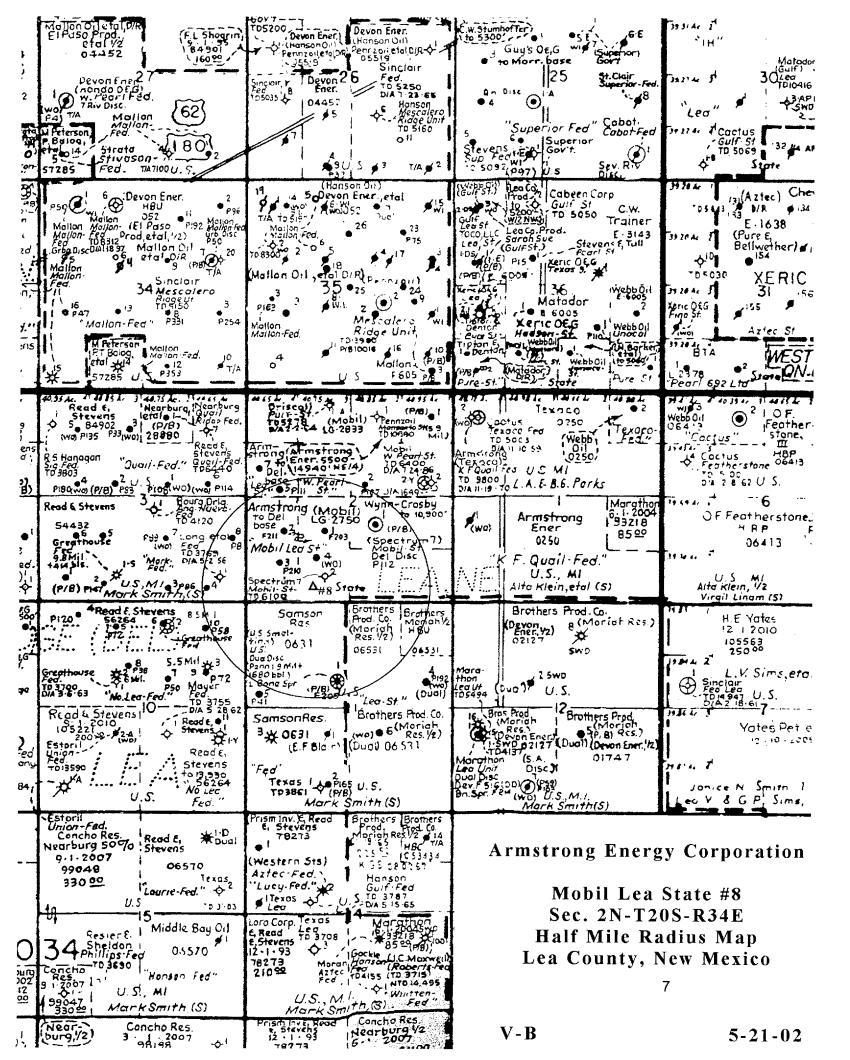
DEVONIAN - 14360'

III. PROPOSED PRESSURE MAINTENANCE WELL 22" HOLE 16"-54 #/FT. @ 42' CONFIGURATION 3 CU. YDS. REDI-MIX MOBIL LEA STATE #8 PMW ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION 330' FSL & 1650' FWL SE/SW SECTION 2-T20S-R34E 14 3/4" HOLE LEA COUNTY, N.M. PROPOSED SPUD DATE: 8/1/2002 T/SALT @ 1590' T/ANHYDRITE @1650' 9 5/8"-36 #/FT. @ 1700' B/ANHYDRITE @ 1700' 1100 SX CIRC. 8 3/4" & 7 7/8" HOLE YATES @ 2880' SEVEN RIVERS @ 3170' QUEEN @ 4150' 2 7/8" 6.5 #/FT. J-55 TUBING, FREECOM CERAMIC COATING GRAYBURG @ 4950' **DELAWARE @ 5130'** D.V. TOOL @ 5200' 1600 SX CIRC. ON/OFF TOOL WITH PROFILE NIPPLE 5880' BAKER LOCKSET PACKER - NICKLE PLATED 5930'-5990', 2 JSPF, ACIDIZE W/ 3000 GALS. 7 1/2% NEFE ACID, FRAC W/ 20,000 GALS CARRYING 45,000# 20-40 SAND 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6100' 450 SX

INJECTION WELL DATA SHEET

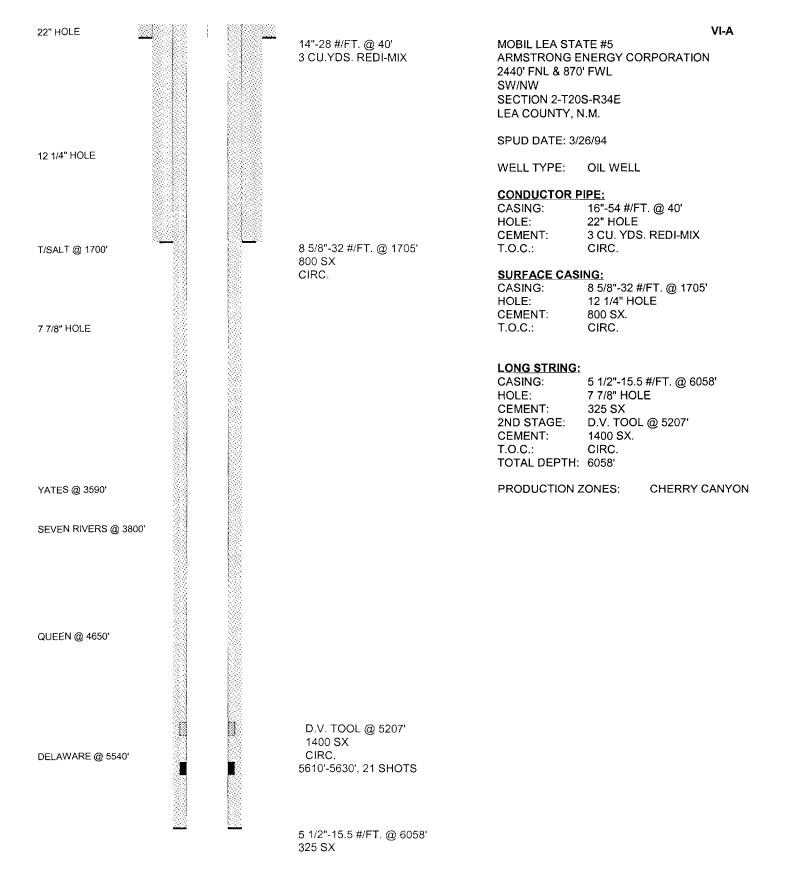
Tr	Tubing Size:	2 7/8"	Lining Material:	CERAMIC COATED	
$T_{\mathbf{y}}$	Type of Packer:	BAKER LOCKSET W/ ON	BAKER LOCKSET W/ ON-OFF TOOL AND PROFILES		
Ра(Packer Setting Depth:	5880,			
Otl	her Type of Tubing	Other Type of Tubing/Casing Seal (if applicable):	ole):		
		<u>Ad</u>	Additional Data		
	Is this a new well	Is this a new well drilled for injection?	X Yes	No	
	If no, for what pu	If no, for what purpose was the well originally drilled?	nally drilled?		
5	Name of the Injection Formation:	ction Formation:	CHERRY CANYON		
3.	Name of Field or	Name of Field or Pool (if applicable):	NORTHEAST LEA DELAWARE	ELAWARE	
4.	Has the well ever intervals and give	been perforated in any or plugging detail, i.e. sac	Has the well ever been perforated in any other zone(s)? List all such perforated intervals and give plugging detail, i.e. sacks of cement or plug(s) used.	erforated N.A.	
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5.	Give the name ar injection zone in	d depths of any oil or gathis area:DELAWARE	Give the name and depths of any oil or gas zones underlying or overlying the proposed injection zone in this area: <u>DELAWARE CHERRY CANYON</u> 1 ST SAND 5456-5676	ng the proposed AND 5456-5676	
	BONE SPRIN	BONE SPRING 9476-10258'			
	MORROW 13034-13462'	3034-13462			
	DEVONIAN 14360'	14360'			





VI. WELLS WITHIN A 1/2 MILE RADIUS OF THE PROPOSED INJECTION WELL

API LEASE NAME	WELL #	# OPERATOR NAME	LOCATION	FIELD NAME	STATUS	ROD ZONE NA	OIL CUM	GAS CUM	WTR CUM	임	U PERF	L PERF
30025324660000 MOBIL LEA STATE	S	ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION	2E 20S 34E SW NW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	16029	14439	9792	6058	5610	5630
30025292040000 MOBIL STATE	-	WYNN-CROSBY ENERGY INCORPORATED	2J 20S 34E	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	103667	104853	44463	10800	5626	5695
30025316960000 MOBIL LEA STATE	-	ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION	2K 20S 34E S2 NE SW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	190945	251018	26510	6289	5658	5931
30025319280000 MOBIL LEA STATE	7	ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION	2L 20S 34E NW SW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	325643	344534	34068	6256	5095	6048
30025321050000 MOBIL LEA STATE	က	ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION	2M 20S 34E SW SW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	146361	223498	132413	6300	5918	5936
30025323100000 MOBIL LEA STATE	4	ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION	2N 20S 34E SE SW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	146993	230037	39262	6285	5544	5940
MOBIL STATE	2	SPECTRUM 7 EXPLORATION	2N 20S 34E SE SW		P/A					6100	5698	5716
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FEDERAL "A"	-	LANG & SCHLACHTER	3P 20S 34E SE SE		P/A					3769		
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30025326190000 FEDERAL 11 20 34	လ	SAMSON RESOURCES COMPANY	11E 20S 34E SW NW	LEA NORTHEAST	ACT	DELAWARE	34466	21766	63409	6255	5456	5466
30025024260000 FEDERAL 11 20 34	-	SAMSON RESOURCES COMPANY	11F 20S 34E	LEA	ACT	BONE SPRING	158085	867241	29446	14619	10158	10166



17 1/2" HOLE 11" HOLE RUSTLER @ 1653' YATES @ 1650' QUEEN @ 4665' SAN ANDRES @ 4800' 7 7/8" HOLE DELAWARE @ 5630' BONE SPRINGS LIME 1ST BONE SPRINGS SAND @ 9500' 2ND BONE SPR. SAND

@ 10,737

VI-B MOBIL STATE #1 WYNN-CROSBYING. 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. K-55 @ 422' NW/SE 250 SX. "HLC" 3% SALT, & 1/4# FLOCELE SECTION 2-T20S-R34E 200 SX CLASS "C", 2% CACL LEA COUNTY, N.M. CIRCULATED 135 SX SPUD DATE: 4/16/85 WELL TYPE: OIL WELL
 SURFACE CASING:

 CASING:
 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. K-55 @ 422"

 HOLE:
 17 1/2" HOLE
 CEMENT 450 SX T.O.C.: CIRC. CEMENT T.O.C.; 2700 SX. CIRC. LONG STRING: 5 1/2"-17#/FT J-55 & N-80 @ 9816' 7 7/8" HOLE CASING. HOLE: CEMENT: 225 SX T.O.C.: 2ND STAGE. CALC. @ 8550' D.V. TOOL @ 6374' 505 SX. CALC. @ 2660' CEMENT: TO.C. TOTAL DEPTH: 10800' PRODUCTION ZONES: FIRST BONE SPRINGS SAND CHERRY CANYON 8 5/8"-32 & 28 #/FT @ 4380' 1000 SX HLC, 18 % SALT, 5# GILSONITE & 1/4 #/SX FLOCELE 1500 SX HLC, 18% SALT & 1/4 #/SX FLOCELE 200 SX CLASS "C" W/ 1% CACL CIRCULATED 550 SX 5626', 31', 33', 44', 71, 75', 86', 93' & 95', 10 SHOTS D.V. TOOL @ 6374' 355 SX HLC W/ 1/4#/SX FLOCELE 150 SX CLASS "H" 1.97 CU.FT./SX 1.06 CU FT./SX 699.35 CU.FT. 159.00 CU.FT 7 7/8" X 5 1/2" 0.1733 CU FT/FT THEORETICAL FILL 4953 0 FT. LESS 25% EXCESS CALCULATED T.O.C. 2660 FT CALCULATED TO C. 85501 CIBP @ 9600' 9650'-54', 9663'66', 9676'-9681' & 9636'-9688', 2 SHOTS/FT.

5 1/2"-17#/FT J-55 & N-80 @ 9816' 225 SX CLASS "H" 50/50 POZ 2% GEL, 6% HALAD-22A, .3% CFR-2, 5# KCL & 1/4# FLOCELE

 1.30 CU, FT/SX
 292.5 CU FT.

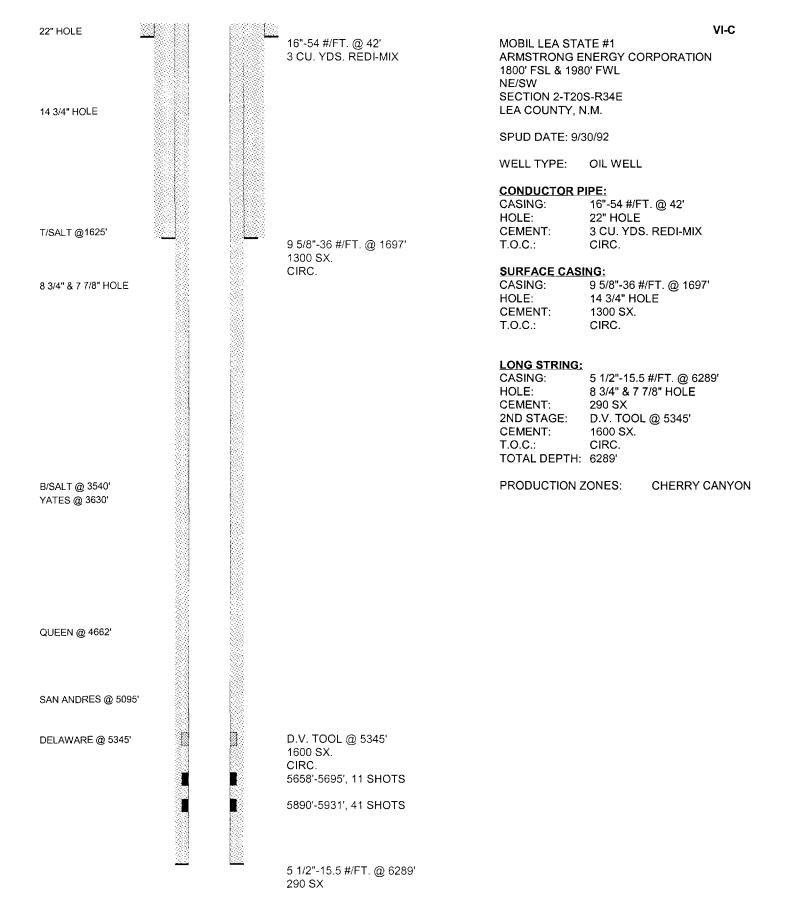
 7 7/8" X 5 1/2"
 0.1733 CU FT/FT

 THEORETICAL FILL
 1687.8 FT.

 LESS 25% EXCESS
 1265.9 FT.

 CALCULATED T.O.C.
 8550.1 FT.

T.D. @ 10800'



HOLE: 14 3/4" HOLE 1200 SX. CEMENT: CIRC. T.O.C.:

LONG STRING:

CASING: 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6289' HOLE: 8 3/4" & 7 7/8" HOLE

CEMENT: 380 SX

2ND STAGE: D.V. TOOL @ 5171'

CEMENT: 1600 SX. CIRC. T.O.C.: TOTAL DEPTH: 6256'

PRODUCTION ZONES: **CHERRY CANYON**

QUEEN @ 4655'

YATES @ 3500'

SEVEN RIVERS @ 3790'

8 3/4" & 7 7/8" HOLE

GRAYBURG @ 4890'

SAN ANDRES @ 5100

DELAWARE @ 5345

D.V. TOOL @ 5171' 1600 SX CIRC.

5605'-5654'

5890'-5930', 39 shots

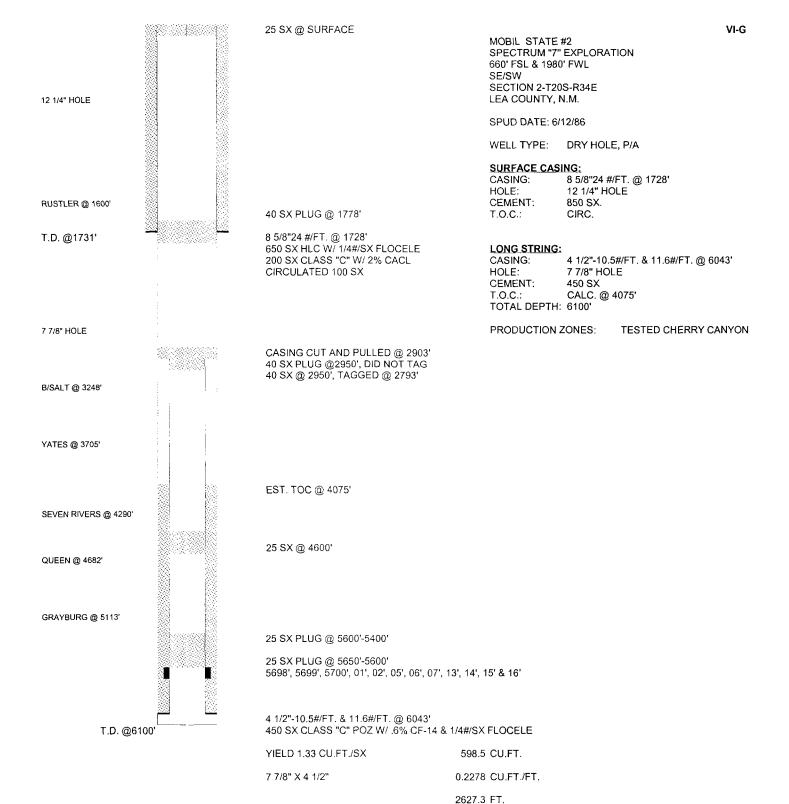
5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6256' 380 SX

5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6300'

414 SX

5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6285'

360 SX



LESS 25%

EST. T.O.C.

1970.5 FT

4073 FT.

17 1/2" HOLE OCHOA @ 1556' 7 7/8" HOLE YATES @ 3401' SEVEN RIVERS @ 3840'

DELAWARE @ 5456'

MARK FEDERAL #8 READ & STEVENS INC. 1650' FSL & 330 ' FEL NE/SE SECTION 3-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, N.M.

SPUD DATE: 8/31/93

WELL TYPEOIL WELL

SURFACE CASING:

CASING: 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. @ 1496'

HOLE: 17 1/2" HOLE CEMENT: 1250 SX T.O.C.: CIRC.

LONG STRING:

CASING: 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 6349'

HOLE: 7 7/8" HOLE CEMENT: 2690 SX T.O.C.: CIRC.

TOTAL DEF6349'

PRODUCTION ZONES: CHERRY CANYON

D.V. TOOL @ 3830' 1400 SX HLC W/ 10 #/SX SALT

470 SX CLASS "C" CIRC 86 SX TO SURFACE

13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. @ 1496'

950 SX LITE

250 SX P.P.

CIRC.

5910'-5986', 32 SHOTS

6030'-6038', 32 SHOTS

5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. @ 6349' 545 SX HLC W/ 5 #/SX GILSONITE 275 SX CLASS "H"

17 1/2" HOLE T.O.C. @ 1500', CBL 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. @ 1486' 950 SX LITE 250 CLASS "C" CIRC. 160 SX 11" HOLE D.V. TOOL @ 3771' 100 360 ECP @ 3816' CIRC 400 SX PREMIUM PLUS 7 7/8" HOLE 5912'-5922' PBTD @ 6157'

MARK FEDERAL #4 READ & STEVENS INC. 330' SFL & 990 ' FEL SE/SE SECTION 3-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, N.M.

SPUD DATE: 10/27/93

WELL TYPE: OIL WELL

SURFACE CASING:

CASING: 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. @ 1486'

17 1/2" HOLE HOLE: 1200 SX CEMENT: T.O.C.: CIRC.

INTERMEDIATE CASING:

CASING: 8 5/8"-32 #/FT @ 5005'

HOLE: 11" HOLE CEMENT: 1750 SX. T.O.C.: CIRC.

LONG STRING:

CASING: 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 6132'

HOLE: 7 7/8" HOLE CEMENT: 650 SX 1500' - CBL T.O.C.:

TOTAL DEPTH: 6214'

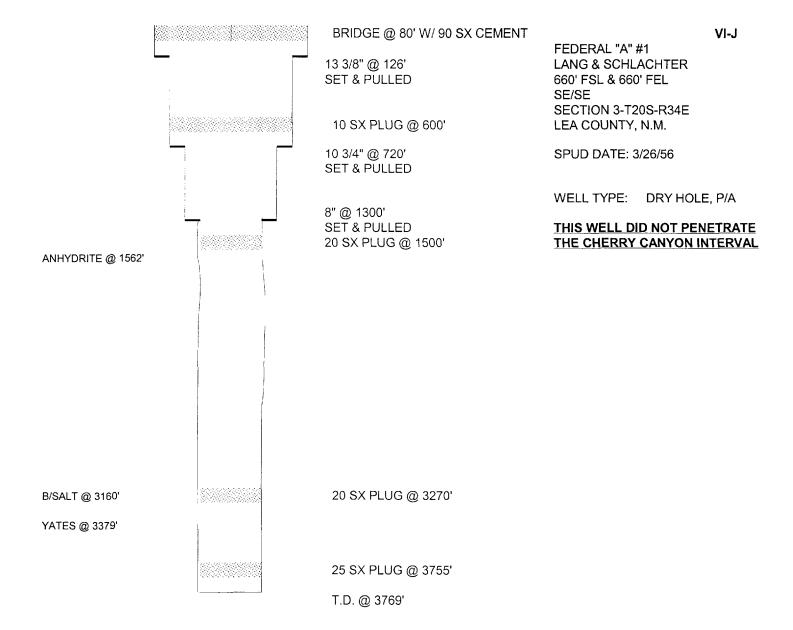
PRODUCTION ZONES: **CHERRY CANYON**

1100 SX LITE W/ 15 #/SX SALT & 1/4 #/SX FLOCELE

250 SX PREMIUM PLUS W/ 2% CACL

8 5/8"-32 #/FT. J-55 & S-80 @ 5005'

5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 6214' 250 SX LITE 400 SX CLASS "C"



17 1/2" HOLE OCHOA @ 1556' YATES @ 3401' SEVEN RIVERS @ 3840' 200 234 7 7/8" HOLE **DELAWARE @ 5456'**

NORTH LEA FEDERAL #10 READ & STEVENS INC. 660' FNL & 990 ' FEL NE/NE SECTION 10-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, N.M.

SPUD DATE: 2/11/93

WELL TYPEOIL WELL

SURFACE CASING:

CASING: 13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 1550'

HOLE: 17 1/2" HOLE CEMENT: 1150 SX T.O.C.: CIRC.

INTERMEDIATE CASING:

CASING: 8 5/8"-32 #/FT @ 4975'

HOLE: 11" HOLE CEMENT: 1750 SX. T.O.C.: CIRC.

LONG STRING:

CASING: 5 1/2"-15.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 6245'

HOLE: 7 7/8" HOLE CEMENT: 700 SX T.O.C.: 1700'

TOTAL DEF6245'

PRODUCTION ZONES: CHERRY CANYON

D.V. TOOL @ 3803' ECP @ 3865' 1100 SX LITE 250 P.P. CIRC. 125 SX

T.O.C. @ 1700'

900 SX LITE

CIRC.

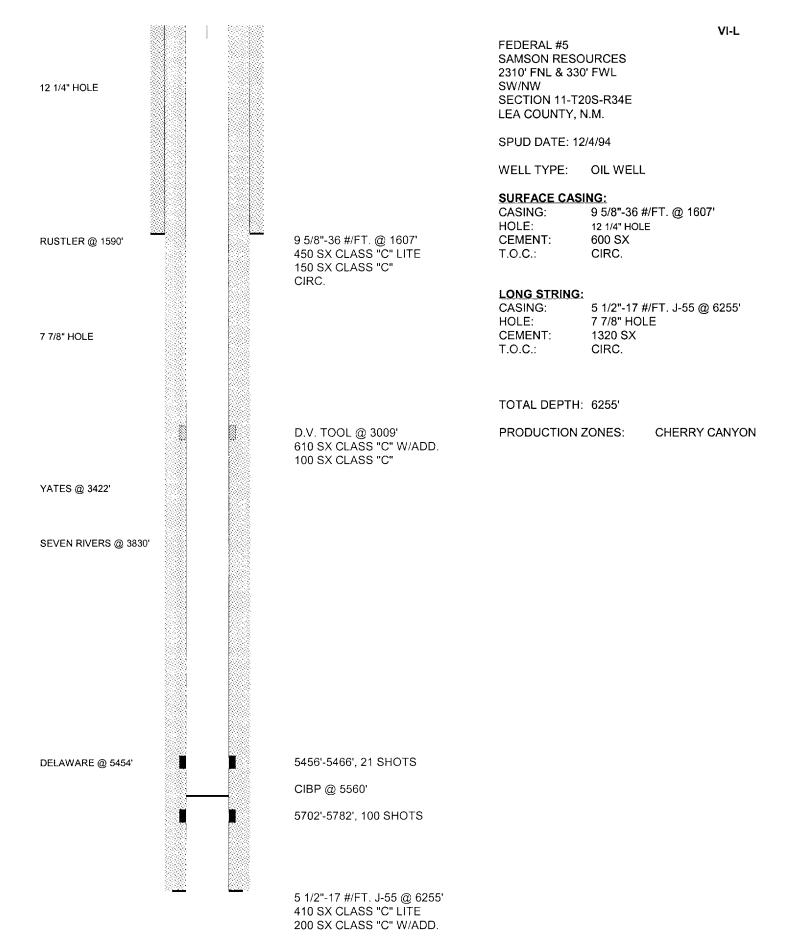
13 3/8"-54.5 #/FT. J-55 @ 1550'

250 SX P.P. W/ 2% CACL

8 5/8"-32 #/FT S-80 & J-55 @ 4975" 400 SX CLASS "H" CIRC 80 SX @ D.V. TOOL

5910'-5930', 40 SHOTS

5 1/2"-15.5#/FT. J-55 @ 6245' 250 SX LITE 450 SX P.P.



24' HOLE

13 3/4" HOLE

ANHYDRITE @ 1610

8/SALT @ 3260

YATES @ 3440'

QUEEN @ 3748"

TUBB @ 4634

9 5/8" HOLE

BONE SPRINGS 8202

T/PENN @ 12060

MISSISSIPPIAN @ 13694

WOODFORD @ 14305* DEVONIAN @ 14478*

FEDERAL#1 SAMSON RESOURCES 1980' FNL & 2130' FWL SE/NW SECTION 11-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, N.M.

16*-65 #/FT @ 723* 1200 SX CIRG

SPUD DATE: 11/4/60

WELL TYPE: GAS WELL - OIL WELL

 SURFACE CASING:

 CASING:
 167-85

 HOLE:
 24" H

 CEMENT:
 1200

 T.O.C..
 CIRC
 16"-65 #FT. @ 723' 24" HOLE 1200 SX CIRC.

| NTERMEDIATE CASING: | CASING: | 10 3/4" @ 5293' | HOLE: | 13 3/4" HOLE | CEMENT: | 3420 SX. | T.O.C: | CIRC. |

LONG STRING: CASING: HOLE: CEMENT: T.O.C.: : 7"-29 & 32 #/FT @ 14360' 9 5/8" HOLE 1700 SX CALC. @ 8680

TOTAL DEPTH: 14619'

PRODUCTION ZONES: TESTED DEVONIAN PRODUCEDMORROW RECOMPLETED TO BONE SPRINGS

10 3/4" @ 5293 3420 SX CIRC

EST TOC @ 8680

SQUEEZE HOLES @ 9420' \$ 9555' SHOT HOLES @ 9470' SQUEEZE W 30 SX C.ASS 'H' W/ 75% CF-14 SQUEEZE W/30 SX C.ASS 'H' SQUEEZE W/30 SX C.ASS 'H' W/ 75% CF-14

10158*-10166*, 32 SHOTS SQUEEZED W/ 100 SX CLASS "H" W/ 6WSX SANC, 14 MSX FLOCELE, 5% CFR-2 10253*-10288*, 1015C*-10158*-9572-9577-9560-9568*, 9476-6496*, 4 ...SPF

PBTD @ 12696' SPOT 61 SX CLASS "H' W / 75% CF-14 ON TOP OF PACKER SPOT 65 SX CLASS "H' W / 75% CF-14 ON TOP OF PACKER PACKER @ 12948'

13034'-13054', 80 SHOTS CIBP @ 13058'

7'-29 & 32 # FT @ 14360' 1700 SX

T.D @ 14819

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VII. PROPOSED OPERATION:

VOLUME OF FLUID TO BE INJECTED: AVERAGE DAILY RATE 500 BWPD

MAXIMUM DAILY RATE 700 BWPD

SYSTEM TYPE: CLOSED

INJECTION PRESSURE: AVERAGE INJECTION PRESSURE 1000 PSI

MAXIMUM INJECTION PRESSURE 1186 PSI (5930' X .2 PSI/FT.)

WATER SOURCE: PRODUCED DELAWARE WATER FROM WELLS IN SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 & 10

T20S-R34E

WATER ANALYSIS: MOBIL LEA STATE #1 12/9/92

TOTAL HARDNESS 1820.00 me/l **CALCIUM** 32076.98 mg/l MAGNESIUM 2673.31 mg/l IRON 30.00 mg/l SODIUM 44604.19 mg/l CHLORIDE 1321995.38 mg/l 550.00 mg/l SULFATE CARBONATE 0.00 mg/l **BICARBONATE** 183.04 mg/l TOTAL SOLIDS 213112.90 mg/l CARBON DIOXIDE 217.80 mg/l

pH 6.65 SPECIFIC GRAVITY 1.14 TDS 213115.89

RESISTIVITY 0.057 @ 70 DEGREES

FCRM C-108 ATTACHMENT

ARMSTRONG ENERGY CORPORATION

MOBIL LEA FEDERAL #8 PMW

330' FSL & 1650 FWL SECTION 2-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

VIII. GEOLOGICAL DATA:

GEOLOGICAL NAME: DELAWARE - CHERRY CANYON

<u>LITHOLOGICAL DETAIL:</u> PRIMARILY SANDSTONES INTERBEDDED WITH LIMESTONE AND SHALE.

FORMATION TOP: CHERRY CANYON - THIRD SAND @ -2239

(MOBIL LEA STATE #3 LOG)

THICKNESS: 104 FT, 5910' - 6014'

GEOLOGICAL DATA OF DRINKING

WATER ZONE:

THE UNDERGROUND SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER IN THE AREA IS THE "CHINLEE", FORMATION WHICH OCCURS AT 65'-200' AND IS APPROXIMATELY 100'-150' THICK. THE CLOSEST FRESHWATER WELL IS THE ROBERTS WELL LOCATED ONE AND

ONE-HALF MILES WEST IN THE SE/SE SECTION 4-T20S-R34E.

THE STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE INDICATES THAT THERE ARE ONLY MINOR ISOLATED

ACCUMULATIONS OF FRESH WATER IN THIS AREA AND THERE ARE NO WELLS

WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE PROPOSED WELL.

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IX. PROPOSED STIMULATION PROGRAM:

ACID BREAKDOWN: AFTER PERFORATING THE ZONE WILL BE ACIDIZED WITH 3000 GALLONS OF 7 1/2%

HCL NEFE ACID WITH RCN BALLSEALERS.

FRACTURE STIMULATION: THE ZONE WILL BE FRACTURE STIMULATED WITH 20,000 GALLONS OF CROSSLINKED GELLED

WATER CARRYING 45,000 POUNDS OF 16-30 SAND.

X. LOGGING AND TEST DATA: THIS WELL HAS NOT BEEN DRILLED YET. LOGS AND TEST DATA WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE

COMMISSION UPON COMPLETION OF THIS WELL. THE ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE IS

SEPTEMBER, 2002.

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XI. ANALYSIS OF FRESH WATER WELLS:

THE CLOSEST SOURCE OF FRESH WATER IS A WINDMILL USED FOR LIVESTOCK WATERING LOCATED IN THE SE/SE OF SECTION 4-T20S-R34E. THIS IS CALLED THE ROBERTS WELL AND IT IS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES WEST OF THE PROPOSED PRESSURE MAINTENANCE WELL. A RECENT CHECK (10/31/95) BY ARMSTRONG ENERGY'S PUMPER INDICATED THIS WELL IS CAPPED AND WATER IS BEING PIPED TO THIS STOCK TANK FROM A SOURCE APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES NORTH NORTHEAST OF THIS SITE. A SAMPLE OF THIS WATER WAS ANALYZED AND THE RESULTS ARE INCLUDED.

MR. KEN FRESQUEZ, WITH THE NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE IN ROSWELL, INDICATES THERE IS ONLY LIMITED AMOUNTS OF FRESH WATER IN THE AREA AND THE ROBERTS WELL IS THE CLOSEST SOURCE OF FRESH WATER. HE INDICATES THE ROBERTS WELL WAS DRILLED TO A DEPTH OF 200 FEET AND PRODUCES WATER FROM THE CHINLEE FORMATION. IN JANUARY 1986 THE WELL HAD A FLUID LEVEL OF 125.86 FEET FROM THE SURFACE.

SAMPLE FROM THE ROBERTS WELL STOCK TANK ANALYZED BY BAKER PETROLEUM CHEMICALS, INC.		
<u>ANALYSIS # 4462</u>		
TOTAL HARDNESS	1.00	me/l
CALCIUM	20.00	mg/l
MAGNESIUM	0.00	mg/l
IRON	0.00	mg/l
SODIUM	4452.80	mg/l
CHLORIDE	5000.00	mg/l
SULFATE	660.00	mg/l
CARBONATE	600.00	mg/l
BICARBONATE	1220.00	mg/l
TOTAL SOLIDS	11952.80	mg/l
CARBON DIOXIDE	0.00	mg/l
На	7.70	Ŭ
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.00	

TDS

11952.80 PPM

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XII. COMMUNICATION WITH SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER:

AFTER EXAMINING ALL AVAILABLE GEOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING DATA, WE FIND NO EVIDENCE OF OPEN FAULTS OR ANY OTHER HYDROLOGIC CONNECTION BETWEEN THE INJECTION ZONE AND ANY UNDERGROUND SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER.

MOBIL LEA FEDERAL #8 PMW 330' FSL & 1650 FWL SECTION 2-T20S-R34E LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

XIII. NOTICE

A COPY OF OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE SURFACE OWNER AND TO EACH LEASEHOLD OPERATOR WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF OUR PROPOSED PRESSURE MAINTENANCE WELL. SEE LISTING ON EXHIBIT "A".

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June 6, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO ALL AFFECTED INTEREST OWNERS

Re:

Application of Armstrong Energy Corporation for approval of a pressure maintenance project and for Qualification of the Project Area for the Recovered Oil Tax Rate pursuant to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Act, Lea County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Armstrong Energy Corporation has filed an application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking an order approving a pressure maintenance project in its New Mexico State Lease No. 2750 located in The SW/4 of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 34 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. A copy of this application with attached Form C-108 is enclosed for your information.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on June 27, 2002, at the Oil Conservation Division hearing room, located at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87504. You are not required to attend this hearing but, as the owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging these matters at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Pre-hearing Statement three days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

ery truly yours,

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