

IN THE MATTER

OF

NEW MEXICO ASPHALT & REFINING COMPANY  
APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE  
PER UNIT OF PRODUCTION IN THE BARBER  
AREA, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

TO THE HONORABLE  
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Now comes New Mexico Asphalt & Refining Company of Artesia, New Mexico, and respectfully requests that the Barber Area in Eddy County, New Mexico (producing asphaltic base crude) be allowed to produce as much as 100 barrels per day per unit of production, for a limited period, from September 1, 1942, to December 1, 1942, for the following reasons, to-wit:

I.

Your petitioner has contracted for the purchase of, and is purchasing, all of the crude oil, (being approximately 1200 barrels per day), now being produced in the Barber Area, the operators producing the oil from said area being Neil H. Wills, Hargrave & Eastham, and F. G. Keyes; that some of the units of production in said area have been producing as much as 100 barrels per day per unit by virtue of back-allowables assigned to this area by your Commission; that the crude oil produced from said units of production from said area has an asphaltic base and represents approximately seventy-five (75%) per cent of all asphaltic crude available in the State of New Mexico; that by September 1, 1942, operator, Neil H. Wills, will have exhausted the back-allowable heretofore assigned to him by your Commission in that portion of said Barber Area commonly referred to by said Neil H. Wills as the PCA pool, which will result in a great reduction in the allowable crude oil available for delivery to your petitioner.

II.

That your petitioner has contracts for the delivery of asphalt and road oils to the U. S. Army Engineers, which is to be used for air base projects throughout the State of New Mexico;

that your petitioner requires a minimum of 1500 barrels of asphaltic base crude oil daily for processing at its refinery in order to fill its commitments for the delivery of asphalt and road oils to said U. S. Army Engineers for the purposes stated; that, unless each unit of production in said Barber Area be allowed to produce as much as 100 barrels per day, your petitioner will have insufficient asphaltic base crude oil to supply the U. S. Army Engineers with asphalt and road oils to be used in the construction of air base projects in the State of New Mexico; that the delivery of said material to said U. S. Army air base projects is essential to National Defense.

III.

That there is not available from any other source within the State of New Mexico asphaltic base crude oil sufficient to supply yours petitioner for the purposes stated.

IV.

That no damage will result to the Barber Area reservoir by granting said increase in allowable.

Respectfully submitted:

NEW MEXICO ASPHALT & REFINING COMPANY

BY:

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