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Case 3925

Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Gentlemen:

In the matter of Order No. R-3221, the Commission's Salt Water Disposal Order.

I am the owner of an oil well in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 36, T17S, R27E, drilled to a depth of approximately 1750 feet in the Grayburg section. This well is at the present time producing 15 to 16 barrels of oil and 60 barrels of "salt" water per day.

I petition the Commission for an exception to the above order in that I be allowed to continue utilizing an unlined surface pit on the grounds that this pit does not and will not constitute any hazard to fresh water supplies.

The water is wholly contained in the pit which is dug in the gypsum outcrop of the Chalk Bluff formation. This solid massive gypsum is exposed in a five to six mile wide outcrop from the Pecos River to slightly east of the pit as evidenced in the accompanying maps.

The one forty acre tract with the one well on it is all the production I own in this area. A disposal well or an evaporation pit would not be economically feasible for any reasonable projection of the amount of oil this well might make.

There are no other operators in this vicinity with water production or contemplated disposal systems.

The subsurface water in this area is salt water.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures:

1. 4 Township Oil Ownership Map
2. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Minute Red Lake Quadrangle Map
3. Plate 1, Ground Water Report 3
4. Plat of Water Flood Area
5. Letter from Evans Water Service
6. Result of Oil and Water Tests

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