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Case 4145

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

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.

RE: Saltwater Disposal - Lusk Area -
Lea and Eddy Counties, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Tenneco Oil Company respectfully requests an exception to the provisions of (3) of Order No. R-3221 in order to dispose of water produced from wells located on Tenneco's J. Miller and Ohio-Jones leases into unlined surface pits located on these leases. The J. Miller lease is composed of 40 acres, being Unit E, Section 19, T-19-S, R-32-E, Lea County and the Ohio-Jones lease is composed of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, T-19-S, R-31-E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Tenneco asks that this exception be granted administratively by amending Order No. R-3221-B to enlarge the exception area established by said leases described above. Because of the proximity of the subject Tenneco leases to the excepted area, the conclusions of that Order would apply equally well to the Tenneco leases.

The three wells located on the Ohio-Jones lease and the one well on the J. Miller lease are completed in the Yates Formation. Water production from the three Ohio-Jones wells is currently running about 18 BWPD and from the one Miller well about 42 BWPD. These volumes are not expected to vary appreciably in the future. All of this water is currently gathered in tanks and trucked to National Potash Company's tailing pit located some 4.5 mi south of the subject properties.

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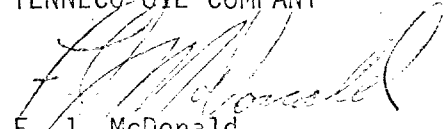
On February 28, 1969, the Conservation Commission, in Order No. R-3686, granted an exception to Order No. R-3221-B to Texaco covering all of Section 32, T-19-S, R-32-E, Lea County, with the exception of the N/2 of the NE/4 of that Section. This Texaco property is located 1.5 mi south and one mile east of the Tenneco leases covered by this application.

~~In the event that this application can not be granted administratively, Tenneco asks that it be scheduled for hearing and a temporary emergency order be issued allowing unlined surface pit disposal until said hearing can be held and a ruling issued.~~

By copy of this application, Tenneco is notifying all offset operators of its intentions.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY


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