BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDER PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF OIL FIELD BRINES IN SURFACE PITS IN LEA, CHAVES, ROOSEVELT, AND EDDY COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO.

> CASE No. 3551 Order No. R-3221

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1967, at Hobbs, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>lst</u> day of May, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That large amounts of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, are being disposed of on the surface of the ground by means of unlined disposal pits located in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(3) That said produced water contains high concentrations of chlorides.

(4) That fresh water supplies as designated by the state engineer exist in substantially all areas where there is surface pit disposal and in substantially all the area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(5) That the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of

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the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, constitutes a hazard to existing fresh water supplies, as designated by the state engineer, in the vicinity of such disposal.

(6) That in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies as designated by the state engineer, the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies existing in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, should be prohibited in said Counties.

(7) That the testimony indicates that the volume of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Middle Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Wolfcamp, and Northeast Bagley-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County, New Mexico, and being disposed of into unlined pits is so great as to constitute an imminent threat to fresh water supplies designated by the state engineer and the surface disposal of said water should, therefore, be prohibited after October 31, 1967, in the area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(8) That large amounts of water are produced in conjunction with the production of oil from active waterflood projects and active water pressure maintenance projects.

(9) That one or more injection wells are present in each waterflood project.

(10) That in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the state engineer, the surface disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil from active waterflood projects and active water pressure maintenance projects should be prohibited after December 31, 1967, in the area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(11) That complete prohibition of surface disposal in Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, should be accomplished by December 31, 1968, unless specifically exempted. -3-CASE No. 3551 Order No. R-3221

(12) That the surface disposal in pits of not more than one barrel per day for each developed 40-acre tract served by said pits, but limited to a maximum of 16 barrels per day, is so insignificant as to present little hazard to finish water supplies and should be allowed in order to prevent saste caused by the premature abandonment of wells.

(13) That in order to prevent waste caused by the drowning out of oil or gas wells or burdensome delay or expenses, the District Supervisor of the appropriate District Office of the Commission should be empowered to authorize temporary disposal in surface pits for a period not to exceed 30 days for such contingencies as injection system failures and evaluation of wildcat wells.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED .

(1) That effective November 1, 1967, the dispond of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian, North Bagl y-Middle Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Wolfcamp, and Northeast Bagley-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County, New Mexico, or within one mile thereof, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies, is hereby prohibited in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(2) That effective January 1, 1968, the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil from any waterflood project or water pressure maintenance projection the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies is hereby prohibited in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(3) That effective January 1, 1969, the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not -4-CASE No. 3551 Order No. R-3221

previously been prohibited by Orders Nos. (1) or (2) above, or by Order No. R-1224-A, or by Order No. R-2526, or by Order No. R-2788, or by Order No. R-3164, is hereby prohibited in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico.

(4) That in those areas subject to the provisions of Orders Nos. (1) and (3) above, surface pits may be utilized for the disposal of a maximum of one barrel of produced water per day for each developed 40-acre tract served by said pits, provided however, that in no event shall said surface pit disposal exceed 16 barrels per day, and provided further, that this authorization shall not apply to those areas affected by Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, R-2788, or R-3164.

(5) That nothing contained in this order shall be construed as prohibiting the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in impervious lined pits presently in use, provided said pits were inspected and approved by a Commission representative prior to use, and for so long as said pits are properly maintained to ensure their continued imperviousness.

(6) That each unlined pit used for the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, and not servicing a well exempt under the provisions of Order No. (4) above shall be filled, leveled, and compacted within six months after its use for the disposal of produced water is prohibited or by November 1, 1967, whichever date is later.

(7) That nothing contained in this order shall be construed as prohibiting the use and maintenance of mud pits or burn pits.

(8) That the District Supervisor of the approporate District Office of the Commission is hereby empowered to authorize temporary disposal in surface pits for a period not to exceed 30 days for such contingencies as injection system failures and evaluation of wildcat wells. Authority for said-disposal shall only be granted on an individual case basis and only after the volume and quality of the water produced and the proximity of fresh water supplies have been taken into consideration.

(9) That the provisions of this order are in addition to the provisions of Order No. R-1224-A, Order No. R-2526, Order

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No. R-2788, and Order No. R-3164 of the Commission and nothing herein contained shall be construed as abridging or altering in any manner the provisions of said orders.

(10) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE REVISION OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF ORDER NO. R-3221, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EF-FECTIVE DATE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF SURFACE DISPOSAL OF PRODUCED WATER FROM THE NORTH BAGLEY-UPPER PENNSYLVANIAN, NORTH BAGLEY-MIDDLE PENNSYLVANIAN, NORTH BAGLEY-LOWER PENNSYL-VANIAN, NORTH BAGLEY-WOLFCAMP, AND NORTHEAST BAGLEY-WOLFCAMP POOLS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, OR WITHIN ONE MILE THEREOF, BE CHANGED FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1967, TO SOME EARLIER DATE.

> CASE No. 3644 Order No. R-3221-A

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 30, 1967, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>31st</u> day of August, 1967, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That effective November 1, 1967, Order (1) of Order No. R-3221 forbids the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Middle Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Wolfcamp, and Northeast Bagley-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County, New Mexico, or within one mile thereof, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. -2-CASE No. 3644 Order No. R-3221-A

(3) That upon considering the evidence presented in Case No. 3551 which resulted in the issuance of Order No. R-3221, the Commission found the production of salt water in the North Bagley Field to be so great as to constitute an imminent threat to the fresh water supplies designated by the state engineer and found that it would be necessary to prohibit surface disposal of said salt water no later than November 1, 1967, in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of said fresh water supplies.

(4) That the evidence presented in Case No. 3644 establishes that the volume of salt water being produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in the North Bagley Field greatly exceeds the volume of produced salt water anticipated by the Commission when it issued Order No. R-3221.

(5) That the evidence presented in Case No. 3644 establishes that the excessive amounts of water being produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in the North Bagley Field constitute an even more immediate threat to the fresh water supplies than anticipated by the Commission at the time Order No. R-3221 was issued.

(6) That the testimony presented in Case No. 3644 indicates that all salt water disposal systems in the North Bagley Area heretofore authorized by the Commission can be in operation by approximately the middle of October, 1967.

(7) That the aforesaid salt water disposal systems will be capable of handling all salt water being produced in the North Bagley Field in mid-October.

(8) That the prohibition of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in the North Bagley Field, or within one mile thereof, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies on or after November 1, 1967, in the area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, will not afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the state engineer.

(9) That in order to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies designated by the state engineer, Order (1) of Order No. R-3221 should be amended to

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prohibit the surface disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, in the North Bagley Field, or within one mile thereof, on or after October 16, 1967.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order (1) of Order No. R-3221, dated May 1, 1967, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(1) That effective October 16, 1967, the disposal of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from the North Bagley-Upper Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Middle Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Lower Pennsylvanian, North Bagley-Wolfcamp, and Northeast Bagley-Wolfcamp Pools, Lea County, New Mexico, or within one mile thereof, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies, is hereby prohibited in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico."

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

GUYTON B. HAYS, Member

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF ORDER NO. R-3221, THE COMMISSION'S SALT WATER DISPOSAL ORDER, TO PERMIT THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PRESENTLY EXISTING AND FUTURE POOLS IN EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO, FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SAID ORDER.

> CASE No. 3806 Order No. R-3221-B

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 17, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this 25th day of July, 1968, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That effective January 1, 1969, Order (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, dated May 1, 1967, prohibits in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited. -2-CASE No. 3806 Order No. R-3221-B

(3) That within the area described as:

EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 8 through 36 TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Sections 4 through 9; Sections 16 through 21; and Sections 28 through 33 TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36 TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 3; Sections 10 through 15; Sections 22 through 27; and Sections 34 through 36 TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 19

exist a number of oil and gas pools which produce varying amounts of salt water.

(4) That the major portions of Clayton Basin and North Draw, broad depressions caused by the slumping of the surface due to the

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removal of the underlying salt by solution, lie within the abovedescribed area.

(5) That the general direction of movement of both ground water and surface water in the subject area is toward and into said basins, thence southwest in Nash Draw toward Malaga Bend.

(6) That a substantial amount of water is produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, by the oil and gas wells located in the above-described area.

(7) That said produced water is presently being disposed of in surface pits located in the above-described area.

(8) That a number of large surface ponds, or lakes, containing extremely high concentrations of chlorides are located in the above-described area.

(9) That in relation to said surface lakes, said disposal pits are inconsiderable in volume of water received and seepage underground.

(10) That the aforesaid disposal pits and surface lakes are located within the same surface and subsurface drainage system, as described in Finding (5) above.

(11) That the purpose of Order No. R-3221, to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies by surface disposal of produced water, would not be advanced by the enforcement of said order as to the above-described area.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That all oil and gas wells, both existing and prospective, located in the following-described area are hereby excepted from the provision of Order (3) of Order No. R-3221, to authorize the operators of said wells to dispose of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, from said wells in unlined surface pits located in said following-described area until further order of the Commission:

> EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 8 through 36

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> TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

> TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, NMPM Sections 4 through 9; Sections 16 through 21; and Sections 28 through 33

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 36

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TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, NMPM Sections 1 through 19

(2) That the Commission may by administrative order rescind such authority as to any or all such wells whenever it reasonably appears to the Commission that such rescission would serve to afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary. -5-CASE NO. 3806 Order No. R-3221-B

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman GUYTON B. HAYS, Member A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF ORDER NO. R-3221, THE COMMISSION'S SALT WATER DISPOSAL ORDER, TO PERMIT THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PRESENTLY EXISTING AND FUTURE POOLS IN EDDY AND LEA COUNTIES, NEW MEXICO, FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SAID ORDER.

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# NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

It appearing to the Commission that due to clerical error, Order No. R-3221-B, dated July 25, 1968, does not correctly state the intended finding of the Commission in one particular,

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the phrase "North Draw" is hereby stricken from the first line of Finding (4) on Page 2 of Order No. R-3221-B, dated July 25, 1968, and the phrase "Nash Draw" is hereby substituted in lieu thereof.

(2) That this order shall be effective nunc pro tunc as of July 25, 1968.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this <u>13th</u> day of August, 1968.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman GUYTON B. HAYS, Member A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

SEAL

# BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF ORDER NO. R-3221, THE COMMISSION'S SALT WATER DISPOSAL ORDER.

> CASE No. 3807 Order No. R-3221-C

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

# BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 17, 1968, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission."

NOW, on this <u>10th</u> day of September, 1968, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony presented and the exhibits received at said hearing, and being fully advised in the premises,

#### FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That effective upon various dates, Orders (1), (2), and (3) of Commission Order No. R-3221, dated May 1, 1967, prohibits, in that area encompassed by Lea, Eddy, Chaves, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico, the disposal, subject to minor exceptions, of water produced in conjunction with the production of oil or gas, or both, on the surface of the ground, or in any pit, pond, lake, depression, draw, streambed, or arroyo, or in any watercourse, or in any other place or in any manner which will constitute a hazard to any fresh water supplies and said disposal has not previously been prohibited.

(3) That Order (4) of said Order No. R-3221 authorizes limited utilization of unlined surface pits in areas not affected by Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, R-2788, or R-3164. -2-CASE No. 3807 Order No. R-3221-C

(4) That Order (5) of said Order No. R-3221 authorizes utilization of certain impervious lined pits in use at the effective date of said order.

(5) That Order (8) of said Order No. R-3221 authorizes temporary disposal in surface pits during certain contingencies.

(6) That in order to provide more uniform provisions among the various salt water disposal orders of the Commission and to ease the administration of said orders, Order (4) of said Order No. R-3221 should be amended to also authorize, in those areas subject to Orders Nos. (1) and (3) of said Order No. R-3221, the utilization of unlined surface pits in those areas affected by Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, and R-3164 for the disposal of limited quantities of water.

(7) That the utilization of lined evaporation pits is feasible and in the interest of good conservation practices, provided they are properly designed, constructed, and maintained.

(8) That the utilization of properly designed, constructed, and maintained lined evaporation pits should be authorized in all areas subject to Order No. R-3221.

(9) That in order to prevent waste caused by burdensome delay or expenses upon operators of development wells, Order (8) of said Order No. R-3221 should be amended to also authorize temporary storage or disposal of water in surface pits during the evaluation of all newly completed wells.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Order (4) of Order No. R-3221 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(4) That in those areas subject to the provisions of Orders Nos. (1) and (3) above, and in those areas affected by Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, and R-3164, surface pits may be utilized for the disposal of a maximum of one barrel of produced water per day for each developed 40-acre tract served by said pits, provided however, that in no event shall said surface pit disposal exceed 16 barrels per day, and provided further, that this authorization shall not apply to that area affected by Order No. R-2788." -3-CASE No. 3807 Order No. R-3221-C

(2) That Order (5) of Order No. R-3221 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(5) The use of lined evaporation pits in those areas affected by Orders Nos. (1), (2), and (3) above, and in those areas affected by Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, R-2788, and R-3164 is hereby pro-hibited except as follows:

"A. Continued disposal of water in impervious lined pits which were previously constructed pursuant to the provisions of Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, R-2788, and R-3164, and which were inspected and approved by a Commission representative prior to use, shall be permitted after October 10, 1968, only if the operator of any such lined pit shall have obtained a permit for such use from the appropriate district office of the Commission. The permit shall be applied for in accordance with the provisions of paragraph B-8 below and shall be valid only for so long as the pit is properly maintained to ensure its continued imperviousness.

"B. Under certain circumstances, the District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission may issue a permit authorizing the use of newly constructed lined pits for evaporation or storage of produced water.

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To qualify for and to sustain a permit authorizing the operator to utilize newly constructed lined evaporation pits:

- 1. The lease or leases served by the installation should have a settled or decreasing rate of water production.
- 2. The installation must provide adequate storage capacity to safely contain all water produced, taking into account those months during which evaporation rates are normally at their minimum and must provide at least 600 square feet of evaporative surface for each barrel (42 U.S. Gallons) of produced water to be placed in said pit on a daily average basis throughout the year.
- 3. The installation must provide a header pit, or other appropriate scheme, lined with a suitable oil-resistant material to trap any oil carried with the water, constructed and operated in a

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> manner to prevent said oil from reaching the evaporation pit, and the surface of the evaporation pit must be maintained free of oil.

4. Evaporation and header pits must be constructed with underlying gravel-filled sumps and laterals, or other suitable devices, for the detection of leakage; the Commission shall be given an opportunity to inspect same prior to being lined with an impervious material, at least 30 mils in thickness, which is resistant to hydrocarbons, salts, and aqueous acids and alkalis. The material must also be fungus- and rot-resistant and must be sun-resistant, or provision made to protect it from the sun.

- 5. Each lined pit installation shall be identified by a sign, posted on or near said installation which shall show the name of the lease, name of the operator, the location by quarter-quarter section, township and range, and the permit number of the permit authorizing the installation. In addition, the installation must be adequately fenced, with the corners securely braced, and the fence maintained in good repair.
- 6. Whenever there is evidence that leakage is occurring, the pit or pits must be emptied and repaired to the satisfaction of the Commission before disposal therein may be resumed.
- 7. Any salt remaining in a lined pit must, upon termination of use of said pit for disposal purposes, be disposed of in a manner that will afford reasonable protection against contamination of fresh water supplies, and the pit shall be filled, leveled, and compacted as soon as practicable after termination of such use.
- 8. Application for a permit to utilize a lined evaporation pit shall be in triplicate on a form prescribed by the Commission (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A") and shall be filed with and

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> approval obtained from the District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission prior to commencement of construction. Application forms and minimum specifications for the design and construction of lined evaporation pits are available at the district and Santa Fe offices of the Commission.

"C. The Commission may from time to time make such tests and require the furnishing of such evidence as it deems necessary to determine that any lined evaporation pit is maintained in satisfactory condition. The Commission may suspend or revoke by administrative order the permit authorizing a lined evaporation pit whenever it reasonably appears to the Commission that such suspension or revocation would serve to protect fresh water supplies from pollution."

(3) That Order (8) of Order No. R-3221 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(8) That the District Supervisor of the appropriate district office of the Commission is hereby empowered to authorize temporary storage or disposal in surface pits for a period not to exceed 30 days during such contingencies as injection system failures and evaluation of newly completed wells. Authority for said disposal shall only be granted on an individual case basis and only after the volume and quality of the water produced and the proximity of fresh water supplies have been taken into consideration. Any unlined pit used for temporary storage during an emergency must be emptied as soon as the emergency is ended."

(4) That Order (9) of Order No. R-3221 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"(9) That subject to the provisions of Orders Nos. (4) and (5) above, the provisions of this order are in addition to the provisions of Orders Nos. R-1224-A, R-2526, R-2788, and R-3164 of the Commission and nothing herein contained shall be construed as abridging or altering in any manner the provisions of said orders."

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(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman GUYTON B. HAYS, Member A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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#### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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TO UTILIZE A LINED EVAPORATION PIT

Name of Operator
Address
Location of evaporation pit: Unit Letter SectionTownshipRange
Lease(s) which will be producing into pit
Pool(s) which will be producing into pit
Analysis of disposal water: Chloridesppm. Total dissolved solidsppm. (If more than one pool will be producing into pit, give water snalysis for each pool.)
Quantity of water to be disposed of into this pitbarrels per day.
Water production from these same wells six months agobpd. Three months agobpd (If more than one pool will be producing into pit, give water production data for each)
Method of hydrocarbon entrapment to be employed: Settling tankHeader pit
If settling tank is to be used, give size and number of barrels
If header pit is to be used, give dimensions and depth
Header pit lining meterial Thickness
Dimensions of Evaporation Pit ("A" and "B" on diagram)
Number of square feet contained in above
Cepth (Top of levee to floor of pit"D" on diagram)
Waterial to be used as linerThickness
Does manufacturer recommend protection of material from direct sunlight? YesNo
If yes, what means will be provided to so protect the material?
is material resistant to hydrocarbons? YesNoNO_NO
Is material resistant to acids and alkalis? YesNoNO_NO
is material resistant to selts? YesNoNO_NO
Is-material resistant to fungus? YesNoNoNo
Is material rot-resistant? YesNoNo
Will joints in material be fabricated in the field? YesNoNO_NO
If yes, describe method to be used in joining material
Attach manufacturer's brochure describing the qualities of the lining material.
Describe the leakage detection system to be used
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further, that the subject evaporation pit and appurtenances, when installed, will be kept in good repair, and that all due diligence will be exercised in keeping the surface of the water free of oil and other debris.
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Supreme Court Opinions, Chief Justice Federici ol. 23, No. 17, April 26, 1984 (Ct.App.1979). ustomer whose business, along with a Since the evidence conclusively har--umber of other persc Duke City - Sub. Opinion t of one of the ith Insurors not to ted rite for three year: the he agreement. Danz s on ad accepted the c vithin that per the estimony regardin; s to imilar transactio each that Danzer had ntry violated the Jun s so Insurors tendered also that breach, and re ment awarding compensa the lamages on its cour with refused. days ' Although Insur ntage breach of the June zer's matter was liti is of 15(b)(Repl.ramp...., Civ.P.R. 1981. provides that issues tried by express IT IS SO ORDERED. or implicit consent of the parties shall be treated as if they had been s/MARY C. WALTERS, Justice raised by the pleadings, and a failure to move to so amend "does not affect the WE CONCUR: result of the trial of these issues." s/WILLIAM RIORDAN, Justice See also Fidelity Nat. Bank v. Lobo s/HARRY E. STOWERS, Jr., Justice Hijo Corp., 92 N.M. 737, 594 P.2d 1193 From The New Mexico Supreme Court 

DUKE CITY LUMBER COMPANY, Petitioner Petitioner,

versus

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD and NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION, Respondents.

No. 15078 (filed April 4, 1984)

#### ORIGINAL PROCEEDING ON CERTIORARI Administrative Appeal

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OF INDOM ILLIAM R. FUDERICI, Chief Justice. The opinion of this Court eretofore filed on November 23, 1983 ; withdrawn and the following opinion is substituted therefor.

Company, City Lumber Duke petitioner, applied to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (Board) for a one year variance from Air

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Quality Control Regulation 402(A). The application was denied, and the denial was reviewed by the Court of Appeals. The court remanded "with instructions to the Board to conduct further proceedings to determine whether the wood smoke, in the volume being emitted from appellant's wigwam burner is 'injurious to health or safety.'" Duke City Lumber Co. v. New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board, 95 N.M. 401, 407, 622 P.2d 709, 715 (Ct.App.1980), cert. denied, 95 N.M. 426, 622 P.2d 1046 (1981) (emphasis added).

The Board held a second hearing and again denied the application for a variance. Duke City Lumber Company again appealed. The Court of Appeals, affirming the Board's second denial of the variance, held that a condition injurious to health or safety does not mean actual harm, but "only a condition that **tends** to cause harm to health or safety."

The Court of Appeals also upheld, but questioned, the current New Mexico standard of judicial review which is limited to substantial evidence in the record. We granted certiorari.

The questions presented are:

I. Whether judicial review of an Environmental Improvement Board decision should be limited to the current standard of substantial evidence in the record, or whether this Court should now adopt a "whole record review" standard.

II. Whether the showing by the Environmental Improvement Division that wood smoke from Duke City Lumber's woodwaste burner **tends** to cause harm is sufficient to constitute "emission . . . as may with reasonable probability injure human health," as required by NMSA 1978, Section 74-2-2(B) (Repl.Pamp.1983).

III. Whether there was competent evidence to support a finding that wood smoke from Duke City's woodwaste burner is injurious to health or safety.

# I. Substantial Evidence Rule.

The Air Quality Control Act (Act), NMSA 1978, Sections 74-2-1 through 74-2-17 (Repl.Pamp.1983), specifically provides for judicial review of the Act. Section 74-2-9 states: "Any person to whom the board denies a variance, after a hearing, may appeal

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to the court of appeals. All appeals shall be upon the record made at the hearing . . . " The Court of Appeals may set aside the Board's denial of a variance if it is found to be arbitrary, capricious or an abuse of discretion, not supported by substantial evidence in the record, or otherwise not in accordance with law. Id.

The separation of powers doctrine directs administrative agencies to their duty of implementing legislation. The Legislature grants agencies the discretion of promulgating rules and regulations which have the force of law. The agencies must also determine whether there has been compliance with administrative decisions, and this is an adjudication. Therefore, agencies exercise in part functions of all three branches of government. This requires a carefully defined standard of review by the courts.

Some statutes, such as the New Mexico Administrative Procedures Act, provide for review of agency actions on the "entire record." NMSA 1978. Section 12-8-22(A). Other statutes, such as the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act before us, do not contain the words "entire record" or "as a whole." NMSA 1978, Section 74-2-9 (Repl.Pamp.1983). Certainly, in cases arising under statutes that expressly require whole record review of administrative decisions, the New Mexico Supreme Court has applied it. Young v. Board of Pharmacy, 81 N.M. 5, 462 P.2d 139 (1969). Also, in certain cases, even without express statutory provision for whole record review, we have engaged in a review of the record as a whole. Ribera V. Employment Security Commission, 92 N.M. 694, 696, 594 P.2d 742, 744 (1979) (deciding "based upon all of the Transcontinental evidence"); Bus State System ٧. Corporation Commission, 67 N.M. 56, 60, 352 P.2d 245, 247-248 (1959) (reviewing "the testimony of the witnesses, considered as a whole"); Garrett Freight Lines V. State Corporation Commission, 63 N.M. 48, 312 P.2d 1061 (1957) (considering testimony presented by both sides).

When the Legislature does not specify either standard the courts in New Mexico have followed the rule of をすれるみ はまたいかい 日本 あいまち あんという こうかん ちゅうちゅう あいます 博士 うちょう ちょうちょう いいしょう いいしょう しょうしょう

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substantial evidence in the record, requiring the reviewing court to determine whether the record contains substantial evidence to support the agency decision and to ignore evidence to the contrary. Substantial evidence "such relevant evidence is as а reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion." State Corporation Rinker ν. Commission, 84 N.M. 626, 627, 506 P.2d 783, 784 (1973).

The United States Supreme Court addressed whole record review as early as 1951. It held that courts are to review and consider not only evidence in support of one party's contention to determine whether there was substantial evidence to support the agency finding, but courts are to look also to evidence which is contrary to the finding. The reviewing court would then decide agency's whether on balance, the decision was supported by substantial evidence. Universal Camera Corp. v. NLRB, 340 U.S. 474 (1951). The federal courts require administrative findings of fact to be supplemented by substantial evidence, and also that those findings be reviewed on the whole record. Committee for an Independent P-I v. Hearst Corp., 704 F.2d 467 (9th Cir.1983); United States Soil Conditioning v. NLRB, 606 F.2d 940 (10th Cir.1979).

The Court of Appeals was correct in applying to this case the more limited standard of review and ignoring all evidence unfavorable to the Board's decision. We have previously held that it is not proper for the Court of Appeals to change the standard of review, but their opinion properly addresses the shortcomings of this limited review and we agree with the Court of Appeals that it should be insofar as administrative changed, boards and agencies are concerned. See Alexander v. Delgado, 84 N.M. 717, 507 P.2d 778 (1973). New Mexico's present standard of review is not only outdated, but contrary to the rule followed by a majority of other jurisdictions and by the federal course. Limited by our prior opinions the Court of Appeals concluded that because Section 74-2-9 provides for reversal of the Board's denial of variance if found not to be supported

Supreme Court Opinions, Chief Justice Federici by substantial evidence in the record as opposed to substantial evidence in the record as a whole it was compelled to ignore strong evidence of medical effects of wood smoke and deficiencies in the air quality model which was before the Board. Not only does this interpretation shroud the judgment of the reviewing courts with imposed ignorance of enlightening evidence, but it also causes uneven treatment among those who seek review of the actions of administrative boards various and agencies.

We have continued to follow the rule that if there is substantial evidence in the record to support a finding, the reviewing court is bound thereby. Also, in deciding whether the finding has substantial support, the court must view evidence in the light most favorable to support the findings. and any evidence unfavorable to the finding will not be considered. Trujillo v. Romero, 82 N.M. 301, 481 P.2d 89 (1971); Tapia v. Panhandle Steel Erectors Company, 78 N.M. 86, 428 P.2d 625 (1967). This Court has said it will not weigh conflicting evidence or determine credibility of witnesses. Lujan ٧. Pendaries Properties, Inc., 96 N.M. 771, 635 P.2d 580 (1981); Worthey v. Sedillo Title Guaranty, Inc., 85 N.M. 339, 512 P.2d 667 (1973). We confirm this rule for the judicial review of orders and judgments of trial courts.

However, for administrative appeals we now expressly modify the substantial evidence rule as heretofore adopted by this Court and supplement it with the whole record standard for judicial review of findings of fact made by administrative agencies. A review of the whole record is clearly indicated in those cases where the administrative agency serves not only the as factfinder but also as the complainant and prosecutor. See 73A C.J.S., Public Administrative Law and Procedure Section 213 (1983).

The new standard which we have pronounced in this case has been previously considered and applied by this Court in New Mexico Human Services Dapartment V. Garcia, 94 N.M. 175, 608 P.2d 151 (1980), where we stated:

Whether the decision by HSD is

Supreme Court Opinions, Chief Justice Federici supported by substantial evidence in the [record as a] whole, is one of the standards for judicial review of administrative decisions by HSD as required by Section 27-3-4(F), N.M.S.A. 1978. The language employed in the statute does not abrogate the substantial evidence rule as that rule has existed in New Mexico. The language does point to the fact that the substantial evidence rule must be applied to the entire record and that segments of the record may not be ignored in applying the rule. The statute does not mean that upon judicial review of the findings by HSD, the Court may reweigh the evidence and reassign the preponderance of evidence. In order to determine whether the decision by HSD is supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole, we must view the evidence in the light most favorable to the decision by HSD. While this rule is applicable to decisions of administrative boards and tribunals as well as to decisions of courts, it does not permit accepting part of the evidence and totally disregarding other convincing evidence in the record considered as a whole. Because of the minor departure from the customary substantial evidence rule in reviewing administrative decisions where the record as a whole must be considered, the reviewing court may act on other ) convincing evidence in the record and may make its own findings based thereon. Id. at 176-177, 608 P.2d at 152-153 (emphasis added). II. Tends to Cause Harm. This case was originally remanded by the Court of Appeals to the agency

by the Court of Appeals to the agency solely to determine whether the wood smoke Duke City emitted was "injurious to health or safety." Duke City Lumber Co. v. New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board, 95 N.M. 401, 407, 622 P.2d 709, 715 (Ct. App.1980), cert. denied, 95 N.M. 426, 622 P.2d 1046 (1981).

The Air Quality Control Act defines air pollution as, "the emission . . . into the outdoor atmosphere of one or Vol. 23, No. 17, April 26, 1984 more air contaminants in such quantities and duration as may with reasonable probability injure human health . . . NMSA 1978, Section 74-2-2(B) (Repl.Pamp.1983).

The Board may grant a variance when compliance with air quality regulations will result in arbitrary and unreasonable taking of property or will impose an undue economic burden, and will not result in condition а injurious to health or safety. NMSA 1978, Section 74-2-8 (Repl.Pamp.1983). This definition does not permit the denial by the Board of a variance upon a mere showing that a condition "tends to cause harm." The Board has power under the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act to deny the variance when the air pollution that would result from granting a would variance with 'reasonable probability" injure health. The Legislature has provided the standard of reasonable probability, and this Court must adhere to it. The Board and the Court of Appeals erred by expanding the statutory definition of air pollution from emissions from a "reasonable probability" of injuring health to a condition which "tends to cause harm." The result we have reached under this Point II would be the same whether we applied the old substantial evidence test or the new whole record review standard.

# HI. Sufficiency of the Evidence (Residuum Rule).

Administrative hearings in this case were conducted under relaxed rules of procedure to obtain information upon which to arrive at a definitive result. Town meeting-type hearings were held by the Board to solicit public participation regarding Duke City's request for a variance. Unsworn testimony of citizens and testimony of an Espanola physician was presented in support of the Board's decision that smoke from Duke City's mill would be injurious to health. Testimony by the physician was general rather than specific. He referred to and read from source material but he did not relate to or apply that material to the facts in this case. Lay witnesses and the doctor testified that smoke from the and burner caused asthma attacks irritation of eyes, nose and throat. Administrative The New Mexico

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Procedures Act provides that evidence) say be relied upon "if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably? prudent men in the conduct of their affairs." NMSA 1978, Section 12-8-11(A). The standard for admissibility in an administrative hearing under this Act is therefore one of whether the evidence has any probative value. Rowever, New Mexico courts require that an administrative action be supported by some evidence that would he admissible in a jury trial. This has been referred to as the legal residuum rule. Young v. Board of Pharmacy, 81 N.M. 5, 462 P.2d 139 (1969). New Mexico has continued to require a residuum of competent evidence to support the findings of an administrative agency where a substantial right is at stake. v. Employment Security Trujillo Commission, 94 N.M. 343, 610 P.2d 747 (1980).

Our decision in this case to review the whole record does not negate the residuum rule. The substantial evidence rule and the whole record standard which we now adopt reaffirm the rule that some competent evidence is required to support an action by an administrative agency which affects a substantial right.

In this opinion we have not addressed the question of whether the Duke City burner emissions exceeded the NAAQS. Neither have we made a determination as to whether violation of this standard alone, or in Supreme Court Opinions, Chief Justice Federici

conjunction with medical evidence presented at trial, justifies denial of a variance. The agency decision on these questions should now be reviewed by the Court of Appeals, based upon the standard of review which we have pronounced in this opinion.

The Court of Appeals is reversed and the cause remanded to it for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/WILLIAM R. FEDERICI, Chief Justice

WE CONCUR: s/WILLIAM RIORDAN, Justice s/HARRY E. STOWERS, JR., Justice s/MARY C. WALTERS, Justice

DAN SOSA, JR., Senior Justice, dissenting.

#### DISSENT

DAN SOSA, JR., Senior Justice.

After rehearing was granted and the new majority opinion filed, I still cannot agree with the majority for the reason that the new standard announced allows this Court to substitute its judgment for the lower court or administrative body with impunity. I agree that the Court of Appeals should review the matter. To that extent, I favor this opinion over the previous opinion which merely reversed.

s/DAN SOSA, JR., Senior Justice

The Supreme Court of New Mexico

MANZANO INDUSTRIES, INC., Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

EDWARD MATHIS, et al., Defendants-Appellees.

No. 15103 (filed April 4, 1984)

APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONA ANA COUNTY JAMES T. MARTIN, JR., District Judge

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# Transport of Organic Compounds Dissolved in Ground Water

by Joan M. Newsom

# Abstract

Organic compounds, such as trichloroethylene (TCE) and chlorobenzene, that have been found in drinking water supplies are of public concern because they are possibly carcinogenic. These substances can now be routinely detected in trace amounts with gas chromatograph mass spectrometers. There are some polar organic compounds, which are not detectable individually by common methods and therefore little is known about them.

The transport of organic compounds is more difficult to predict than the flow of ground water because:

• Trace amounts of pollutants are difficult to measure

• Transport is complicated if the compound is partitioned into several phases

• The concentration of organics in ground water may vary due to aquifer heterogeneity and other hydrologic factors

• Reactions with other organic compounds and reactions with the aquifer material (such as adsorption) may affect the mobility of the organics

Biodegradation may also affect net transport.

Adsorption is a factor in the attenuation of non-polar organics in aquifers with significant organic content (>0.1 percent organic carbon). The organic material adsorbs the non-polar organic chemicals. The mobility of a pollutant in such an aquifer depends on at least two parameters: the levels of dissolved organic matter and the content of organic carbon in the aquifer material. The partition coefficient of the chemical pollutant between the aquifer and water is commonly calculated as a function of the organic content of the aquifer and the partition coefficient between octanol and water.

Field and laboratory results reported in the literature indicate that the following organic compounds may be biodegradable under aerobic conditions: alkyl benzenes and chlorobenzenes. Under anaerobic conditions halogenated aliphatics, alkyl benzenes, several pesticides and phenolic compounds may be biodegradable. Halogenated aliphatics appear not to degrade under aerobic conditions and non-chlorinated aromatics and chlorobenzenes appear not to degrade under anaerobic conditions. Alkyl benzenes biodegrade more rapidly than their halogenated counterparts.

# Introduction

Pollution of ground water by organic compounds is an important area of public concern, and hydrogeologists are increasingly required to evaluate hydrocarbon contamination in the subsurface. The methods of analysis have improved in recent years such that concentrations of less than one microgram per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) can be determined. The ability to measure more organic compounds, especially polar organics, will increase the number of different contaminants detectable in water.

Some of the organic compounds found in water are believed to be harmful in trace amounts. The health risks of the synthetic organics, however, are difficult to determine mainly because of the uncertainty in extrapolating the results of laboratory carcinogen tests on lab animals to humans. The health risks are not likely to become known very rapidly. References on health aspects of synthetic organics are found in Pearson (1982a, 1982b), and Merian and Zander (1982).

Man-made hydrocarbons are used in a wide range of industries and in household products. They are for the most part a product of technology used since the 1940s. Their solubility in non-polar substances and poor solubility in water account for their common and widespread use as degreasers. Trichloroethylene (TCE) is used, for example, to clean oil from industrial machines, to wash oils from airport runways, and to remove grease from clothes in dry cleaning.

#### Definitions

Hydrocarbon compounds, also called organic compounds, are composed of hydrogen and carbon. Aliphatic hydrocarbons are a group of hydrocarbons in which the carbon atoms are joined to form open chains. Aromatic hydrocarbons usually have structures that contain at least one benzene ring. <u>Monocyclic aromatics</u>, such as alkyl benzenes, have one ring. <u>Polynuclear hydrocarbons possess more than one ring</u>. This class of hydrocarbons can be divided into two groups. In the first, the rings are fused, which means at least two carbon atoms are shared between adjacent rings, e.g., naphthalene. In the second group, the aromatic rings are joined directly or through a chain of at least one carbon atom, e.g., biphenyl.

Many of the organic pollutants are halogenated;

that is, they contain halogen atoms in their molecular structure. Chlorine, bromine and fluorine are the most common halogens. Examples of halogenated aliphatics found in ground water include: trichloroethylene (C1CH:CC1<sub>2</sub>, commonly abbreviated TCE), which contains two carbon atoms joined by a double bond: 1.1.1trichloroethane (CH<sub>3</sub>CC1<sub>3</sub>), which contains two carbon atoms joined by a single bond; and tetrachloroethylene (C1<sub>2</sub>C: CC1<sub>2</sub>, commonly abbreviated PCE), which contains two carbon atoms joined by a double bond. Trihalomethanes (THMs) are a subgroup of the halogenated aliphatics that contain three halogens in the methane ( $CH_{4}$ ) molecular structure. Examples include chloroform or trichloromethane (CHC1<sub>3</sub>), bromoform or tribromomethane (CHBr<sub>3</sub>), and dibromochloromethane (CHBr<sub>2</sub>C1). Halogenated aromatics found in ground water include: chlorobenezene  $(C1C_6H_5)$ , dichlorobenezene  $(C1_2C_6H_4$ , abbreviated in this paper. DCB), and trichlorobenzene ( $C1_{3}C_{6}H_{3}$ , abbreviated in this paper. TCB).

Hydrocarbon compounds can also be generally divided into polar and non-polar groups. Polar molecules are electrically neutral molecules with concentrations of negative charge in one part of the molecule and of positive charge in another, producing an electric dipole.

# Occurrence of Organic Pollutants in Ground Water

The extent of ground water pollution by organic compounds is difficult to estimate both for a given aquifer and in general. Specific studies are difficult to compare because of variations in analytical sensitivity and differences among the compounds studied. Even for a given aquifer, the extent of ground water pollution by organic compounds can only be estimated because such a small fraction of the ground water is usually sampled.

There are many sources of organic pollution. Contaminants may reach the aquifer by way of precipitation. by seepage of pesticides and herbicides from the surface, from pollutants in sanitary landfills, waste storage ponds. polluted streams and lakes, and from accidentally or deliberately spilled material. Organic pollution is found both in industrial areas and in rural areas.

Man-made compounds pose a ground water pollution problem in industrialized countries. One or two percent of ground water supplies in the United States are polluted based on estimates of point sources, but only a fraction of these are contaminated primarily by organic pollutants (Pye and Patrick 1983). The compounds that occur most frequently in ground water in the United States are the trihalomethanes (THMs), which are the halogenated organics produced by chlorination of water containing humic materials (Bouwer et al. 1981). The problem of THMs, such as chloroform, has received considerable attention beginning in 1974 and the maximum contaminant level allowed by the EPA is 100  $\mu$ g/L total THMs (Cotruvo 1981).

The extent of ground water pollution by organics in the Netherlands was measured by sampling all 232 ground water pumping stations in the Netherlands between 1976 and 1978. The samples from 54 of the 232 locations, 25 percent of the locations, contained concentrations  $>0.1 \mu g/L$  of chlorinated hydrocarbons with 1 or 2 carbons (e.g., TCE) (Zoeteman et al. 1981). The Netherlands is at the end of the Rhine River and receives pollutants from countries upstream. The compounds detected most frequently at concentrations greater than 0.01  $\mu$ g/L in Dutch ground water include: TCE (67 percent). chloroform (60 percent), tetrachloromethane (43 percent), PER (19 percent), and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (17 percent). These compounds are on the Environmental Protection Agency list of priority pollutants. The concentrations at higher levels (>10 $\mu$ g/L) could always be associated with a specific source. i.e., local waste dumping. Concentrations at low levels (0.01 to 0.1  $\mu$ g/L) may be due to volatile organics in rain water. Levels of substances such as chloroform and TCE are less than 1  $\mu$ g/L in rain water in the Netherlands.

# Measurements of Organic Pollutants

Accurate measurements of the concentrations of organic pollutants in ground water are essential for understanding the behavior of the pollutants in aquifers. The problems of sampling an aquifer are especially severe for volatile organics, which are easily lost to the atmosphere (e.g., Pankow et al. 1984). Problems can arise from the type of well construction and the type of casing used. A study of the leaching of trace organics (0.5 ppb naphthalene and 0.5 ppb p-dichlorobenzene) into water from five common plastics used in well casing showed the following results: Teflon® (no leaching detected), nonglued PVC (0 to 0.1 ppb), Polyethylene (0.1 ppb), Polypropylene (0.5 ppb), glued PVC (0.5 ppb), and Tygon (1.0 ppb) (Curran and Tomson 1983)

Analytical results may be suspect because of the difficulty of analyzing water for trace concentrations of organics. In a comparison of analyses among certified private. state and university labs, large variations were reported even for relatively simple measurements of total dissolved solids (Keith et al. 1983). The following procedures were used to control the analytical precision and accuracy during an extensive investigation of a PCB spill site (Roberts, Cherry and Schwartz 1982). The concentrations of PCBs were determined by several analytical techniques. A standard with PCB concentrations similar to the samples being analyzed was run approximately every ten samples. Blanks were run during a switch from analysis of high PCB concentrations to low concentrations to ensure that the residual response of the system had returned to background levels.

The occurrence of some polar organic compounds in ground water has been much less studied than that of non-polar organic compounds. Very little is known about their health risk or their occurrence because they cannot be easily isolated and measured. The group parameter TOX (total organic halogen) provides a measure of the total amount of halogen in organic compounds and is determined by concentrating the organics by adsorption, and measuring halogen concentrations by titration, specific ion electrodes, or microcoulometer. TOX analyses are both relatively simple and quick compared to gas chromatography. The more polar, non-volatile and high molecular weight halogenated hydrocarbons presently can be detected by TOX and not by GC/MS (Jeckel and Roberts 1980). Field studies have shown that the TOX concentration is several times larger than the sum of halogenated organic compounds by gas chromatographic determination (Roberts, Schreiner and Hopkins 1982).

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# Advection and Dispersion

The mechanisms of advection and dispersion have an important control on the transport of organic pollutants. Total solute flow in porous media is composed of the portion that travels with the average ground water flow (advection) and the portion that deviates from the average ground water flow (dispersion). Dispersion causes a dilution of the solute concentration and a spreading of the contaminated area. Seen as a plot of concentration vs. the time to reach an observation point. dispersion causes the S-shaped breakthrough curve to broaden. The characteristic length of the porous medium, which is known as the dispersivity length, when multiplied with the ground water velocity, has been shown in the lab to yield the dispersion coefficient. This coefficient is used to determine the flux due to dispersive effects (Anderson 1979).

There are two types of dispersion: dispersion that occurs at the pore scale (microdispersion) and dispersion that occurs at the field scale due to aquifer heterogeneity (macrodispersion). Microdispersion is usually of not much significance for transport in relatively fast-flowing ground water. On the other hand, microdispersion and molecular diffusion are important in underground waste isolation site studies. Macrodispersion is significant due to the heterogeneity of the aquifer (e.g., Sudicky et al. 1983).

Lab dispersivity measurements do not agree with dispersivity measurements determined by field tracer tests because of scale factors. Lab measurements of dispersivity values for calculating microdispersion consist of determining breakthrough times at the outlet of cylindrical columns packed with porous media and then using the solute transport equation to determine dispersivity values. The field measurements of longitudinal dispersivity (in the direction of flow). which are on the order of 10 to 100m, are at least three orders of magnitude larger than lab measurements, 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-2</sup>m (Anderson 1979). Field tracer tests show that longitudinal dispersivity is not constant for a given aquifer, but increases as the distance between the injection and observation well is increased. At some point, dispersivity stops increasing. This increase in dispersivity with increased travel distance or travel time of the solute is referred to as the scale effect in the literature (e.g., Molz 1983; Sudicky et al. 1983).

The cause of the variable dispersivity is the heterogenity of the aquifer, leading to anisotropic distributions of horizontal hydraulic conductivity. Field data indicate that most compounds prefer to travel through more permeable pathways, such as through gravel lenses. The variation in concentration due to heterogeneity of the aquifer causes the distribution of the compound in a horizontal sense to sometimes deviate from the theoretical plume shape derived for homogeneous aquifer characteristics (e.g., Sudicky et al. 1983).

The problem of aquifer heterogeneity is as important on a vertical scale as on a horizontal scale. Field data have shown that when chemicals enter the aquifers do not mix to the full vertical extent of the ground water and are influenced by aquifer heterogeneities and density effects (Sudicky et al. 1983; Rea and Upchurch 1980; Schwartz et al. 1982). Even though some of the data in these studies are for ions and not organic compounds, one would expect the principles to apply. organic pollutants dissolved in wa comfiltrated from the Glatt River into the upper approximately 9m of a 20m thick Quaternary glaciofluvial valley fill aquifer composed of sand and gravel (Schwarzenbach et al. 1983). The contaminated water was detected several kilometers from the Glatt River in the upper half of the aquifer, while water in the lower half originated from less polluted sources. Monitoring of a PERspill in glacial deposits in Michigan showed that the PER (density =  $1.62 \text{ g/cm}^3$  at 20 C), which was well below saturation, migrated downward as it traveled away from the source (Minsley 1983).

#### Adsorption

Most aquifers have less than 0.1 percent organic content. Quantitative relationships have not been well established between sorption and the controlling factors, although the specific surface area and the nature of the mineral surface influence the degree of sorption. Some adsorption of non-polar organic compounds was experimentally observed in columns containing materials that contain no organic carbon. such as clean sand, limestone and montmorillonite clay (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981a). Sand and gravel aquifers are likely to contain insignificant amounts of organic matter, although this parameter is usually not measured. The aquifer near the Glatt River in Switzerland, for example, contains less than 0.1 percent organic content (Schwarzenbach et al. 1983). The retention of hexachlorobenzene, for example, was small between the aquifer next to the Glatt River and observation wells, which are up to 120m away from the river, despite the fact that hexachlorobenzene has a high log Kow of 6.06, and therefore, would be expected to be strongly retained in an aquifer with significant carbon content. The mobility of hexachlorobenzene indicates the low sorption capacity of sandy gravel aquifers with insignificant organic content (Schwarzenbach et al. 1983).

Aquifers comprised of deposits where former living matter is likely to have accumulated, such as from peat deposits, slow-moving streams, lakes or bogs, tend to have significant organic content. Studies have shown that at least 0.1 percent carbon content in the aquifer (0.001 g of organic carbon per gram sorbent) is needed for carbon adsorption to be significant (e.g., Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981a). Instead of solubility, the octanol:water partition coefficient (Kow) is often used as a measure of the partitioning of pollutants between water and organic phases. The Kow is the ratio of the concentration of a compound in octanol, a readily available alcohol that is relatively non-polar, to that in water. An inverse correlation between log Kow values (ranging between 1 and 6) and log solubility values, ranging between -3 to 5 in mg/L. has been found for non-polar organic compounds (Mackay 1980; Zoeteman et al. 1981). Kow values are also used to predict the partitioning behavior of compounds into soil that contains organic matter, as well as into the fat bodies of fish and other biota. Measured values of Kow can be found in: Chiou. Porter and Schmedding (1983); Banerjee, Yalkowsky and Valvani (1980): Kenaga and Goring (1980): and Hutzinger (1982): and estimated Kow values are found in Hansch and Leo (1979); and Leo, Hansch and Elkins (1971). In addition, chemical properties of organic compounds can be found in Verscheuren (1983), Hutzinger (1982, 1980), Weast and Astle (1982).

An example from California illustrates how the order of breakthrough of several organic compounds correlated with solubility and Kow such that the compounds that appear first have the highest solubility and lowest Kow. The order of appearance at an observation well 11m downstream from the injection well from first to last to appear was: chloride, chloroform, bromoform and dibromochloroform, 1,1,1-trichloroethane and chlorobenzene (Roberts, Schreiner and Hopkins 1982).

In another example from western Canada, TCB concentrations increased relative to that of PCB with depth as shown by the increase in the 1,2,4-TCB/PCB ratio from 0.02 in the surface fill to 0.19 in the underlying Regina clay (Roberts, Cherry and Schwartz 1982). The log Kow of 1,2,4-TCB is 4.05 (Leo, Hansch and Elkins 1971) while that of 2,4,5,2',4',5'-PCB is 6.72 (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981a). The increased mobility of TCB is reflected by the lower Kow. Other indications of greater mobility are higher solubility, lower molecular weight and fewer chlorine atoms in the molecular structure in TCB compared with PCB.

Useful relationships have been found between the adsorption behavior of a pollutant and its Kow value and the organic content of an aquifer. Preliminary work indicates that the partitioning behavior of a pollutant and its residence time can be calculated for aquifers containing sufficient organic material. Karickhoff et al. (1979) demonstrated that the degree to which a compound is adsorbed in a soil, as measured by the partition coefficient (Kp), depends on the Kow and the "fraction organic content" (foc) of the soil by the relation:

$$Kp = 0.63 \text{ foc (Kow)}$$
(1)

The equation was developed by examining the adsorption of 10 organic pollutants, whose log Kow ranged from 2 to 6, in river and pond sediments whose foc ranged from 0.1 to 3.3 percent. This equation applies when the pollutant concentration is less than half of the solubility limit in water. Based on surface and aquifer sediments, whose foc is greater than 0.001, Schwarzenbach and Westall (1981a) derived a similar equation:

$$Kp = 3.2 \text{ foc } (Kow^{0.72})$$
 (2)

This equation is also valid only for low concentrations of the pollutant. Means et al. (1980) derived a similar equation for PAHs. Figure 1 illustrates the relationship described by Equation 2 for four chlorinated benzenes with different Kow coefficients. The equations establish the similar dependence of the parameters foc and Kow on the partition coefficient between soil containing organic matter and water. These equations apply only for non-polar substances in material with greater than 0.1 percent carbon. Kow provides a better estimate of sediment-water partitioning than does solubility, which gives at best an order of magnitude estimate of the partitioning behavior of a chemical in the organic fraction of the sediment medium (Karickhoff et al. 1979).

Schwarzenbach and Westall (1981a) found that more than 85 percent of the adsorption of the pollutants took place on particles of size less than 0.125mm (fine sand) and Karickhoff et al. (1979) observed that most of the adsorption took place on the particle fraction smaller than 0.05mm (silt or clay). More organic



Figure 1. The sorbent to water partition coefficient (Kp) as a function of organic carbon fraction (foc) for four chlorobenzenes (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981b). Koc is the partition coefficient based on organic content and Koc = Kp/foc. The circled symbols indicate the sorbents on which the data were obtained: AS, activated sludge; 1, 4, sea sediments (coastal zone); 2, detritus; 3, 5, lake sediments; 6, 8, river sediments; 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, aquifer material.

compounds were sorbed on the finer particle size fraction of sediments than on the coarse fraction principally because of the higher organic content as well as the larger surface area. Differences in sorption between silt and clay fractions depend on differences in foc rather than in sediment size (Karickhoff et al. 1979). Organic compounds also partition onto dissolved organic matter, such as fulvic and humic acids, such as in organic-rich water in landfill leachates (Cherry et al. 1984).

A pollutant that is adsorbed travels slower than the water containing the pollutant. The travel time of the solute divided by the travel time of the fluid is known as the retardation factor or the relative residence time (tr), which based on Equation 1 is:

tr = 1 + 0.63 foc (Kow)  $\rho/\epsilon$ 

where

 $\rho$  = average bulk density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

 $\epsilon =$ soil void fraction (unitless)

(Roberts, Reinhard and Valocchi 1982)

A comparison among trivatues, which are dimensionless, calculated from the equation and those derived from the field show that trivalues diverge for increasing values of Kow. The trivalues are 5 (field) and 6 (equation) for chloroforni: 36 (field) and 41 (equation) for chlorobenzene: and greater than 200 (field) and 140 (equation) for 1.4-DCB (McCarty et al. 1981). Kow values for these three compounds are 93, 692, and 2.400 respectively and the calculations are based on an average bulk density of  $2 g/cm^3$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.22$ , and foc = 1 percent carbon (McCarty et al. 1981). Schwarzenbach et al. (1983) derived a similar equation but did not make a comparison with field results.

The common method of modeling the effects of sorption on solute transport is to assume that the solute and sorbent react in instant equilibrium, i.e., no kinetic effects, that the ratio of the sorbed solute to the solute dissolved in water is constant, i.e., linear isotherm, and that adsorption and desorption is a reversible process. The above equations are based on these assumptions.

Formulas for the calculation of limiting kinetic effects, non-linear isotherms and unequal sorption/desorption behavior are given in Miller and Weber (1984). Kinetic effects are important when the ground water velocity is too fast to allow equilibrium and the above equations are no longer valid. The ground water flow rate (approximately 0.014 cm/s) close to the Glatt River during storm water events was probably fast enough for kinetics to affect the transport of pollutants in the aquifer. Kinetic effects are also important when contaminants are newly introduced to a ground water system and when spike or plug contamination sources are appropriate. Under these conditions less material is sorbed onto the aquifer media and the material that is not sorbed travels farther. Kinetic effects were observed in column experiments when water containing chlorinated benzenes flowed through a column at a rate of 0.01 cm/s (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981a, 1981b), which is well within the range of typical ground water velocities. The breakthrough times were faster than the breakthrough times of the same column experiment conducted at a velocity of less than 0.001 cm/s. The results of the column experiment at the slower rate (0.001 cm/s) matched those of an 18hour long equilibrium batch experiment indicating that sorption equilibrium occurred at the slower rate.

Although numerous studies have shown that trace levels of dissolved organic compounds follow linear isotherms, one exception are trace levels of PCBs (Cherry et al. 1984). Non-linear isotherms are most likely to occur when the concentration of the dissolved solute nears the solubility limit. For example, at low concentrations (well below the solubility limit) pesticides showed linear isotherms, but at high concentrations several organic pesticides have very non-linear isotherms (Cherry et al. 1984).

An important source of data on adsorption is the treatment of waste water by artificial recharge of an aquifer. The advantage of studies on waste water recharge is that the rate and length of time that a contaminant was injected or allowed to infiltrate into the aquifer is known, in contrast to most pollution studies.

In one study, approximately 92 percent of the organics were removed from the waste water (Tomson et al. 1979). The highest initial concentration was only 4.05  $\mu$ g/L and the range in final concentrations was between 0.1 to 1  $\mu$ g/L. Most removal rates for the 11

classes of compounds studied were between 90 to 100 percent, which included chloroaromatics and alkoxyaromatics, alkyl benzenes, naphthalenes, alcohols, ketones, indoles and indenes. Those groups whose removal rate was below 90 percent include the alkylphenols (85 percent), alkanes (71 percent), and chloroalkanes (70 percent) and phthalates (2 percent). The phthalates was the only group not to exhibit a dramatic decrease in concentration, and it was concluded the observed decline of only 2 percent was in error. A study of dune infiltration in northern Holland actually showed a dramatic increase in phthalate concentration (Piet et al. 1981). Perhaps PVC tubing contamination influenced the phthalate concentrations in both cases.

Adsorption and volatilization were thought to be the significant transport mechanisms for the pollutants studied by Tomson et al. (1981). Biodegradation had a minimal impact for two reasons: (1) The injected fluid was effluent from an activated sludge plant and compounds that easily biodegrade would not have been present. (2) Biodegradation does not occur for low pollutant concentrations. Tomson found that in the lab sewage bacteria reduced 2.3-dimethylnaphthalene from 1.3 mg/L to 40  $\mu$ g/L in one day and that there was no further degradation for several days.

Under equilibrium conditions the net ratio of the rates of adsorption and desorption do not change and the reaction is said to be reversible. Sorption was reversible in several column studies (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981a; Karickhoff et al. 1979). The reversibility of the reactions indicated that the initial removal of the compounds from solution was due to sorption and not to other factors such as biodegradation, which would cause the amount removed to be greater than the amount desorbed. A study by Horzempa and Di Toro (1983), however, showed that sorption of PCBs is not readily reversible under field conditions. The amount of sorption correlated with sediment surface area and organic content. The sorption effects were not felt to be attributable to biodegradation because PCBs are not readily biodegraded.

The restoration of aquifers depends upon the ability to remove contaminants adsorbed onto the subsurface material. One method is to flush the aquifer via injection and extraction wells. If the ground water velocity is too fast for equilibrium to be established, the concentration of the pollutant in ground water will decrease below the equilibrium concentration. Once the flushing stops, equilibrium conditions may  $become \, established \, and \, the \, concentration \, of \, dissolved$ pollutants may increase as desorption takes place. In such a case, the concentration of the pollutant at the extraction well decreases as the aquifer is flushed and then increases when the flushing is stopped. In addition to desorption during flushing as an important mechanism, the concentrations may also be affected by biodegradation rates of adsorbed, in-phase and dissolved pollutants.

Polar organics appear to be more mobile than nonpolar organics, as shown by a study in an aquifer with significant amounts of organic carbon because they are poorly retained in the organic material in the soil (Roberts, Schreiner and Hopkins 1982). Piet et al. (1981) also found that the polar compounds were not as well adsorbed as non-polar compounds in soil column experiments using 50cm-long columns of soil composed of peat and sand layers. Those non-polar chlorine organics that were retained include: nitrobenzene. nitrotoluene and chloronitrobenzene. Similarly, studies with granulated activated carbon (GAC) exhibit less adsorption of the polar organics than the non-polar organics.

#### -> Biodegradation

Biodegradation is the breakdown of chemical compounds by microorganisms and is controlled by such environmental parameters as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen. Eh, salinity, nutrients, competing organisms, toxicity to organisms, and the concentrations of the organisms and compounds. Lab studies have shown that under steady-state conditions a pollutant must be present in concentrations of milligrams per liter to be broken down directly by microorganisms (McCarty et al. 1981). In a similar study it was found that the pollutant concentration must be at least 100  $\mu g/L$  to sustain a microbe population (Wilson and McNabb 1983). If the pollutant concentrations are not sufficiently high to sustain the microorganisms biodegradation will not occur (Kobayashi and Rittman 1982). Sewage bacteria reduced 2,3-dimethylnaphthalene from 1.3 mg/L to 40  $\mu$ g/L and no further reduction was observed for several days (Tomson et al. 1981). A lower limit for biodegradation of  $10 \,\mu$ g/L has also been found by Wilson and McNabb (1983). Trace levels of a compound can sometimes be broken down as a secondary result of the breakdown of another compound, which is present at much higher concentrations (Rittmann et al. 1980; McCarty et al. 1979).

Biodegradation depends on essential metabolic requirements, such as oxygenated water for aerobic processes. Metabolism can deplete the oxygen or other metabolic requirements in ground water at pollutant concentrations greater than 1,000 to 10,000  $\mu$ g/L (Wilson and McNabb 1983). Thus, pollutants at high concentrations may be only partially degraded when oxygen is depleted.

Results of lab and field biodegradation studies under aerobic and anaerobic conditions for different classes of organic pollutants are presented below. Most of the priority pollutants have been shown to be biodegradable under laboratory conditions (Kobayashi and Rittman 1982). This does not, however, mean that these pollutants are necessarily biodegradable under field conditions. Aerobic conditions generally occur in the unsaturated zone and may be found below the water table at shallow depths as well as at great depths (Winograd and Robertson 1982).

Halogenated Aliphatics. Field and lab results show that several halogenated aliphatics may biodegrade slowly under anaerobic conditions, but not under aerobic conditions. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> does, however, degrade under aerobic conditions (R. Schwarzenbach, personal communication 1983). Halogenated aliphatics at low concentrations in treated waste water decreased in concentration when injected into a coastal aquifer in California (Roberts, Schreiner and Hopkins 1982). THMs degraded 10 times faster than the other halogenated aliphatics although the rate of anaerobic degradation was slow for both. The THMs concentration declined from  $100\mu g/L$  to less than 0.1  $\mu$ g/L at a rate of 0.03 per day. The decline was attributed to anaerobic biodegradation and not adsorption because the sorption capacity of the aquifer was saturated before the injection experiment began. Batch culture tests in the lab supported the field results that THMs degrade at low concentrations under anaerobic conditions (Bouwer et al. 1981). Similarly the THM bromodichloromethane degraded slowly under anaerobic conditions of a shallow fluvial aquifer in Oklahoma (Wilson and Enfield 1983). Halogenated aliphatics that have been reported to biodegrade under anaerobic lab conditions include: TCE, trichlorethane, methyl chloride, chloroethane, dichlorobromoethane, vinylidiene chloride, PER, methylene chloride and the THMs chloroform, dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane (Kobayashi and Rittman 1982).

No degradation was observed in studies of several compounds under anaerobic conditions, but the rate of degradation may have been too slow to be detected during the period of investigation. Bouwer et al. (1981) observed THMs but not TCE or PER to biodegrade in batch culture tests in the lab under anaerobic conditions. Wilson et al. (1983) did not observe degradation below the water table for several aliphatics: 1,2dichloroethane, 1,1.2-trichlorethane, TCE or PER, but the period of study may not have been long enough to observe slow rates of degradation. Slow rates of degradation, therefore, cannot be ruled out. Similarly, Schwarzenbach et al. (1983) observed that TCE, PER, 1,1,1-trichloroethane. and hexachlorethane were persistent in the aquifer up to several kilometers away from the river, but the wide error bars on their figures may not rule out slow rates of degradation.

The decomposition of halogenated aliphatics under aerobic lab or field conditions has not been observed. No significant degradation of halogenated aliphatics (THMs, TCE, PER) was found under aerobic lab conditions (Bouwer et al. 1981: Bouwer and McCarty 1984). The persistance of chloroform, under aerobic conditions was reported in a study of ground water recharge, a study of chloroform passage through GAC columns, a study of bank filtration in Germany and a study of waste water percolation in soil columns (Bouwer et al. 1981). Wilson et al. (1983) in a field study in Oklahoma did not observe degradation of several halogenated aliphatics. 1,2-dichloroethane, 1.1,2-trichloroethane, TCE, or PER, above the water table.

Alkyl benzenes. Alkyl benzenes are known to degrade under aerobic conditions and may degrade under anaerobic conditions, Field observations show that toluene degraded rapidly in a shallow aquifer composed of flood-plain sediments in Oklahoma both above and below the water table (Wilson and Enfield 1979; Wilson et al. 1983). Schwarzenbach et al. (1983) observed a sharp decrease in non-halogenated compounds transported from the Glatt River to any of the ground water observation wells, the closest being 2.5m from the river. The alkyl benzenes included: toluene. 1.3-dimethyl benzene, and other 2 and 3 carbon benzene isomers. Aerobic respiration and nitrification occurred predominantly in the first few meters of infiltration, thus supporting the theory that the decrease in concentration was caused by biological processes under aerobic conditions. The biological processes that removed the organic compounds were efficient. considering the short residence time between the river and the closest well and the small retardation factors of the compounds. The decline was observed at different temperature throughout the year, including 5°C in winter. Alkyl benzenes degrade quicker than halogenated aromatics under aerobic conditions, probably because of the breaking of the halogen bond for halogenated aromatics is relatively slow.

Naphthalene and methyl-naphthalene also decreased in concentration but the decrease in

naphthalene, however, may be due to adsorption based on the results of Ehrlich et al. (1982). Ehrlich et al. (1982) observed that naphthalene did not biodegrade under anaerobic conditions. but was slightly sorbed. Bouwer and McCarty (1984) observed that several non-chlorinated aromatics are removed under aerobic but not anaerobic conditions.

Chlorobenzenes. Chlorobenzenes have been observed to degrade under aerobic but not anaerobic conditions (e.g., Bouwer and McCarty 1984). The chlorobenzenes, 1,4-DCB, 1,2,4-TCB and 1,2,3-TCB decomposed under aerobic conditions in the aquifer near the Glatt River, and are suggested to have degraded to chlorinated phenols and catechols (Schwarzenbach and Westall 1981b). The rate of decrease was slower than for the alkyl aromatics, perhaps because the breaking of the halogen bond slows the process (Schwarzenbach et al. 1983). Halogenated aromatics do not degrade under anaerobic conditions. The concentrations of 1.4-DCB did not decrease in July and August of 1979, 1980 and 1981 between the river and 5m from the river, as it did the rest of the year because conditions were anaerobic during these summer months and the compounds did not decompose. During the rest of the year the conditions were aerobic and the chlorobenzenes decomposed. Chlorobenzenes in another Swiss study persisted for at least seven years under anaerobic conditions (Giger and Schaffner 1981). Chlorobenzenes (1,4-DCB, 1,2,4-TCB and 1,2,3-TCB) decomposed above, but not below the water table in a shallow fluvial aquifer in Oklahoma (Wilson et al. 1983). The failure of chlorobenzene to decompose in autoclaved (i.e., sterilized) lab samples established microorganisms as the likely agent of destruction.

Pesticides. Lab studies on sewer sludge indicated that pesticides such as lindane degraded more quickly under active anaerobic lab conditions than under corresponding aerobic conditions, probably due to bacteria (Hill and McCarty 1967). DDT, for example, converted rapidly to DDD under anaerobic conditions, but persisted as DDT under aerobic conditions of several mg/L of dissolved oxygen. Similarly, more than 20 species of bacteria were found to reductively dechlorinate DDT under anaerobic conditions, whereas aerobic conditions apparently did not promote dechlorination (Kobayashi and Rittman 1982). Other pesticides that were dehalogenated under anaerobic conditions in lab culture tests include: toxaphane by bacteria, lindane by soil bacteria and parathion by bacteria (Kobayashi and Rittman 1982). These lab results indicate that pesticides are easier to break down under anaerobic than under aerobic conditions. The breakdown process is relatively easy once the halogen bond is broken.

Phenolic compounds have been shown to biodegrade under anaerobic conditions in an aquifer composed of glacial drift material in Minnesota (Ehrlich et al. 1982). Methane and  $CO_2$  were formed by the anaerobic bacteria breaking down the phenolic compounds. Lab studies supported the field results, and also indicated that principally biodegradation and not sorption account for the decline in concentration (Ehrlich et al. 1982). Glass column experiments showed that chlorophenols can biodegrade under aerobic conditions (Zullei 1981).

Biodegradation is an appealing cleanup method because expensive cleanup methods could be avoided and the pollutant is destroyed rather than transferred to another part of the environment, such as to the atmosphere via air stripping. In some cases, however, the degradation products could be as toxic or worse than the original compound. Management of some of the parameters that affect biodegradation, such as nitrate supply, may allow biodegradation to occur in situ in the vadose zone or aquifer. Limitations include the difficulty of managing environmental parameters that promote biodegradation and the difficulty in maintaining biodegradation as environmental conditions change.

# **Geological Considerations**

The detailed structure and mineralogic composition of aquifers is critical to the transport of pollutants. One example is a PCB spill in a glacial till area in western Canada (Schwartz et al. 1982; Roberts, Cherry and Schwartz 1982). Between 6,800 and 21,000 liters of transformer oil containing PCBs and chlorobenzenes were spilled at a transformer plant. The PCBs traveled mainly in-phase because of the low solubility of PCBs (0.05 mg/L). The laboratory-determined conductivities of the till zone, between  $10^{-5}$  and  $10^{-9}$  cm/s, are too low to explain the observed vertical migration. Vertical movement is primarily through fractures in the clay, silt and till units, as indicated by the high PCB concentrations measured on fracture surfaces. Tritium was also found along fracture surfaces and used to calculate the rate of solute migration. This rate is a minimum because, unlike PCBs, some of the small tritium atoms diffuse into the sedimentary units. The geological units also have a low organic content, 0.2 to 0.9 percent carbon, minimizing the role of organic carbon in absorbing the PCBs.

# **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Although progress is being made in understanding how organic compounds travel in the subsurface, large gaps and unknown important parameters exist. Several recommendations are given below on areas that need research.

• Some polar organic compounds are not commonly detectable by present methods. They appear to be persistent in ground water, able to travel significant distances and be resistant to degradation. Perhaps the increased ability to identify these polar organics will provide a better understanding of this type of contamination. Group parameter methods, such as TOX, may be attractive compliments to the commonly used GC/MS method because of the lower cost and because the measurements include classes of compounds, e.g., polar halogenated organics in the case of TOX, which are not readily identifiable individually.

• In cases where the aquifer might contain sufficient carbon for adsorption to be significant, the empirical relationships that have been developed may be useful for determining the partitioning behavior of organic pollutants. Further study of the effect of grain size, organic content, solute concentrations, dissolved organic matter and other controls on adsorption will help clarify how solutes are transported.

• Some elements, such as N, S, or P-compounds, when injected into pollution plumes may promote microbial degradation. The field conditions under which biodegradation of different compounds is promoted is not well understood. The phase in which the pollutant biodegrades might also be considered, i.e., dissolved in water, in-phase, or adsorbed onto the matrix.

• More work is needed to determine how flushing of an aquifer via injection and extraction wells affects those pollutants sorbed onto aquifer or soil material. Travel of solutes in-phase during flushing, such as droplets within the water, may be an important mechanism.

Ground water flow models in porous media are useful for understanding a flow regime and for planning the placement of wells. Solute transport models assume constant dispersivity values and the solute is assumed to be dissolved, which in some cases may not be reasonable assumptions. Resolution problems with numerical models may occur in some cases, such as for modeling trace concentrations of a solute, high concentration gradients, or radial flow from a pulse on a rectangular grid. The mechanisms of adsorption and biodegradation are not well enough understood to model satisfactorily. The effects of such mechanisms will probably be lumped together in models because their effects will be difficult to separate in practice.

Although the technology may exist to clean up polluted ground water and pollution sites, the costs are often high. A water policy is needed to encourage prevention and set priorities for what should be cleaned up. The cost of cleanup can be several orders of magnitude larger than that of preventive measures. Monitoring of areas containing organic compounds has begun only recently, and as monitoring continues the understanding of solute transport will improve.

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# Behavior of Organic Compounds during Infiltration of River Water to Groundwater. Field Studies

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The behavior of organic micropollutants during infiltration of river water to groundwater has been studied at two field sites in Switzerland. In agreement with predictions from model calculations, persistent organic chemicals exhibiting octanol/water partition coefficients smaller than about 5000 moved rapidly with the infiltrating river water to the groundwater. The biological processes responsible for the "elimination" of various micropollutants (e.g., alkylated and chlorinated benzenes) occurred predominantly within the first few meters of infiltration. Alkylated benzenes were "eliminated" at faster rates than 1,4-dichlorobenzene. Anaerobic conditions in the aquifer near the river hindered the biological transformation of 1,4dichlorobenzene. Among the compounds that were found to be persistent under any conditions were chloroform, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, and tetrachloroethylene. With respect to such chemicals, bank filtration is ineffective as a first step in the treatment of river water for water supplies.

Since in many European countries a significant fraction of the groundwater is recharged through infiltration of river water (1, 2), the impact of river pollution on groundwater quality is of major concern. In addition, many waterworks use natural or artificial bank filtration as a first step in the treatment of river water for water supplies (3, 4). Therefore, the behavior of organic pollutants during infiltration is of great interest.

The transport and fate of organic pollutants in a river water-groundwater infiltration system is determined by several interacting processes, including advection, dispersion, (ad)sorption/desorption, hydrolysis, redox reactions, and biological transformations. In laboratory experiments, individual processes may be studied under controlled conditions (5, 6), and mathematical models may be developed to predict the effect of a particular process on the transport and fate of a compound in the environment (7, 8). However, comprehensive field investigations are needed to evaluate the applicability of laboratory studies and model calculations to natural systems.

To date, most of the field studies on natural river water-groundwater infiltration systems have been conducted with respect to the use of bank filtrate for public water supplies (e.g., ref 3). These studies have usually been confined to monitoring selected water constituents in the river and in groundwater wells near the region of infiltration. The temporal and spatial variations in concentration of organic compounds along the infiltration path have not been thoroughly investigated. Consequently, the results of such investigations provide only very limited insights into the behavior of individual compounds during infiltration.

In this paper, we report the results of two field studies aimed at investigating the transport and fate of organic micropollutants, including chlorinated hydrocarbons, alkylated benzenes, and chlorinated phenols during natural infiltration of river water to groundwater. In the near fields of two rivers, a network of observation wells was installed that allowed the contaminants in the infiltrating water to be traced from the river to the groundwater. The results of this 2-year field study contribute significantly to the limited field data on the behavior of trace organics in the groundwater environment (9-11).

### Theoretical Section

Prediction of Retardation Factors for Hydrophobic Organic Compounds in the Ground. A rough estimate of the retention behavior of a given hydrophobic organic compound during infiltration may be obtained by treating transport through the river bed and in the aquifer in a first approximation as a one-dimensional process with constant flow in a homogeneous porous medium. Assuming that only the fine fraction of the aquifer material is relevant for sorption (5, 12) and assuming a linear sorption isotherm, an average retardation factor ( $R_{f}^2$  = ratio of the residence time  $\tau_z$  of the solute to the residence time  $\tau_w$  of the water) can then be calculated for compound z for a given segment of the aquifer (e.g., ref 8):

$$R_f^{z} = \tau_z / \tau_w = 1 + f K_p^{z} \rho (1 - \epsilon) / \epsilon \tag{1}$$

where f = fraction of the aquifer material responsible for sorption (e.g., grain size range  $\phi < 125 \ \mu m$ ; assumption: homogeneous distribution),  $K_p^z =$  equilibrium partition coefficient of the compound z between water and the fine fraction of the aquifer material at a given location in the ground (cm<sup>3</sup>/g),  $\rho =$  density of the aquifer material (g/ cm<sup>3</sup>), and  $\epsilon =$  total porosity. As we have shown in a previous study (5), for the compounds reported here, the equilibrium partition coefficient,  $K_p^z$ , may be estimated from the organic carbon content of the fine fraction of the aquifer material,  $f_{oc}$ , and from the octanol/water partition coefficient of the compound,  $K_{ow}^z$ :

$$K_{\rm p}^{\ \rm z} = 3.2 f_{\rm oc} (K_{\rm ow}^{\ \rm z})^{0.72} \tag{2}$$

Similar relationships have been found for other types of compounds and natural sorbents (12, 13). Note that eq 2 is valid only for sorbents exhibiting organic carbon contents of greater than about 0.1% ( $f_{oc} > 0.001$ ). For organic-poor sorbents, interactions of the chemical with the inorganic matrix of the sorbent may become important (5). Combining eq 1 and 2 yields

$$R_{\ell}^{z} = 1 + 3.2 ff_{oc} (K_{ow}^{z})^{0.72} \rho (1 - \epsilon) / \epsilon$$
(3)

Retardation factors calculated from eq 3 are valid only at sorption equilibria. At high groundwater-flow velocities, e.g., such as those encountered in the near field of a river during stormwater events (0.5 m/h; see ref 14), due to slow sorption kinetics, the compounds may be transported even faster than would be assumed from equilibrium considerations (5, 15). However, relationships such as eq 3 are very valuable for predicting the magnitude of the velocity at which a specific hydrophobic organic compound is transported in a given aquifer.

#### Experimental Section

Description of the Field Sites. The main field site of this investigation (field site I) is located in the lower

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Figure 1. Locations and layouts of the two field study sites: (a) lower Glatt Valley, Switzerland (field site I); (b) lower Aare Valley, Switzerland (field site II); ( $\Phi$  = sampling locations).

Glatt Valley, Switzerland (see Figure 1). In this region, the River Glatt infiltrates over a distance of about 5 km into a quaternary fluvioglacial valley fill aquifer composed of layers of gravel and sand containing very little organic carbon (<0.1%). The River Glatt is a small, rather heavily polluted perialpine river which has been studied extensively (16, 17). The average discharge of the river is approximately 8 m<sup>3</sup>/s, of which 15-20% is effluent from a number of mechanical-biological sewage treatment plants. These treatment plants are the major source for organic micropollutants in the river. At the study site, permanent infiltration of the River Glatt through a saturated zone can be assumed.

Figure 1a gives a cross-sectional view of the study site on the right bank of the River Glatt. The groundwater flows beneath the river at an angle between 60 and 90° to the flow of the river. The results presented in this paper have been obtained primarly from measurements in wells G1-G4 (see Figure 1a). These wells gave access to freshly infiltrated water that stratified in the top layers of the aquifer. Some data from observation well G15, which is screened throughout the saturated thickness of the aquifer, will also be discussed. G15 is located in the center of the valley about 60 m downstream from G4. A detailed description of this field site is presented elsewhere (18).

To check the general validity of conclusions drawn from results obtained from the main field site, a second study was conducted on a different type of river system: River Aare in the lower Aare Valley (field site II; see Figure 1b). River Aare is a moderately polluted alpine river with an average flow of 550 m<sup>3</sup>/s in the study area. The aquifer into which the river loses water is of the same geological formation as the one in the lower Glatt Valley (19). At the study site, the River Aare infiltrates through a saturated zone. Figure 1b shows the network of observation wells that were installed on the left bank of the river. At this location the regional groundwater flows beneath the River Aare at an angle of between 45 and 90° to the flow direction of the river.

Groundwater Observation Wells. All wells were lined with hard PVC tubes. In laboratory experiments, the PVC material was found neither to contaminate the samples nor to (ad)sorb the organic water constituents of interest. For technical details, see Hoehn et al. (18).

Sample Collection and Analytical Program. Between May 1979 and Apr 1980 (field site I) and between Nov 1980 and Oct 1981 (field site II), a program was conducted to determine temporal and spatial variations in the water composition of the rivers and of the groundwater in the observation wells shown in Figure 1. Samples were collected at approximately monthly intervals. In addition to the trace organic compounds, a variety of other chemical parameters were determined, mainly to characterize the river water and the groundwater, as well as to study the biogeochemical processes occurring during infiltration. Results of these measurements are discussed elsewhere (20).

The groundwater was sampled by using a small underwater plunger pump as described by Käss (21). The small discharge rate of this pump, typically between 0.5 and 1 L/min, allowed sampling of the groundwater without causing a measurable drawdown of the groundwater level. For sampling the upper layer of the groundwater, the pump was usually placed 0.5 m below the groundwater Table I. Ranges of Retardation Factors (Lower Limit-Upper Limit) Calculated for Some Hydrophobic Organic Compounds Detected in the River Glatt

octanol/water	calc	d retardation factors (	$(R_f)^{a,b}$
partition coeff (log K <sub>ow</sub> )	river sediment <sup>c</sup> (~0.1 m)	aquifer close to river bed <sup>d</sup> (<5 m)	aquifer far from river bed <sup>e</sup> (>5 m)
1.971	2.7-8	1.2-4	1-1.2
2.17	3.4-11	1.2-6	1-1.2
2.29 <sup>f</sup>	4-13	1.3-7	1-1.3
2.69	7-23	1.6-12	1-1.6
2.88 <sup>h</sup>	9-31	1.8-16	1-1.8
3.15/	13-48	2.2-24	1-2.2
$3.30^{i}$	16-62	2.5-31	1-2.5
3.38f	18-70	2.7-35	1 - 2.7
3.72*	32-123	4-62	1-4
6.06 <sup>f</sup>	1500-6000	150-3000	~10-150
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Equation 3;  $\rho = 2.5$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\epsilon = 0.2$ . <sup>b</sup> Ranges in values for f and  $f_{oc}$  are based on experimental data (see ref 5 and 18). <sup>c</sup>  $f_{oc} = 0.01-0.02$ , f = 0.2-0.4. <sup>d</sup>  $f_{oc} = 0.001-0.01$ , f = 0.2-0.4. <sup>e</sup>  $f_{oc} < 0.001$ , f < 0.2. <sup>f</sup> Reference 39. <sup>e</sup> Reference 40. <sup>h</sup> Reference 41. <sup>i</sup> Reference 26. <sup>k</sup> Reference 42.

table. The water was pumped through stainless steel tubing (5 mm i.d.) into 1-L glass bottles. The bottles were filled completely and closed without headspace. The samples were stored at 4 °C within 6 h of collection and analyzed within 48 h.

Analytical Methods. Volatile organic compounds were concentrated from the water samples by the closedloop gaseous stripping/adsorption/elution procedure developed by Grob (22, 23). The water samples (typically 1 L) were stripped for 90 min at 30 °C, and the organic compounds were trapped by adsorption on a filter of 1.5 mg of activated charcoal. The filter was then extracted with 20  $\mu$ L of carbon disulfide (CS<sub>2</sub>) and the extract analyzed by high-resolution glass capillary gas chromatography and, when necessary, by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. The gas chromatographic equipment and parameters used have been described elsewhere (24).

Purgeable organochlorine compounds (POCl) were determined by the method described by Zürcher (25). The compounds were purged with oxygen from 1-L water samples for 30 min at 60 °C. The purged compounds were continuously combusted at 950 °C, and the resultant chloride was trapped and quantified by ion chromatography.

Pentachlorophenol was determined by a method based on the procedure described by Renberg and Lindström (26). The lipophilic phenols were extracted by percolating 0.5 L of the acidified water sample (pH 2) through a SepPak C<sub>18</sub> cartridge (Waters Inc., Milford, MA). The adsorbed phenols were eluted with 1.5 mL of acetone and acetylated by adding 50  $\mu$ L of acetic anhydride. The excess anhydride was then destroyed by adding 3 mL of 0.1 M aqueous K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and the acetylated phenols were extracted with 2 mL of pentane. The pentane extract was analyzed by glass capillary gas chromatography using electron capture detection. 2,4,6-Tribromophenol was used as internal standard.

 $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -hexachlorocyclohexane and hexachlorobenzene were determined by the method of Müller (27). For all three compounds, the detection limit of the method used was 0.02 ng/L.

Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC). Fractionation of the DOC was carried out with the method described by Schneider et al. (28). The DOC is operationally separated into three fractions: a "hydrophilic" fraction, an "acidic" fraction, and a "hydrophobic" fraction (see Figure 2). The fractionation is based on the retention of the organic constituents on a column (50 mm  $\times$  4 mm) packed with octadecylsilica (LiChrosorb RP 18) and connected to an on-line DOC detector (29). The "hydrophilic" fraction 1



Figure 2. DOC fractionation by the method of Schneider et al. (28).

is not retained on the column at pH 2 (peak 1 in Figure 2). The "acidic" fraction 2 is retained at pH 2 but is eluted from the column at pH 8 (peak 2 in Figure 2). This fraction includes all fulvic acid type materials (28). The "lipophilic" fraction cannot be eluted from the column with water at any pH. Its concentration is calculated by sub-tracting fraction 1 and 2 from the total DOC, which is determined by passing the adsorption column (see peak T in Figure 2).

#### Results and Discussion

Field Site I. The names and octanol/water partition coefficients of some of the hydrophobic organic compounds found in the River Glatt are given in Table I. A more comprehensive inventory of the trace organics detected in this river has been published previously (17). The concentrations of individual compounds were usually between 0.01 and  $2 \mu g/L$ .

Figure 3 depicts the temperature values, the concentrations of two representative volatile organic compounds, and the concentrations of oxygen, ammonium, and dissolved organic carbon determined over the course of 1 year in the River Glatt and in the wells G2 and G3, located 5 and 14 m, respectively, from the river. The average concentrations of some water constituents in the River Glatt and in wells G1-G4 are presented in Table II and Figure 4.

On the basis of the results of tracer experiments (18) and from the temperature data presented in Figure 3a, it can be assumed that the residence time of the water between the river and the two wells G2 and G3 was usually in the order of hours to a few days (well G2) and days to a few weeks (well G3). Figure 3b shows that for tetrachloroethylene, large fluctuations in concentration were observed



Figure 3. Field site I: monthly determined values for temperature, tetrachloroethylene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, dissolved oxygen (detection limit = 1 mg of  $O_2/L$ ), ammonium, and DOC, in the River Glatt and in observation wells G2 and G3.



Figure 4. Field site I: average concentrations of selected organic micropollutants in the River Glatt and in the upper layers of the groundwater at various distances from the river (DL = detection limit).

in the River Glatt and in both observation wells, indicating a rapid response in the groundwater to concentration changes in the river. From the very similar average concentrations found for this compound in the river and in the groundwater in the top layers of the aquifer at different distances to the river (see Figure 4), one can conclude that tetrachloroethylene was not significantly affected by any elimination processes. The effect of the sorptive and dispersive processes, i.e., the attenuation of concentration

$(L)$ tetrachlorocthylene, $\mu g/L$ $1,4$ -dichlorobenzene, $\mu g/L$ $1,3$ -dimethylbenzene, $\mu g/L$ pentachlorophenol, $\mu g/L$ $(L)$ $\mu g/L$ $\mu g/L$ $\mu g/L$ $\mu g/L$ $\mu g/L$ $\mu g/L$ $(7)$ $0.60 \pm 0.70$ $\{16\}$ $0.23 \pm 0.25$ $\{16\}$ $0.08 \pm 0.005$ $\{4\}$ $(7)$ $0.60 \pm 0.57$ $\{16\}$ $0.17 \pm 0.07$ $\{9\}$ $<0.02$ $\{9\}$ $0.08 \pm 0.005$ $\{4\}$ $(7)$ $0.63 \pm 0.47$ $\{16\}$ $0.03 \pm 0.02$ $\{16\}$ $<0.02$ $\{9\}$ $0.03 \pm 0.02$ $\{4\}$ $(7)$ $0.55 \pm 0.14$ $\{9\}$ $<0.02$ $\{16\}$ $<0.02$ $\{9\}$ $<0.02$ $\{4\}$ $(7)$ $0.25 \pm 0.09$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{9\}$ $<0.02$ $\{16\}$ $<0.02$ $\{4\}$ $(7)$ $0.25 \pm 0.09$ $\{12\}$ $<0.015$ $\{12\}$ $<0.02$ $\{12\}$ $<0.02$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.24 \pm 0.10$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.02$ $\{12\}$ $<0.02$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.20 \pm 0.008$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.002$ $\{12\}$ $<0.002$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.20 \pm 0.008$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.20 \pm 0.008$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.20 \pm 0.008$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $<0.005$ $\{12\}$ $(7)$ $0.008$ </th <th>fre</th>	fre
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fluctuations (see, e.g., ref 8), are reflected in the decreasing standard deviations observed with increasing flow distance (see Table II). Very similar results were found for chloroform, trichloroethylene (see Figure 4), and 1,1,1-trichloroethane.

The strong response in the groundwater to concentration changes in tetrachloroethylene in the River Glatt (Figure 3b) suggets that during infiltration this compound was not strongly retained in the ground. This finding is in agreement with the rather small average retardation factor predicted for tetrachloroethylene from eq 3 for this field site (see Table I and footnotes in Table I). It should be noted that for the aquifer in the near field of the River Glatt (<5 m; see Table I), the average retardation factors for the various compounds must be assumed to be closer to the indicated lower limits, since a sharp drop in the organic carbon content of the aquifer material occurs within a few meters distance from the river (18). Thus, at this field site, rapid transport in the ground can be expected for persistent organic compounds exhibiting octanol/water partition coefficients of smaller than about 5000 (see Table I). Unfortunately, because of the short residence time of the water between the river and the observation wells G2 and G3, no quantitative information on the actual retardation of the various compounds can be obtained from our data, since samples were taken only at monthly intervals.

Among the volatile organic compounds that were always present in the River Glatt but were almost never detected in any of the groundwater observation wells, were the aromatic hydrocarbons including toluene, various  $C_{2}$ - and  $C_3$ -benzene isomers (e.g., 1,3-dimethylbenzene; see Table II and Figure 4), and naphthalene. Since under the conditions typical for the groundwater environment these aromatic hydrocarbons, as well as all other volatile organic compounds listed in Table I (e.g., 1,4-dichlorobenzene), do not undergo chemical reactions at significant rates, and since these compounds are also only weakly sorbed, any observed "elimination" during infiltration must be attributed to biological transformation and/or mineralization. Parts d-f of Figure 3 indicate that the major biologically mediated processes, i.e., aerobic respiration and nitrification, occurred predominantly within the first few meters of infiltration. Therefore, it could be expected that the biological "elimination" of xenobiotic compounds would also take place primarly in the near field of the river.

Although the volatile aromatic hydrocarbons are biodegradable under simulated groundwater conditions (30), it is interesting to note that they were always eliminated between the river and well G1. Thus, considering the short residence time of the water between the river and this well and the small retardation factors of the compounds, the biological processes responsible for their removal were quite efficient, even at temperatures as low as 5 °C.

The observed significant decrease in concentration of 1,4-dichlorobenzene with increasing distance to the river (see Figures 3b and 4, Table II) indicates that this compound was also affected by biological processes. However, compared with the aromatic hydrocarbons, 1,4-dichlorobenzene was "eliminated" at a much slower rate, such that it was still detected in well G3. In addition, in July and Aug 1979 (Figure 3c) and during several short-term investigations in July and Aug 1980 and 1981 (31), no decrease in the concentration of 1,4-dichlorobenzene was found between the River Glatt and well G2. These findings suggest that, considering the steep concentration gradients usually detected between the river and G2, 1,4-dichlorobenzene was not significantly eliminated during parts of the summer. Since denitrification and manganese reduction were also observed during this time of the year (20, 31), the persistence of 1,4-dichlorobenzene may be explained by the anoxic conditions that prevailed in parts of the aquifer near the river. This hypothesis is corroborated by other field observations (32) and by the results of laboratory experiments that suggest that halogenated benzenes are not biotransformed under anaerobic conditions (33). Whether, under aerobic conditions, 1,4-dichlorobenzene is completely mineralized or only transformed to products not detected by the analytical techniques used (e.g., to dichlorophenol and dichlorocatechol; see ref 34) is presently under investigation.

The results of the measurements of the group parameter "purgeable organochlorine compounds" (POCI; Table II, and Figure 4), which includes substances such as tetrachloroethylene and 1,4-dichlorobenzene, showed the same picture as the results of the single-component measurements: (i) the major "elimination" of volatile organochlorine compounds occurred predominantly within the first few meters of infiltration; (ii) for compounds not affected by any transformation processes, similar average concentrations were found throughout the upper layers of the aquifer.

From the few data obtained for pentachlorophenol (Table II), no final conclusions can be drawn as to whether or not this compound was "eliminated" during infiltration. At a pH of between 7.4 and 8, pentachlorophenol is present predominantly as phenolate anion ( $pK_a = 4.75$ ). Thus, retardation factors of smaller than 50 in the near field of the river and smaller than 10 in the actual aquifer would be expected for this compound (35). The fact that the concentration of pentachlorophenol in well G3 was always below the detection limit could be an indication that this compound underwent some chemical and/or biological transformation reactions.

To date, only two sets of measurements have been conducted for  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -hexachlorocyclohexane and for the highly lipophilic compound hexachlorobenzene. Although detected at very low concentrations, these compounds were found in the River Glatt and in all of the observation wells. The concentrations determined for  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -hexachlorocyclohexane were 4 ng/L in the river, about 2 ng/L in the near field of the river (G2, G3), and less than 1 ng/L in G4. For hexachlorobenzene, very similar concentrations (between 0.1 and 0.2 ng/L) were found in the River Glatt and in all observation wells including G4. These findings demonstrate that, especially in aquifers composed of materials of low organic carbon content, even highly lipophilic compounds may be transported over long distances.

Field Site II. Compared to the River Glatt, the River Aare is a large river exhibiting much smaller short-term fluctuations in water composition (31). Also, in contrast to the field site in the lower Glatt Valley, the residence time of the water in the ground between the river and the observation wells (see Figure 1b) is generally much longer (in the order of weeks). This is evident from the temperature data shown in Figure 5a. Figure 5a also shows that very similar residence times can be assumed between the river and the two wells A1 and A3. Since a detailed investigation of the flow directions and velocities of the groundwater in the near field of the River Aare has not been conducted, it is not possible to give exact values for linear flow distances of the infiltrating water between the river and the wells. However, the results of the year-round study at this field site (see Figure 5 and Table II) can be qualitatively compared to those obtained in the lower Glatt Valley.



Figure 5. Field site II: monthly determined values for temperature, tetrachloroethylene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, dissolved oxygen (detection limit  $\approx$  1 mg of O<sub>2</sub>/L), ammonium, and DOC, in the River Aare and In observation wells A1 and A3.

The data presented in Figure 5d-e show that the biologically mediated processes respiration and nitrification always occurred between the river and the wells A1 and A3. Reducing conditions were never observed in the groundwater at this field site. With respect to the organic micropollutants, all compounds exhibited behaviors similar to those observed at the Glatt site; that is, no elimination of tri- and tetrachloroethylene during infiltration, and degradation and/or transformation of the alkylbenzenes and 1,4-dichlorobenzene (see Figure 5b,c; Table II). It should be noted that the slightly lower average concentrations of tetrachloroethylene in A3 and A4 (see Table II) may be attributed to dilution of the infiltrated water with less polluted groundwater from other sources.

From the data shown in Figure 5b, it is possible to determine an average retardation factor for tetrachloroethylene. Figure 5b shows that significantly higher concentrations of this compound were observed in the river between Dec 1980 and Mar 1981. The response in the groundwater (i.e., in wells A1 and A3) to the high concentrations in the river was observed about 4 months later  $(\tau_{\text{tetra}})$ . Thus, when an average residence time  $(\tau_{w})$  of the water between the River Aare and A1 and A3 of approximately 3 weeks to 1 month is assumed (see Figure 5a), an average retardation factor  $(\tau_{\text{tetra}}/\tau_w)$  of about 5 is obtained. This value is rather low when compared to the retardation factors determined by Roberts et al. (11) for compounds of similar lipophilicity in an aquifer in the Palo Alto Baylands (e.g.,  $R_f = 33$  for chlorobenzene). The result is, however, not surprising considering the much lower organic Table III. Average Concentrations of Total DOC and of the Three DOC Fractions Determined by the Method of Schneider et al. (28)

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sampling location <sup>a</sup>	dist from river, m	total	frac- tion 1°	frac- tion 2 <sup>d</sup>	frac- tion 3 <sup>e</sup>
River Glatt	0	4.0	1.5	1.0	1.5
well G1	2.5	2.7	1.0	0.9	0.8
well G2	5	2.6	1.0	0.9	0.7
well G3	14	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.4
well G4	120	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.1

<sup>a</sup> See Figure 1. <sup>b</sup> Average values from four measurements conducted between Sept 1979 and Dec 1979. <sup>c</sup> Hydrophilic at pH 2. <sup>d</sup> "Acidic" fraction: hydrophobic at pH 2, hydrophilic at pH 8. <sup>e</sup> Hydrophobic at pH 2 and pH 8.

carbon content of the aquifer materials at this field site as compared to the Palo Alto site, and it is consistent with predictions from model calculations for the very similar type of aquifer at the study site in the Glatt Valley (see Table I).

Behavior of Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) during Infiltration. Although this study focused on the behavior of individual organic micropollutants, a few remarks may be made on compositional changes in the bulk DOC during infiltration. Table III contains the average values for DOC and the three DOC fractions determined in the River Glatt and in wells G1-G4. During the first few meters of infiltration, the concentrations of the hydrophilic (fraction 1) and the hydrophobic fraction (fraction 3) of the DOC were significantly reduced. These reductions may be primarly attributed to microbial mineralization (20). The "acidic" fraction 2, which includes all fulvic acid type materials (28), was not significantly affected by these processes. With increasing distance from the river (G1  $\rightarrow$  G4), the decrease in concentration of the "acidic" fraction might have been caused by the formation of insoluble complexes with metal ions (e.g.,  $Ca^{2+}$ ) and/or by adsorption onto clay minerals (36-38). Between G1 and G4, no significant changes in concentrations were observed in the hydrophilic fraction, whereas the lipophilic fraction was, to a great extent, removed and/or transformed into compounds appearing in one of the other fractions. It is not possible to identify the processes responsible for the removal of the lipophilic fraction of DOC from the available data.

Long-Range Effects of River Water Infiltration. Figure 6 shows the vertical concentration profiles of oxygen, DOC, and two persistent volatile organic compounds determined in well G15, which provides a representative picture of the water composition at various depths in the aquifer in the lower Glatt Valley (20). From the data in Figure 6 and from the results of the measurements of other parameters (20), it can be assumed that the upper half of the aquifer contained water that had predominantly been infiltrated from the River Glatt, whereas the water in the bottom half of the aquifer originated mostly from less polluted sources.

It is interesting to note that throughout the upper half of the aquifer, the concentrations of tri- and tetrachloroethylene were very similar to the average concentrations detected in the River Glatt (see Figure 4). Thus, when considering that the deeper layers of the upper half of the aquifer contained water that had been infiltrated from the river at distances of up to several kilometers from this well



Figure 6. Field site I: vertical concentration profiles of selected parameters in well G15: (---) = dissolved oxygen  $(O_2)$ ; (----) dissolved organic carbon (DOC); (---) trichloroethylene (tri); (--) tetrachloroethylene (tetra).

(18), these findings again clearly demonstrate the great mobility of such persistent compounds in these types of aquifers and hence their potential to contaminate large groundwater areas.

#### Summary and Conclusions

The transport and fate of organic pollutants, including various volatile organic compounds, during infiltration of river water to groundwater has been studied in year-round investigations at two different field sites in Switzerland. The most important results and conclusions of this field investigation follow.

(1) As predicted by model calculations, volatile organic compounds move rapidly with infiltrating water from rivers to groundwaters. If a river is permanently charged with such chemicals, large groundwater areas may be contaminated, unless the compounds are eliminated during infiltration by biological processes.

(2) Among the volatile organic compounds for which no evidence of biological transformation under any conditions was found were chloroform, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, and tetrachloroethylene. With respect to such persistent chemicals, bank filtration is ineffective as a first step in the treatment of river water for water supplies.

(3) The compounds for which biotransformation was observed (e.g., all alkylated  $C_1-C_4$ -benzenes, naphthalene, the methylnaphthalenes, and 1,4-dichlorobenzene) were "eliminated" during infiltration to concentrations below their detection limits. Alkylated benzenes were always "eliminated" within the first few meters of infiltration, even at temperatures below 5 °C. The biotransformation of 1,4-dichlorobenzene occurred at a slower rate.

(4) There is strong evidence that certain organic micropollutants (e.g., 1,4-dichlorobenzene) were only biotransformed under aerobic conditions. The elimination of such compounds may therefore be hindered if anaerobic conditions prevail in the aquifer in the near field of a river.

(5) The retention of even highly lipophilic compounds such as hexachlorobenzene is rather small in aquifers composed of materials of low organic carbon content (i.e.,  $f_{\infty} < 0.001$ ).

The results of this study show that long-term field measurements are useful (i) to gain relevant insights into the behavior of organic micropollutants in a natural river water-groundwater infiltration system and (ii) to check the general validity of conclusions drawn from laboratory investigations.

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# OH Radical Rate Constants and Photolysis Rates of $\alpha$ -Dicarbonyls

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Photolysis rates of glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl and OH radical reaction rate constants for glyoxal and methylglyoxal have been determined at 298  $\pm$  2 K in an environmental chamber, by using the photolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>ONO-air mixtures to generate OH radicals. The OH radical rate constants obtained were  $(1.15 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-11}$ and  $(1.73 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for glyoxal and methylglyoxal, respectively. The photolysis rates of glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl increased throughout this series, and average quantum yields for the wavelength region  $\geq$ 290 nm of 0.029 ± 0.018, 0.107 ± 0.030, and 0.158  $\pm$  0.024 were derived for glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl, respectively. In addition, upper limits to the rate constants for the reaction of  $O_3$  with glyoxal and methylglyoxal of  $<3 \times 10^{-21}$  and  $<6 \times 10^{-21}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, were obtained at 298  $\pm$  2 K. These data will serve as needed input to chemical kinetic computer modeling studies of the aromatic hydrocarbons.

#### Introduction

The  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl are important ring-cleavage products in the NO<sub>x</sub>-air photooxidations of the aromatic hydrocarbons (1-6), and the photolysis of methylglyoxal to radical species is postulated to lead to the observed photochemical reactivity of toluene and the higher aromatics (4, 6). In addition, methylglyoxal is postulated to be an intermediate product in the NO<sub>x</sub>-air photooxidation of the naturally emitted hydrocarbon isoprene (7, 8). Under atmospheric conditions, these  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls, besides photolyzing, may also react with OH radicals or with O3. On the basis of the data for methylglyoxal (9, 10), their reactions with  $O_3$  are expected to be negligible, as is the reaction of OH radicals with biacetyl (2). However, both glyoxal and methylglyoxal are expected to react rapidly with OH radicals with rate constants of  $\sim (1-2) \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 298 K (4), although the only OH radical rate constant available for glyoxal or methylglyoxal is a recent value of  $(7.1 \pm 1.6)$  $\times 10^{-12}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at 297 K for methylglyoxal (11). In addition, the rates and products of the photolysis of these  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls under atmospheric conditions are not well-known (4, 6, 12), and hence there is clearly a need to investigate the atmospheric loss processes of these  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls in more detail.

In this work, rate constants for the reactions of OH radicals with glyoxal have been determined at  $298 \pm 2$  K, relative to the rate constant for the reaction of OH radicals with cyclohexane, and the photolysis rates of glyoxal, methylglyoxal, and biacetyl have been determined in 1 atm of air in an environmental chamber. In addition, upper limits to the rate constants for the reaction of O<sub>3</sub> with glyoxal and methylglyoxal have been determined at 298  $\pm$  2 K.

#### Experimental Section

Photolysis and OH Radical Reactions. The technique for the determination of relative OH radical rate constants and of photolysis rates was essentially identical with those described previously (13, 14). Hydroxyl radicals were generated by the photolysis of methyl nitrite in air at  $\geq 290$  nm, at part-per-million concentrations:

$$CH_{3}ONO + h\nu \rightarrow CH_{3}O + NO$$
$$CH_{3}O + O_{2} \rightarrow HCHO + HO_{2}$$
$$HO_{2} + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_{2}$$

In order to minimize the formation of  $O_3$  during these irradiations, NO was included in the reaction mixtures. In the presence of an  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl and a reference organic (cyclohexane), the OH radicals can, besides reacting with CH<sub>3</sub>ONO, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and the organic reaction products, react with these organics:

 $OH + dicarbonyls \rightarrow products$  (1)

$$OH + cyclohexane \rightarrow products$$
 (2)

Additionally, the  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyls also photolyze:

dicarbonyl + 
$$h\nu \rightarrow$$
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Under the experimental conditions employed, reactions of the dicarbonyls and cyclohexane with  $O(^{3}P)$  atoms and  $O_{3}$  were negligible, and since dilution due to sampling was also negligible (<0.2%), then

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### CHAPTER III FIELD OPERATIONS

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### RULE 3-100 POLLUTION ABATEMENT

### RULE 3-101 PROHIBITION OF POLLUTION

(a) All operators, contractors, drillers, service companies, pipepulling and salvaging contractors, or other persons shall at all times conduct their operations and drill, equip, operate, produce, plug and abandon all wells drilled for oil or gas, service wells or exploratory wells (including seismic, core and stratigraphic holes) in a manner that will prevent pollution and the migration of oil, gas, salt water or other substance from one stratum into another, including any fresh water bearing formation. Pollution of surface or subsurface fresh water by deleterious substances used in connection with the exploration, drilling, producing, refining, transporting or processing of oil or gas is hereby prohibited.

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(b) Sections 305, 306, 307 and 308 of Title 52, Oklahoma Statutes Annotated, governing the drilling, operation and plugging of oil and gas wells in workable coal beds are hereby adopted as rules of the Commission as fully as if set out verbatim herein.

### RULE 3-102 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

The Manager of Pollution Abatement shall supervise and coordinate the administration and enforcement of these rules under the direction of the Director of Conservation and the Commission.

### RULE 3-103 COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

(a) These rules shall not be construed as modifying the rights, obligations or duties of any person under any law of this State, or under any order, rule or regulation of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, State Department of Health, Oklahoma-Wildlife Conservation Commission, State Board of Agriculture, Department of Pollution Control, or any other agency of this State with respect to the pollution of fresh water.

(b) Whenever a written complaint against any person is filed with the Commission, alleging pollution as prohibited by Rule 3-101, the Manager of Pollution Abatement shall immediately initiate such action as may be necessary or appropriate to abate the pollution.

### RULE 3-104 PITS AND TANKS

(a) Pits and tanks for drilling mud or deleterious substances used in the drilling, completion and recompletion of wells shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent pollution of surface and subsurface fresh water.

(b) Deleterious fluids other than fresh water drilling fluids that were used in drilling or workover operations, which are displaced or produced in well completion or stimulation procedures such as from

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fracturing, acidizing. swabbing, drill stem tests, and any other well stimulation process, shall be collected into a plastic lined pit of at least 30 mil, or metal tank and maintained separate from above-mentioned drilling fluids to allow for separate and legal disposal. (3-30-82)

### RULE 3-105 SURFACE AND PRODUCTION CASING

(a) Owners, operators and drilling contractors shall comply with Rule 3-206, "Drilling and Casing Procedures" and Rule 3-301, "Approval of Enhanced Recovery Injection Wells or Disposal Wells". (3-16-81)

(b) In the event a rupture, break or opening occurs in the surface or production casing, the owner, operator or drilling contractor shall take immediate action to repair it, and shall report the occurence to the appropriate District Office or the Manager of Pollution Abatement.

### RULE 3-106 FRACTURE AND ACIDIZING

In the completion of an oil, gas, injection, disposal or service well, where acidizing or fracture processes are used, no oil, gas or deleterious substances shall be permitted to pollute any surface and subsurface fresh water.

### RULE 3-107 SWABBING AND BAILING

In swabbing, bailing or purging a well, all deleterious substances removed from the bore hole shall be placed in adequate pits or tanks, and no such substances shall be permitted to pollute any surface and subsurface fresh water.

### RULE 3-108 PRODUCING OIL AND GAS WELLS

All wellhead connections, surface equipment and tank batteries shall be maintained at all times so as to prevent leakage of oil, gas, salt water or other deleterious substances.

### RULE 3-109 OIL STORAGE

Oil storage tanks shall be constructed so as to prevent leakage; and dikes or walls, where necessary, shall be constructed so as to prevent oil or deleterious substances from polluting surface and sub-surface water.

### RULE 3-110 USE OF EARTHEN PITS

### RULE 3-110.1 USE OF ON-SITE EARTHEN PITS

(a) An earthen pit serving only the lease or unit on which it is located is defined as an on-site pit. An on-site earthen pit used for the handling, storage or disposal of any deleterious substance produced, obtained, or used in connection with the drilling or



operation of wells, shall be constructed of, or sealed with, an impervious material, and shall be used and operated at all times so as to prevent any escape of any deleterious substance. (4-2-81)

(b) No on-site earthen pit shall be constructed, enlarged, reconstructed, or used until the District Office has issued a written permit for its use and assigned a permit number. The operator shall file Form 1014, in triplicate, with the appropriate District Office. When approved, one copy will be returned to the operator as a permit which shall bear the permit number assigned. The operator shall post a waterproof sign bearing the name of the operator and the permit number within twenty-five (25) feet of the pit. (4-2-81)

(c) Every on-site earthen pit not having a permit and permit number shall be emptied and leveled. (4-2-81)

(d) Paragraph (b) and (c) above, shall not apply to:

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(1) An emergency pit constructed solely to prevent escape of substances. Provided, an emergency pit shall not be constructed in pervious soil unless lined, and shall never be used for the storage of any substance. (4-2-81)

(2) A circulating, frac or reserve mud pit used in drilling, deepening, testing, reworking or plugging a well while such operations are in progress. Each reserve pit shall be leveled within twelve (12) months after drilling operations cease. One six-month extension may be granted by the District Manager for reasonable cause. Each circulating pit shall be emptied and leveled within sixty (60) days after the drilling operations cease. Each fracture pit shall be emptied and leveled within sixty (60) days after completion of fracture operations. Provided, however, upon application, notice and hearing, and not less than ten (10) days notice by restricted mail to the occupying owner or tenant of the land upon which the pit is located, and for good cause shown, reasonable extensions of the times set out above may be granted. (4-2-81)

(3) A burn pit used solely to burn waste oil 'or other flammable material. Provided, a burn pit shall never be used for storage of any substance. (4-2-81)

(e) Notice of construction of an on-site emergency pit or burn pit shall be filed, in triplicate, with the appropriate District Office on Form 1014. The appropriate District Office shall be notified in writing of each use of an emergency pit. (4-2-81)

(f) No on-site earthen pit shall be constructed or maintained so as to receive outside runoff water and the fluid level of each earthen pit shall be maintained at all times at least eighteen (18) vertical inches below the lowest point of the embankment. (3-30-81)



(g) The appropriate District Office shall be notified in writing whenever an on-site earthen pit is abandoned. (4-2-81)

### RULE 3-110.2 USE OF OFF-SITE EARTHEN PITS

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(a) Any earther pit not defined in Rule 3-110.1 is defined as an off-site earthen pit. An off-site earthen pit used for the handling, storage or disposal of any deleterious substance produced, obtained, or used in connection with the drilling or operation of wells, shall be constructed of, or sealed with, an impervious material, and shall be used and operated at all times so as to prevent any escape of any deleterious substance. (3-30-82)

(b) No off-site earthen pit shall be constructed, enlarged, reconstructed, or used until the District Office has issued a written permit for its use and assigned a permit number. The operator shall file Form 1014, in triplicate, with the appropriate District Office. When approved, one copy will be returned to the operator as a permit which shall bear the permit number assigned. The operator shall post a waterproof sign bearing the name of the operator and the permit number within twenty-five (25) feet of the pit. If Form 1014 is not approved by the appropriate District Office, or if a protest is received at the district level, the operator may file an application for hearing with the Commission, which shall be set for hearing. (4-2-81)

(c) Notice that an application has been filed with the Commission shall be published by the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation and published in the county in which the pit is located and not less than ten (10) days notice by restricted mail to the occupying owner or tenant of the land upon which the pit is located. The applicant shall file proof of publication prior to the hearing. (4-2-81)

(d) Every off-site earthen pit not having a permit and permit number shall be emptied and leveled. (4-2-81)

(e) Every off-site earthen pit shall be completely enclosed by a permanent woven wire fence of at least four (4) feet in height. (4-2-81)

(f) No off-site earthen pit shall be constructed or maintained so as to receive outside runoff water and the fluid level of each earthen pit shall be maintained at all times at least eighteen (18) vertical inches below the lowest point of the embankment. (3-30-82)

(g) The appropriate District Office shall be notified in writing whenever an off-site earthen pit is abandoned. (4-2-81)

(h) The provisions of Rule 3-110.2 shall not apply to an off-site reserve pit used for primary drilling operations. (4-2-81)

(i) Use of off-size earthen pits designed specifically for disposal of deleterious substances from more than one well size shall meet the additional following requirements: (3-30-82)

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(1) No off-site earthen pit shall be constructed OT Maintained so as to receive outside runoff water and the fluid level in the off-site earthen pit shall be maintained at all times at least twenty-four (24) vertical inches below the lowest point of the embankment. (3-30-82) \*\*\*\*

- (2) No off-site earthen pit shall be constructed in the 100 year flood plain of any drainage basin. (3-30-82)
- (3) No off-site earthen pit shall contain fluids with a chloride content greater than 3500 MG/L. (3-30-82)
- (4) No off-site earthen pit shall contain a soil seal less than 12 inches thick with the co-efficient of permeability no greater than 10-<sup>7</sup> cm/sec. If a Bentonite seal is to be used, the Bentonite shall be mixed to form the previously mentioned permeability requirement into the soil to a uniform depth of at least 6 inches. (3-30-82)
- (5) Two test borings shall be drilled to a minimum depth of 25' below the bottom of the earthen pit, and to be located outside of and near the low elevation side of the pit. The borings shall be submitted with the application to demonstrate the subsurface profile of the proposed pit. (3-30-82)
- (6) Any earthen pit that contains deleterious substances shall be lined so as to prevent contamination of the fresh water. The type of liner proposed shall be approved by the Commission's District Manager and Manager of Pollution Abatement. (3-30-82)
- (7) Written certification that the seal was provided and constructed in accordance with Commission-approved specifications shall be furnished by the supplier, project engineer, or independent soils laboratory. (3-30-82)
- (8) All off-size earthen pits shall be filled and leveled within one (1) year after abandonment. (3-30-82)
- (9) No abandoned mines or strip pits shall be used for disposal of oilfield waste unless the geology and hydrology demonstrate that such disposal will not contaminate the fresh water of the state. (3-30-82)
- (10) No off-site earthen pit shall contain deleterious substances unless the geology and hydrology demonstrate that such disposal will not contaminate the fresh water of the state. (3-30-81)

### RULE 3-110.3 AGRICULTURAL USE OF CIL FIELD WASTE PROMIBITED

Any spreading and/or soil farming of oil field drilling waste shall be prohibited.



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### RULE 3-111 REFINING AND PROCESSING OF OIL AND GAS

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(a) All deleterious substances obtained or used in the processing and refining of oil and gas shall be disposed of in a manner that will prevent the pollution of fresh water.

(b) Chemicals, gasolines, oils and other deleterious substances shall be stored, where necessary, in tanks or containers of a material and of a construction and in a manner that Will prevent the escaping, seepage, or draining of such liquids into any fresh water.

### RULE 3-114 PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLIES

The Commission, upon application of any municipality or other governmental subdivision, may enter an order establishing special field rules within a defined area to protect and preserve fresh water and fresh water supplies.

### RULE 3-120 INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

### RULE 3-121 INFORMAL COMPLAINTS

If, upon information or inspection, it is found that an operator, processor, refiner, or transporter of oil or gas is violating any rule or order of the Commission or causing damage or pollution to any oil or gas formation, surface or underground fresh water, the Conservation Division shall cause an investigation to be made and shall file a written administrative complaint, in duplicate, on Form 1036, and one copy of Form 1036 shall be delivered or mailed to the operator. If, upon subsequent inspection it is determined that the operator has taken the corrective actions specified the complaint shall be dismissed; otherwise, formal application will be made to the Commission for an order shutting down the lease or well, and for any other appropriate remedy; pending the outcome of the final determination of the Commission on the formal application, any District Manager shall, after an on-site inspection, have the authority to shut down those operations where conditions appear obvious that surface or underground pollution is occurring. (4-2-81)

### RULE 3-200 DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT

### RULE 3-201.1 OPERATORS AGREEMENT, FINANCIAL STATEMENT, ETC.

(a) Each person who drills or operates any well within the State of Oklahoma for the exploration, development or production of oil or gas, or as an injection or disposal well, shall furnish his agreement in writing to plug the well at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Rules and Regulations of the Commission and the laws of the State of Oklahoma. The agreement shall provide that if the Commission determines that he has neglected, failed or refused to plug any well in compliance with the Commission's Rules and Regulations, he will forfeit or pay to the State, through the

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### NOTICE OF RULE ADDATION

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of the well bore of a well being completed or worked over.

(5) Drilling fluid disposal pit -- Pit, other than a reserve pit, used

spent completion fluids, workover fluids, and drilling fluid, silt, debris, water, brime, oil scum, paraffin, or other materials which have been cleaned out

dispenal at a tidal disposal facility, or pit used for storage of saltwater or other oil and gas wastes prior to disposal at a disposal well or fluid injection well. In some cases one pit is both a collecting pit and a stimming pit.

(4) <u>Completion/workover pit</u> -- Pit used for storage or disposal of

displace hydrocarbons from an underground hydrocarbon storage facility.

(3) Collecting pit -- Pit used for storage of saltwater prior to

(2) Brine pit -- Pit used for storage of brine which is used to

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section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates

(a) <u>Definitions</u>. The following words and terms, when used in this

for storage of basic sediment removed from a production vessel or from the bottom of an oil storage tank. Basic sediment pits were formerly referred to as

(1) <u>Basic sediment pit</u> -- Pit used in conjunction with a tank battery

for disposal of spent drilling fluid.

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by a temporary shutdown of a disposal well or fluid injection well and/or

produced saltwater for Hamited period of time. Use of the pit is necessitated

(7) Emergency saltwater storage pit -- Pit used for storage of

among several leases.

fluid which is not currently being used but which will be used in future drilling operations. Drilling fluid storage pits are often centrally located Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Division

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associated equipment, by temporary overrice of soltwater storage tanks on a producing lease, or by a producing well loading up with formation fluids such that the well may die. Emergency saltwater storage pits may sometimes be referred to as emergency pits or blowdown pits.

(B) <u>flare pit</u> -- Pit which contains a flare and which is used for temporary storage of liquid hydrocarbons which are sent to the flare during equipment malfunction but which are not burned. A flare pit is used in conjunction with a gasoline plant, natural gas processing plant, pressure maintenance or repressurizing plant, tant battery, or a well.

(9) <u>Fresh makeup water pit</u> -- Pit used in conjunction with drilling rig for storage of water used to make up drilling fluid.

(10) Gs plant evaporation/retention pit -- Pit used for storage or disposal of cooling tower blowdown, water condensed from natural gas, and other wastewater generated at gasoline plants, natural gas processing plants, or pressure maintenance or repressurizing plants.

(11) <u>Mud circulation off</u> -- Pit used in conjunction with drilling rig for storage of drilling fluid currently being used in drilling operations.

(12) <u>Reserve pit</u> -- Pit used in conjunction with orilling rig for collecting spent drilling fluids; cuttings, sands, and silts; and wash water used for cleaning drill pipe and other equipment at the well site. Reserve pits are sometimes referred to as slush pits or mud pits.

(13) <u>Saltwater discosal pit</u> -- Pit used for disposal of produced saltwater.

(14) <u>Skimming pit</u> -- Pit used for skimming oil off saltwater prior to disposal of saltwater at a tidal disposal facility, disposal well, or fluid injection well.

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(15) <u>Mashout pit</u> -- Pit located at truck yard, tank yard, or disposal facility for storage or disposal of oil and gas waste residue washed out of tructs, mobile tanks, or skid-munited tanks.

(16) <u>Mater condensate pit</u> -- Pit used in conjunction with a gas pipeline drip or gas compressor station for storage or disposal of fresh water condensed from natural gas.

(17) Generator -- Person who generates of and gas wastes.

(18) <u>Surrier</u> -- Person who transports oil and gas wastes generated by a generator. A carrier of another person's pil and gas wastes may be a generator of his own oil and gas wastes.

(19) <u>Receiver</u> -- Person who stores, handles, treats, reclaims, or disposes of oil and gas wastes generated by a generator. A receiver of another person's oil and gas wastes may be a generator of his own oil and gas wastes.

(20) <u>Director</u> -- Director of the Oil and Gas Division or his staff delegate designated in writing by the Director of the Oil and Gas Division or

the commission.

(21) <u>Person</u> -- Natural person, corporation, organization, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

(22) <u>Affected person</u> — Person who, as a result of the activity sought to be permitted, has suffered or may suffer actual injury or economic damage

other than as a member of the general public.

(23) To dewater -- To remove the free water.

(24) <u>To dispose</u> -- To engage in any act of disposal subject to regulation by the commission including, but not limited to, conducting, draining, discharging, emitting, throwing, releasing, depositing, burying, landfarming, or allowing to seep, or to cause or allow any such act of disposal.

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(25) <u>Landfarming</u> -- A waste management practice in which oil and gas mostes are mixed with or applied to the land surface in such a manner that the

wste will not migrate off the landfarmed area. (26) <u>Oil and gas wastes</u> -- Materials to be disposed of or reclaimed which have been generated in connection with activities associated with the esploration, development, and production of oil or gas or geothermal resources, or activities associated with underground storage of hydrocarbons. The term oil and gas wastes includes, but is not limited to, saltwater, other mineralized water, sludge, spent drilling fluids, cuttings, waste oil, spent completion fluids, and other liquid, semi-liquid, or solid waste material.

(27) <u>01 field fields</u> -- Fluids to be used or reused in connection with activities associated with the exploration, development, and production of oil or gas or geothermal resources, or activities associated with underground storage of hydrocarbons. The term oil field fluids includes, but is not limited to, drilling fluids, completion fluids, surfactants, and chemicals used to detoxify oil and gas wastes.

(28) <u>Polyution of surface or subsurface water</u> -- The alteration of the physical, thermal, chemical, or biological quality of, or the contamination of, any surface or subsurface water in the state that renders the water harmful, detrimintal, or injurious to humans, animal life, vegetation, or property, or to public health, safety, or welfare, or impairs the usefulness or the public health, tafety, or welfare, or reasonable purpose.

(29) <u>Surface or subsurface water</u> -- Groundwater, percolating or otherwise, suitable for <u>domestic</u> or livestock use, irrigation of crops, or industrial use, and lakes, bays, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, rivers, streams, creets, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, the Gulf of Mexico inside the territorial limits of the state, and all other bodies of surface water,

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natural or artificial, inland or coastal, fresh or salt, manigable or nonnavisable and including the body and basks of ill communications and the same of

nonnavigable, and including the beds and banks of all watercourses and booses of surface water, that are wholly or partially inside or bordering the state or inside the jurisdiction of the state.

(b) <u>Mo pollution</u>. We person conducting activities subject to regulation by the commission may cause or allow pollution of surface or subsurface water in the state.

(c) <u>Exploratory wells</u>. Any oil, gas, or geothermal resource well or well drilled for exploratory purposes shall be governed by the provisions of statewide or field rules which are applicable and perrain to the drilling. safety, casing, production, abandoning, and plugging of wells.

(d) Pollution control.

(1) <u>Prohibited disposal methods</u>. Except for those disposal methods authorized for certain wastes by paragraph (3) of this subsection or subsection (e) of this section, or disposal methods permitted pursuant to § 3.9 of this title (relating to Disposal Wells) or § 3.46 of this title (relating to Fluid Injection into Productive Reservoirs) (Bules 9 or 46), no person may dispose of any oil and gas wastes by any method without obtaining a permit to dispose of such wastes. The disposal methods prohibited by this paragraph include, but are not limited to, the unpermitted discharge of oil field brines, geothermal resource waters, other mineralized waters, or drilling fluids into any watercourse or drainageway, including any drainage ditch, dry creek, riowing creek, river, or any other body of surface water.

(2) <u>Prohibited pits</u>. No person may maintain or use any pit for storage of all or all products. Except as authorized by paragraph (4) of this subsection, no person may maintain or use any pit for storage of all field fluids, or for storage or disposal of all and gas wastes, without obtaining a 11 and bas Division

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backfill and compact the pit in the time and manner required by the director. a permitted manner or in a manner authorized by paragraph (3) of this Prior to backfilling the pit, the person maintaining or using the pit shall, in subsection nor permitted, then the person maintaining or using the pit shall maintenance of the pit is neither authorized by paragraph (4) or (7)(C) of this pits; and gas plant evaporation/retention pits. If, after the effective date of crilling fluid disposal pits (ather than reserve pits or slush pits); washout of such permit while using the pit, and if the person has permission of the subsection, dispose of all oil and gas wastes which are in the pit. fluids, or for storage or disposal of oil and gas wastes, and the use or this subsection, a person maintains or uses a pit for storage of oil field brine pits; drilling fluid storage pits (other than mud circulation pits); disposal pits; emergency saltwater storage pits; collecting pits; skimming pits; include, but are not limited to, the following types of pits: salbwater receiver to use the pit. The pits required by this paragraph to be permitted use a pit if a receiver has such a permit, if the person complies with the terms permit to maintain or use the pit. A person is not required to have a permit to

for cleaning drill pipe and other equipment at the well site.

(D) Other drilling fluid. A person may, without a permit, dispose

concentration of 3,000 milligrams per itter (mg/l) or less; and wash water used sands, and silts obtained while using water base drilling fluids with a chloride concentration of 3,000 milligrams per liter (mg/l) or less; drill cuttings, landfarming will occur: water base drilling fluids with a chloride person has the written permission of the surface owner of the tract where are disposed of on the same lease where they are generated, and provided the dispose of the following oil and gas wastes by landfarming, provided the wastes

### ω 3 Authorized disposal methods.

other than disposal into surface mater of the state. pipeline drips or gas compressor stations, provided the disposal is by a method of fresh water which has been condensed from natural gas and collected at gas (A) Fresh water concensate. A person may, without a permit, dispose

disposal into surface water of the state. concrete, glass, wood, and wire, provided the disposal is by a method other than and essentially insoluble oil and gas wastes including, but not limited to, (8) Inert wastes. A person may, without a permit, dispose of inert

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(C) Low chloride drilling fluid. A person may, without a permit

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pits, flare pits, fresh makeup water pits, and water condensate pits on the following conditions: reserve pits, mud circulation pits, completion/workover pits, basic segiment (4) Authorized pits. A person may, without a permit, maintain or use

deposit or cause to be deposited into a reserve pit or mud circulation pit any (A) Reserve pits and mud circulation pits. A person shall not

oil field fluids or oil and gas wastes other than the following: (i) drilling fluids, whether fresh water base, saltwater base.

circulating drilling fluids; (if) drill cuttings, sands, and silts separated from (he

or oil base;

(iii) wash water used for cleaning drill pipe and other equipment

at the well site;

(iv) drill stem test fluids; and

(v) blowout preventer test fluids

(B) <u>Completion/workover pits</u>. A person shall not deposit or cause

materials cleaned out of the well bore of a well being completed or worked over. gas wastes other than spent completion fluids, workover fluids, and to be deposited into a completion/workover pit any oil field fluids or oil and (C) <u>Basic sediment pits</u>. A person shall not deposit or cause to be the

covered by a basic sediment pit shall not exceed 250 square feet. other than basic sediment removed from a production vessel or from the bottom of total capacity of a basic sediment pit shall not exceed 50 barrels. The area sediment pit, a person may not deposit oil or free saitwater in the pit. The an oil storage tank. Although a person may store basic sediment in a basic deposited into a basic sediment pit any oil field fluids or oil and gas wastes

by methods authorized by this paragraph shall not extend the time allowed for whose use or maintenance is authorized by paragraph [4] of this subsection. backfilling any reserve pit, mud circulation pit, or completion/workover pit (F) Effect on backfilling. A person's choice to dispose of a waste well being completed or worked over.

fluids, workover fluids, and the materials cleaned out of the well bore of a disposed of at the same well site where they are generated: spent completion pit, provided the mastes have been dematered, and provided the wastes are dispose of the following oil and gas wastes by burial in a completion/workover drilling fluids and wastes allowed to be landfarmed without a permit. chloride concentration in excess of 3,000 milligrams per liter (mg/l); and those while using oil base drilling fluids or water base drilling fluids with a (mg/1) but which have been dewatered; drill cuttings, samds, and silts obtained which had a chloride concentration in excess of 3,000 milligrams per liter of at the same well site where they are generated: water base drilling fluids of the following oil and gas wastes by burial, provided the wastes are disposed

Completion/workover pit wastes. A person may, without a permit,

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wastes. year of cessation of drilling operations. pit according to the following schedule: pipeline drips or gas compressor stations. be deposited into a water condensate pit any oil field fluids or oil and gas be ceposited into a fresh makeup water pit any oil field fluids or oil and gas Satiroad Commission of Texas within one year of cessation of drilling operations. fluids with a chloride concentration of 6,100 milligrams per liter (mg/l) or pit, flare pit, or water concensate pit shall dewater, backfill, and compact the circulation pit, fresh makeup water pit, completion/workover pit, besic sediment wistes other than fresh water convolensed from natural gas and collected at gas Hiquid hydrocarbons in a flare pit for more than 48 hours at a time. hyprocarbons designed to go to the flare during upset conditions at the well, tank battery, or gas plant where the pit is located. A person shall not store into a flare pit any oil field fluids or oil and gas wastes other than the (E) Fresh makeup water pits. A person shall not deposit or cause to (G) Backfill requirements. (F) <u>water condensate puts</u>. A person shall not deposit or cause to e (i) A person who maintains or uses a reserve pit, mud Flare pits. A person shall not deposit or cause to be deposited

Reserve pits and mud circulation pits which contain

less and fresh makeup water pits shall be dewatered, backfilled, and compacted

(mg/l) shall be dewatered within 30 days and backfilled and compacted within one fluids with a chloride concentration in excess of 6,100 milligrams per liter (11) Reserve pits and mud circulation pits which contain

shall be dewatered within 30 days and backfilled and compacted with 120 days of (III) All completion/workover pits used when completing a well

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of completion of workover operations. well completion. All completion/workover pits used when working over a well shall be dewatered within 30 days and backfilled and compacted within 120 days

cessation of use of the pits. pits shall be dewatered, backfilled, and compacted within 120 days of final (IV) Basic sediment pits, flarm pits, and water condensate

particular section should be dewatered. section of the pit shall be considered a separate pit for determining when a (V) If a person constructs a sectioned reserve pit, each

backfilling the pit extends beyond the expiration date or transfer date of the lease covering the land where the pit is located. prescribed by clause (1) of this subparagraph (6), even if the time allowed for circulation pit, fresh makeup water pit, or completion/workover pit shall remain responsible for dewatering, backfilling, and compacting the pit within the time (ii) A person who maintains or uses a reserve pit, mud

oil and gas wastes. to escape from the pit or that the pit is being used for improper disposal of backfill the pit sponer than the time prescribed by clause (1) of this maintains a reserve pit, mud circulation pit, fresh makeup water pit, subparagraph (6) if the director determines that oil and gas wastes are likely completion/workover pit, basic sediment pit, flare pit, or water condensate pit (11) The director may require that a person who uses or

smaintaining or using the pit shall, in a permitted meanner or in a meanner whose use or maintenance is authorized by this paragraph (4), the person completion/workover pit, basic sediment pit, flare pit, or water condensate pit (iv) Prior to backfilling any reserve pit, mud circulation pit.

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wastes which are in the pit. authorized by paragraph (3) of this subsection, dispose of all oil and ŝeĉ

(5) Responsibility for disposal.

permit. Any person who plans to utilize the services of a carriver or receiver handle, treat, reclaim, or dispose of such wastes but does not have such a a permit. No receiver may knowingly utilize the services of a second receiver reclaim, or dispose of oil and gas wastes. is under a duty to determine that the carrier or receiver has all permits to store, handle, treat, reclaim, or dispose of oil and gas wasters if the second store, handle, treat, reclaim, or dispose of such wastes but doess not have such permit. No generator or carrier may knowingly utilize the services of a carrier to transport oil and gas wastes if the second carrier is required by have such a permit. No carrier may knowingly utilize the services of a second required by the Oil and Gas Division to transport, store, "handle, treat. receiver is required by statute or commission rule to have a permit to store. the receiver is required by statute or commutssion rule to have a permut to receiver to store, handle, treat, reclaim, or dispose of oil and gas wostes if this rule to have a permit to transport such wastes but does mut have such a the services of a carrier to transport oil and gas wastes if the carrier is required by this rule to have a permit to transport such wastes but does not (A) <u>Permit required.</u> No generator or receiver may knowingly utilize

or any other person may improperly dispose of oil and gas wastles or cause or the improper disposal of oil and gas wastes if: allow the improper disposal of oil and gas wastes. A generator causes or allows Improper disposal prohibited. No generator, carrier, receiver,

the generator utilizes the services of a carrier or

receiver who improperly disposes of the wastes, and

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of an incorporated city, town, or village. When one or more waterfront tracts deliver the required notice to the surface owners and the city clerk or other to the application should be filed with the commission within 15 days of the incorporated city, town, or village, the applicant shall give notice to the city within 1/2 mile of the discharge point lie within the corporate limits of an discharge point except for those waterfront tracts within the corporate limits or a bay, the applicant shall also give notice to the surface owner of each disposal is to be by discharge into a watercourse other than the Gulf of Mexico the county where the pit will be located or the disposal will take place. of the notice to be published. The notice shall be published once each week for by publishing notice of the application. The director shall determine the form name and address of one or more persons required by this subparagraph (C) to be that, after diligent efforts, the applicant has been unable to ascertain the to mail or deliver notice to members of that class. If the director determines should receive notice of the application, the director may require the applicant offset operators, adjacent surface owners, or an appropriate river authority. appilcation the director determines that another class of persons, such as delivered to the commission in Austin. If in connection with a particular appropriate official on or before the date the application is mailed or date the application is filed with the commission. The applicant shall mail or consist of a copy of the application together with a statement that any protest clerk or other appropriate official. Notice of the permit application shall waterfront tract between the discharge point and 1/2 mile downstream of the also give notice to the city clerk or other appropriate official. applicant shall file proof of publication with the commission in Austin. two consecutive meeks by the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in notified, then the director may authorize the applicant to notify such persons When The

or delivered to the commission in Austin. A permit application shall be Austin. The applicant shall mail or deliver a copy of the application to the pit or to dispose of oil and gas wastes shall be filed with the commission in replacing liners.

thickness, procedures, for installing liners, and schedules for inspecting and/or mineralized waters will compain requirements relating to liner material, liner storage or disposal of oil field brines, geothermal resource waters, or other devices, and fences. However, a permit to maintain or use any lined pit for

(8) Application. An application for a permit to maintain or use a

inspecting and/or replacing liners, overflow warning devices, leak detection liner material, liner thickness, procedures for installing liners, schedules for including requirements relating to pit construction materials, dike design, concerning the design and constnuction of pits and disposal facilities,

will be located or upon which the disposal will take place lies within the corporate limits of an incorporated city, town, or village, the applicant shall or upon which the disposal will take place. When the tract upon which the pit application to the surface owner of the tract upon which the pit will be located subsurface water. (C) Notice. The applicant shall give notice of the permit

the waste of oil, gas, or geothermal resources or the pollution of surface or director deems necessary to show that issuance of the permit will not result in the commission with engineering, geological, or other information which the instructions on such form. The director may require the applicant to provide applicant shall make application on the prescribed form according to the commission in Austin. When a commission-prescribed application form exists, an considered filed with the commission on the date it is received by the appropriate district office on the same day the original application is mailed

Any pit would be physically isolazed by naturally occurring impervious barriers from of surrounding productive agracultural land nor pollution of surface or pit, for storage or disposal af all field brines, geothermal resource waters, or to maintain or use any unlimed pit, other than an emergency saltwater storage which the permittee shall be required to dewater, backfill, and compact the pit conditions under which the pit may be operated, including the conditions under surface and subsurface waters. A permit to maintain or use a pit will state the to prevent the waste of oil, yas, or geothermal resources and the pollution of issued pursuant to this paragraph will contain conditions reasonably necessary any oil and gas wastes whict unight escape or migrate from the pit. Permits area of the pit, or because the surface or subsurface water in the area of the the applicant has conclusively shown that use of the pit cannot cause pollution other mineralized waters may only be issued if the commission determines that geothermal resources or the pollbution of surface or subsurface water. A permit determines that the disposal will not result in the waste of oil, gas, or method, including disposal into a pit, may only be issued if the commission surface or subsurface waters. A permit to dispose of oil and gas wastes by any result in the waste of oil, ga≤, or geothermal resources or the pollution of the commission determines that the maintenance or use of such pit will not pit for storage of oil field fluids or oil and gas wastes may only be issued if take reasonable steps to prevent the improper disposal. subsurface water, either because there is no surface or subsurface water in the permits issued pursuance to this paragraph may (6) Permits. (A) Standards for permit issuance. A permit to maintain or use a contain requirements

carrier or receiver was likely to improperly dispose of the wastes and failed to

(11) the generator knew or reasonably should have known that the

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(G) Minor permits. If the director determines that an application

after the commission provides motice of hearing to all affected persons, or of an application has not received such notice within 15 days of the date an a hearing upon request. After hearing, the hearings examiner shall recommend a the director denies administrative approval, the applicant shall have a right to the commission, the director may administratively approve the application. If other persons or governmental entities, who express an interest in the interest, a hearing shall be bedd. A hearing on an application shall be held application. If the director determines that a hearing is in the public person notice of the application and an opportunity to file a protest to the action on the application until reasonable efforts have been made to give such application is filed with the commission, then the director shall not take a nearing shall be held on the application after the applicant requests a made to the commission within 15 mays of the date the application is filed, them final action by the commission. application in writing. If no protest from an affected person is received by hearing. If the director has reason to believe that a person entitled to notice (D) Protests and hearings. If a protest from an affected person is

hearing. A finding of any of the following facts shall constitute good cause: or terminated by the commission for good cause after nutice and opportunity for expire pursuant to paragraph (7) of this subsection, may be mudified, suspended, commission prior to the effective date of this subsection but which does not paragraph (7) of this subsection, or a permit which has been issued by the pursuant to this paragraph (6), or a renewal permit granted pursuant to (E) Modification, suspension, and termination. A permit granted

likely to occur as a result of the permitted operations; pollution of surface or subsurface water is occurring or is

> permit issuance process; permit or commission rules; (iv) the permittee misrepresented any material fact during the

is likely to occur as a result of the permitted operations;

(111) the permittee has violated the terms and conditions of the (11) waste of oil, gas, or geothermal resources is occurring or

commission during the permit issuance process; (v) the permittee failed to give the notice required by ş

esterially. permitted operations, or the information provided in the application has changed (vf) a material change of conditions has occurred in the

provisions of subperagraphs (A) - (E) of this paregraph. suspension, or termination of an emergency permit shall be governed by the this subparagraph (F) are to the contrary, the issuance, denial, modification, cause without notice and opportunity for hearing. Except when the provisions of may be modified, suspended, or terminated by the director at any time for good authorizing that activity. An emergency permit is valid for up to 30 days, but director may verbally authorize an activity before issuing a written permit director may issue an emergency penmit based upon a verbal application, or the application is not required. If warranted by the nature of the emergency, the filed with the commission in the appropriate district office. Notice of the permit to use or maintain a pit or to dispose of oil and gas wastes shall be the director may issue an emergency permit. An application for an energency gas, or geothermal resources or the pollution of surface or subsurface water. issuance of the permit will prevent or is likely to prevent the waste of all, (F) Emergency permits. If the director determines that expeditious

> dispose of only a minor amount of oil and gas waste, the director may issue a is for a permit to store only a minor amount of oil field fluids or to store or of subparagraphs (A) - (E) of this paragraph. suspension, or termination of a minor permit shall be governed by the provision: subparagraph (6) are to the contrary, the issuance, denial, modification. notice and opportunity for hearing. Except when the provisions of this suspended, or terminated by the director at any time for good cause without permit which is issued without notice of the application may be modified. application is not required. A minor permit is valid for 30 days, but a minor required by the director. The director may determine that notice of the the appropriate district office. Notice of the application shall be given as water. An application for a minor permit shall be filed with the commission in waste of sil, gas, or geothermal resources or pollution of surface or subsurface minor permit provided the permit does not authorize an activity which results in (7) Existing permits and pits.

will expire pursuant to this paragraph (7) include, but are not limited to, (d), shall remain in effect until modified, suspended, or terminated by the has been issued by the commission prior to the effective date of thiis subsection prior to the effective date of this subsection (d), shall expire 1480 days after waters, or other mineralized waters, which has been issued by the commission unlined pit for storage or disposal of oil field brines, geothermal resource commission pursuant to paragraph (b)(E) of this subsection. The permits which fluids or oil and gas wastes or to dispose of oil and gas wastes, which permit the effective date of this subsection. Every other permit to store oil field (A) Existing permits. Each permit to maintain or use a lined or

permits for the following types of pits: saltwater disposal pits, emergency

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escape from the pit or that the pit is being used for improper disposal of oil subparagraph if the director determines that oil and gas wastes are likely to dewatered, backfilled, and compacted sooner than the time prescribed by this may require that pits required to be backfilled by this subparagraph be days after final commission action denying issuance of the permit. The director extend the time for dewatering, backfilling, and compacting the pit to up to 90

May 1, 1969). and gas wastes. (e) Pollution prevention (reference Order Number 20-59,200, effective

that person shall dewater, backfill, and compact the pit or rebuild the pit to meet the 50 barrel size limitation of paragraph (4)(C) of this subsection, then subsection, a person is maintaining or using a basic sediment pit which does not fluid storage pits, gas plant evaporation/retention pits, and washout pits. (C), include, but are not limited to, the following types of pits: drilling unpermitted pits, whose use or maintenance is authorized by this subparagraph

(D) Backfilling existing pits. If, as of the effective date of this

(1)-(4) (No change.)

(f) Saltwater haulers.

(1)-(2) (No change.)

(g) Record keeping.

producing the water shall keep, for a period of two years from the date of water lease where it is produced to an off-lease disposal facility, the person production, the following records: (1) Produced water. When produced water is hauled by truck from the

(A) identity of the property from which the produced water is

hauled; (B) identity of the commission-approved disposal facility to which

the produced water is delivered;

transporting the water from producing lease to disposal facility; and (C) name, address, and permit number (WHP No.) of saltwater hauler

(D) volume of produced water transported each day from producing

lease to disposal facility by saltwater hauler.

requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection by retaining run tickets or (2) <u>Retention of run tickets</u>. A person may comply with the

such a permit to maintain or use a previously unpermitted pit, the director may period allowed by subparagraph (C) of this paragraph. If a person applies for the person applies for a permit to maintain or use the pit within the 180-day compact the pit within 270 days of the effective date of this subsection unless

be governed by the provisions of paragraph (6) of this subsection. effective date of this subsection. The issuance or denial of the permit shall considered timely if it is filed with the commission within 180 days of the sufficient application for a permuit to maintain or use such an existing but maintaining or using the pit may continue to maintain or use the pit for 180 permitted prior to the effective date of this subsection, then the person date of this subsection, a person is maintaining or using a pit, which is commission action denying the cermit. An application for a permit shall be unpermitted pit, then the person may continue to use the pit until final days after the effective date of this subsection. If a person makes timely and required by this subsection to be permitted but which was not required to be (C) Operating existing unpermitted pits. If, as of the effective F

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using a pit, which is required by this subsection to be permitted but which was If, as of the effective date of this subsection, a person is maintaining or to up to 90 days after final commission action denying renewal of the permit. director may extend the time for dematering, backfilling, and compacting the pit permit to maintain or use a linest or unlined pit for storage or disposal of oil to subparagraph (8) of this paragraph. If a person applies for a renewal of a date of this subsection unless the person applies for a renewal permit pursuant waters, which pit was permitted prior to the effective date of this subsection, disposal of oil field brines, genthermal resource waters, or other mineralized subsection, is maintaining or using a lined or unlined pit for storage or of this subsection.' Any person who, as of the effective date of this comply with the 50 barrel size limitation within 180 days of the effective date

field brines, geothermal resource waters, or other mineralized waters, the

shall demater, backfill, and compact the pit within 270 days of the effective

not required to be permitted prior to the effective date of this subsection,

the person maintaining or using the pit shall dewater, backfill, and

permit issuance stated in paragraph (6)(A) of this subsection have been met. nearing is necessary. No renewal permit will be issued unless the standards for unless the applicant requests a hearing or the director determines that a of a permit. No hearing shall be held on an application for renewal of a permit required. The director may administratively approve an application for renewal of the effective date of this subsection. No nutice of the application is saltwater storage pits, skimming pits, and brine pits. renewal of a permit shall be filed with the commission in Austin within 180 days commission for renewal of the permit. If a person makes timely and sufficient commission action renewing or denying renewal of the permit. An application for subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the permit shall not expire until final application for renewal of a permit, then, notwithstanding the provisions of expire pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may apply to the (6) Renewal permits. Any person holding a permit scheduled to

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paragraph (1). tickets or other billing information contain all the information required by other billing information created by the saltwater hauler, provided the run

required by this subsection (g) shall make the records available for examination file such records with the commission. hours. Upon request of the commission, the person keeping the records shall and copying by members and employees of the commission during reasonable working (3) Examination and reporting. The person keeping any records

manner provided in § 3.68 of this title (relating to Pipeline Connection and Sevenance) (Rule J3) for violation of this section. compliance for any oil, gas, or geothermal resource well may be revoked in the and any other statutes administered by the commission. The certificate of penalties and remedies specified in Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code (h) <u>Penalties</u>. Violations of this section may subject a person to

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New Application
Application for Renewal

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS Oil and Gas Division

Oil and Gas Division Application for Permit to Maintain and Use a Pit Form H-11 May 1984 Comply with Instructions on Reverse Side

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Deperator's Name (As shown on Form P-5, Organization Report) 2. RRC Operator No. 3. RRC Dist. No. 4. County of pit site								
Operator's Address (Street, City, State and Zip Code)								
6. Name of Lease. Project or Facility of Pit Location	7. R	RC Oil Lease No. or 8. RRC Gas ID	No.					
9. Pit Location								
SectionBlockSurveyAbstract No. A-								
Location is miles (direction) from (nearest								
10. a. Is pit bottom below ground level?	11. Name and	Address of Surface Owne	er					
b. Artificial liner?								
Yes No								
c. If lined, equipped with a leak detection system?								
2. Are wastes or fluids from operations other than 13. Type of pit (refer to item F of instructions)								
your own?								
Yes No 15. a. Briefly explain the need for this pit:								
+ a. L escribe land use surrounding pit location:								
b. Is land surrounding pit location productive								
agricultural land?								
Yes No   6. Pit is 15. b. Type of waste or fluid:								
Proposed Existing 15. c. Chloride concentration: mg/1								
If existing, day constructed 17. Dikes								
18. Pit capacity (ba: -is) a. Height above ground level feet Width at base feet								
b. Are dikes designed to keep wastes or fluids in the pit? Yes No								
19. Inside pit dimensions two feet below top of dike c. Are dikes designed to keep stormwater runoff out of the pit? Yes No								
Length feet Width feet d. Source of Dike Material: Excavated from pit Adjacent borrow pit								
Depth: Off-site excavation (describe material):								
20. Westes or fluids are transported to pit by (check all that apply):								
Contract Hauler Applicant's truck Pipe Other								
21. a. Distance to nearest water well within one-mile of pit   21. b. Depth of this water well   22. Depth to shallowest fresh water feet     Source of information:   Source of information:								
feet feet feet feet measured/observed well owner electric log TDWR								
23. Fave you included all attachments required by the Instructions on the reverse side of this form?								
CERTIFICATE								
I declare under penalties prescribed in Sec. 91.143. Texas Natural Signature Resources Code, that I am authorized to make this report, that this								
report was prepared by me or under my supervision and direction. Name of Person (type or print) Title								
to the best of my knowledge. Telephone Date								
Area Code Number								
RRC DISTRICT USE ONLY								
Application Information Review								
Date inspected Location Liner Agricultural Land Dimensions								
Inspector Grade Construction Type Pit Capacity Dikes Waste Transport								
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### Instructions to Pit Application

### Authority: Statewide Rule 8, Water Protection

A. File the application, including all attachments, with the Railroad Commission, Oil and Gas Division, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. On the same day file one copy of the application and its attachments with the appropriate District Office. This form is not required for a minor permit.

- **B.** Notify the surface owner of the land where the pit will be located by mailing or delivering a copy of the application form, both front and back, but excluding the attachments. If the land where the pit is proposed is within corporate limits, also notify the city clerk or other appropriate city official. If application is for renewal of an existing permit, notice is not required.
- C. Attach a plat showing the size of the lease or tract and the location of the pit within the lease or tract. Give approximate perpendicular distance to nearest intersecting lease/unit lines and section/survey lines. To avoid confusion, distinguish between the two sets of lines. Indicate scale on this plat.
- **D.** Attach a county highway map (scale: 1'' = 4 miles) showing the location of the pit. County highway maps are available from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. P. O. Box 5051. Attn: Map Distribution File D-10, Austin, TX 78763.
- E. If application is for renewal of a permit for an existing pit, attach a copy of your current authority to use the pit.
- F. Identify the type of pit in item 13 using one of the following as defined in Statewide Rule 8(a): Emergency Saltwater Storage Pit, Collecting Pit, Gas Plant Evaporation/Retention Pit, Brine Pit (located at underground hydrocarbon storage facilities only), Saltwater Disposal Pit, Skimming Pit, Washout Pit, Drilling Fluid Disposal Pit, Drilling Fluid Storage Pit, or other (specify in item 13 and explain in item 15a).
- G. Attach a drawing of two perpendicular, sectional views of the pit showing the pit bottom, sides, dikes and the natural grade. For an existing pit, dimensions below fluid level may be approximated. If the pit length and width are irregular, include a top view to show pit dimensions and dike widths. Indicate scale on all views.
- H. If pit is lined, attach data on liner material, thickness, and installation procedures.
- I. Attach an identification and description of the soil or subsoil that will make up the pit bottom and sides. The information shall describe the soil by typical name, appropriate proportion of grain sizes, texture, consistency, moisture condition, and other pertinent characteristics. (Example: clayey silt, slightly plastic, small percentage of fine sand, firm and dry in place.) Identify the source of soil information. Information on how to classify soils is available from the District Office or Austin Office upon request. If application is for renewal of a permit for an existing emergency saltwater storage pit or a lined pit with a leak detection system, this attachment is not required.
- J. If pit is equipped with a leak detection system, attach engineering design drawing of the pit and leak detection system.
- K. If lined pit is not equipped with a leak detection system, describe procedures for periodic maintenance and determining liner integrity, including any special monitoring.
- L. If pit is an emergency salt water storage pit, attach justification for pit size based on water production, lease water storage capacity, and anticipated well or equipment shut-down time.

Note: The Director of the Oil and Gas Division may require the applicant to provide the Commission with any additional engineering, geological, or other information which the Director deems necessary to show that issuance of the permit will not result in the waste of oil, gas, or geothermal resources or the pollution of surface or subsurface water.

### Protests and hearings.

An affected person may file a protest to the application and request a hearing. Any protest to the application should be filed with the Commission in Austin within fifteen days of the date the application is filed with the Commission. Any such protest shall be made in writing and shall include (1) the name, mailing address, and phone number of the person making the protest; and (2) a brief description of how the protestant would be adversely affected by the granting of the permit. If the Commission determines that a valid protest has been received, or that a hearing would be in the public interest, a hearing will be held after the issuance of proper and timely notice of the hearing by the Commission. If no protest is received within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the application in Austin, the application may be processed administratively.