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## April 17, 1973

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

Attention: Mr. D. S. Nutter

Re: Salt Water Disposal Application Kemmitz Field, Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Attached is an application along with the necessary supporting data, to convert an existing well, Tenneco's Kemnitz Wolfcamp Unit No. 8, to salt water disposal. The subject well has been shut in since November 17, 1966.

Well No. 7, west offset to Well No. 8 in the Kemnitz Wolfcamp Unit, has been used for salt water disposal as approved in Case No. 3923, Order No. R-3582, November 21, 1963. We would like to temporarily abandon Well No. 7, retaining the options to use it for salt water disposal at a later date or to plug and abandon it.

If possible, we would like to have this application processed administratively. We will be injecting produced water back into the producing formation in a structurally similar well to the existing salt water disposal well, and all acreage within a half mile of the proposed injection well is held by the unit. We were given verbal approval to temporarily inject water into Well No. 8 by Mr. Joe D. Ramey, District Supervisor in Hobbs, on April 13, 1973.

If it is not possible to handle this application administratively, please schedule it for hearing as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

D.D. Myers

D. D. Myers District Production Manager

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cc: New Mexico State Engineer State Capital Building Santa Fe, New Mexico