

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

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Gentlemen:

I have examined the application for the:

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and my recommendations are as follows:

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Yours very truly,

Jerry Sexton Supervisor, District 1

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GOVERNOR

SEELY OIL COMPANY 815 WEST TENTH STREET FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

September 30, 1996

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division P. O. Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1980

> Re: Central EK Queen Unit E-K Yates Seven Rivers Queen Field Lea County, New Mexico Proposed Water Injection Well Tract 8 Well No. 3 1270' FNL and 50' FEL Section 18, T18S, R34E, NMPM

Attention: Mr. Jerry Sexton District Supervisor

Gentlemen:

Seely Oil Company, Operator of the Central EK Queen Unit (CEKQU), E-K Yates Seven Rivers Queen Field, Lea County, New Mexico is in the process of developing the Queen sand under the CEKQU for water flood. Part of this development is the proposed drilling of a water injection well, Tract 8 Well No. 3, at a location 1270' FNL and 50' FEL of Section 18, T18S, R34E, NMPM - Unit A.

This unorthodox location for a water injection well was approved under New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-9885-A. This order requires that, prior to the commencement of water injection into the Queen sand at this proposed location, the plugged and abandoned The Ohio Oil Company State EKA Well No. 5 located 1980' FNL and 660' FWL of Section 17, T18S, R34E and the plugged and abandoned Santa Fe Exploration Company Lee Ranch Well No. 1 located 1650' FSL and 660' FEL Section 18, T18S, R34E be either (1) re-entered and re-plugged or (2) be shown to have been previously plugged and abandoned in such a manner that ensures no avenue of escape for waters from the proposed injection interval.

Per Seely Oil Company's request of November 2, 1994, you concurred that The Ohio Oil Company State EKA Well No. 5 was and is properly plugged and abandoned to meet the above stated water injection requirements. State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division CEKQU Tract 8 Well No. 3 September 30, 1996

Seely Oil Company is submitting herewith the plugging record for the Santa Fe Exploration Company Lee Ranch Well No. 1 that was drilled, plugged and abandoned as a Queen sand dry hole during 1985. A log showing the position of the cement plug across the Queen sand interval in this well is also submitted herewith.

It is Seely Oil Company's opinion that (1) this well has no permeability in the Queen sand interval that correlates with the proposed water injection interval in the proposed CEKQU Tract 8 Well No. 3 and (2) the cement plug across this interval will contain any injection fluids in the event that there is any permeability.

Seely Oil Company hereby requests your agreement that the Santa Fe Exploration Company Lee Ranch Well No. 1 has been previously plugged and abandoned in a manner that satisfies the requirements of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Order No. R-9885-A.

Your consideration and approval of this request is needed so that we may proceed with the drilling of CEKQU Tract 8 Well No. 3 as a Queen sand water injection well.

Should you wish to discuss, please contact C. W. Stumhoffer through Seely Oil Company at 817/332-1377 or at my office telephone 817/923-2016. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SEELY OIL COMPANY

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Enclosure: Santa Fe Exploration Company Plugging Record and Log Lee Ranch Well No. 1

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