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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7424  
Order No. R-6855

APPLICATION OF RICE ENGINEERING AND  
OPERATING, INC., FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on November 19,  
1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L.  
Stamets.

NOW, on this 18th day of December, 1981, the Division  
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the  
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the  
premises,

FINDS:

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

(2) That the applicant, Rice Engineering and Operating,  
Inc., is the owner and operator of the Eunice-Monument Eumont  
SWD "G" Well No. 8, located in Unit G of Section 8, Township 20  
South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the applicant proposes to utilize said well to  
dispose of produced salt water into the Lower San Andres  
formation, with injection into the perforated interval from  
approximately 4300 feet to 4852 feet.

(4) That the injection should be accomplished through  
5 1/2-inch plastic lined tubing under an oil blanket; that the  
casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and  
that a pressure gauge or approved leak detection device should  
be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the  
casing or tubing.

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