

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. 8817
Order No. R-8166

APPLICATION OF POLLUTION CONTROL,
INC. FOR SALT WATER DISPOSAL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 5, 1986, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 7th day of March, 1986, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The applicant, Pollution Control, Inc., is the owner and operator of the L & B Oil Company Inc. State "AJ" Well No. 1, located 2310 feet from the North and East lines (Unit G), of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 36 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.
- (3) The applicant proposes to utilize said well to commercially dispose of produced salt water into the Abo, Wolfcamp and Devonian formations, with injection into the open hole interval from approximately 5,000 feet to 12,164 feet.
- (4) The well is completed from the surface to the top of the open hole injection interval at 5,000 feet in a manner that should adequately serve to protect any fresh water aquifers.
- (5) The injection should be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch plastic lined tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4,950 feet; the casing-tubing annulus should be filled with an inert fluid; and a pressure gauge or approved

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leak detection device should be attached to the annulus in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(6) The injection well or system should be equipped with a pressure limiting switch or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1000 psi.

(7) Prior to commencing injection operations, the casing in the subject well should be pressure-tested throughout the interval from the surface down to the proposed packer setting depth to assure the integrity of such casing.

(8) After commencing injection into the well, the operator should run an injection tracer survey in order to determine which formations are receiving the injected fluid.

(9) Should the injection well ever cease to take water on a vacuum, the operator should be required to run an additional injection tracer survey after notifying the supervisor of the Division's district office in Hobbs of the date and time of the test.

(10) The Director of the Division should be authorized to administratively approve an increase in the injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected waters from the Abo, Wolfcamp and Devonian formations.

(11) The operator should notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of the date and time of the mechanical integrity test and the injection tracer survey so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

(12) The operator should take all steps necessary to ensure that the injected water enters only the proposed injection interval and is not permitted to escape to other formations or onto the surface.

(13) Approval of the subject application will prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells and otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The applicant, Pollution Control, Inc., is hereby authorized to utilize its L & B Oil Company Inc. State "AJ" Well No. 1, located 2310 feet from the North and East lines in Unit G of Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 36 East, NMPM,

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Lea County, New Mexico, to dispose of produced salt water into the Abo, Wolfcamp and Devonian formations, injection to be accomplished through 2 7/8-inch tubing installed in a packer set at approximately 4,950 feet, with injection into the open hole interval from approximately 5,000 feet to 12,164 feet;

PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT, the tubing shall be plastic-lined; the casing-tubing annulus shall be filled with an inert fluid; and a pressure gauge shall be attached to the annulus or the annulus shall be equipped with an approved leak detection device in order to determine leakage in the casing, tubing, or packer.

(2) The injection well or system shall be equipped with a pressure limiting switch or other acceptable device which will limit the wellhead pressure on the injection well to no more than 1000 psi.

(3) Prior to commencing injection operations, the casing in the subject well shall be pressure tested throughout the interval from the surface down to the proposed packer setting depth to assure the integrity of such casing.

(4) After commencing injection into the well, the operator shall run an injection tracer survey in order to determine which formations are receiving the injected fluid.

(5) Should the injection well ever cease to take water on a vacuum, the operator shall be required to run an additional injection tracer survey after notifying the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the date and time of such test.

(6) Copies of such tracer surveys shall be filed with both the Santa Fe and Hobbs offices of the Division.

(7) The Director of the Division may authorize an increase in injection pressure upon a proper showing by the operator of said well that such higher pressure will not result in migration of the injected fluid from the Abo, Wolfcamp and Devonian formations.

(8) The operator shall notify the supervisor of the Hobbs district office of the Division of the date and time of the installation of disposal equipment and of the date and time of the mechanical integrity test and the injection tracer survey so that the same may be inspected and witnessed.

(9) The operator shall immediately notify the supervisor of the Division's Hobbs district office of the failure of the

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tubing, casing, or packer, in said well or the leakage of water from or around said well and shall take such steps as may be timely and necessary to correct such failure or leakage.

(10) The applicant shall conduct disposal operations and submit monthly reports in accordance with Rules 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 708, and 1120 of the Division Rules and Regulations.

(11) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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