

(18) The evidence and testimony presented in this case indicates that approval of the subject applications will not unduly reduce the total quantity of commercial deposits of potash which may reasonably be recovered in commercial quantities, nor will it interfere unduly with the orderly commercial development of potash deposits, nor will it constitute a risk to miner's health or safety.

(19) Approval of the subject applications will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the hydrocarbons in the Yates formation of the West Teas Yates-Seven Rivers Pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by drilling of wells with unnecessary salt protection casing strings and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

(20) The applicant should take all steps necessary to ensure that the surface and production casing strings within the wells in the "excepted area" are cemented to surface in conformance with its drilling and completing procedure presented as evidence in this case.

(21) Except as modified by this order, all of the provisions of Order No. R-111-P applicable to the casing, actual drilling, cementing and plugging of a shallow well within the "Potash Area" shall be strictly adhered to.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) The application of Stevens & Tull, Inc., for approval to delete the salt protection casing string requirement of Order No. R-111-P is hereby granted for its proposed Federal "9" Well No. 7 to be drilled 2310 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line (Unit I) of Section 9, Township 20 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, and for certain additional wells to be drilled anywhere within the following described area in Lea County, New Mexico:

**TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM**

Section 9: NE/4 NW/4, NE/4, E/2 SE/4

Section 10: SW/4

Section 16: N/2 NW/4, NE/4 NE/4, S/2 NE/4, S/2

**PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT:** each well drilled within the area described above shall be drilled, cased, cemented, produced and plugged and abandoned in conformance with applicant's procedures presented as evidence in this case.