

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 10-0251514**

**IN THE STILES RANCH (GRANITE
WASH) FIELD, WHEELER COUNTY,
TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF NEWFIELD EXPLORATION
MID-CONTINENT, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE RULE 9
BRITT, RANCH "E" LEASE WELL NO. 308
STILES RANCH (GRANITE WASH) FIELD
WHEELER COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on July 17, 2007, the presiding examiners have made and filed a report and proposal for decision containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, which was served on all parties of record; that the proposed application is in compliance with all statutory requirements; and that this proceeding was duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas.

The Commission, after review and due consideration of the examiners' report and proposal for decision, the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and any exceptions and replies thereto, hereby adopts as its own the Findings of Fact Nos. (1) and (2) and (4) through (12) Conclusions of Law Nos. (1) through (7) contained therein, and incorporates said findings of fact and conclusions of law as if fully set out and separately stated herein.

In addition, the Commission adopts the following Substitute Finding of Fact:

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3. The maximum requested injection volume is 30,000 barrels of water per day and the maximum requested surface injection pressure is 2,285 psi. The requested disposal interval is the Brown Dolomite formation between approximately 4,645 and 5,650 feet.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc. is hereby authorized to conduct salt water disposal operations in the Britt, Ranch "E" Lease No. 308, Stiles Ranch (Granite Wash) Field, Wheeler County, Texas subject to the following terms and conditions.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. Fluid shall only be injected into the Brown Dolomite formation between the depths of 4,570 and 5,650 feet.

2. The injection volume shall not exceed 30,000 barrels of saltwater per day.
3. The maximum operating surface injection pressure shall not exceed 2,285 psig.
4. This permit does not allow the well to be operated as a commercial disposal well as defined in Statewide Rule 9(a)(4) [Tex. R.R. Comm'n, 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.9(a)(4)].
5. The authority to dispose of oil and gas waste is limited to the disposal of produced salt water.

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. Injection must be through tubing set on a packer no higher than 100 feet above the injection interval.
2. The District Office must be notified 48 hours prior to:
 - a. running tubing and setting packer;
 - b. beginning any workover or remedial operation;
 - c. conducting any required pressure tests or surveys.
3. The wellhead must be equipped with a pressure observation valve on the tubing and for each annulus.
4. Prior to beginning injection and subsequently after any workover, an annulus pressure test must be performed. The test pressure must equal the maximum authorized injection pressure or 500 psig, whichever is less, but must be at least 200 psig. The test must be performed and the results submitted in accordance with the instructions of Form H-5.
5. The injection pressure and injection volume must be monitored at least monthly and reported annually on Form H-10 to the Commission's Austin office.
6. Within 30 days after completion, conversion to disposal, or any workover which results in a change in well completion, a new Form W-2 or G-1 must be filed in duplicate with the District Office to show the current completion status of the well. The date of the disposal well permit and the permit number must be included on the new Form W-2 or G-1.
7. Written notice of intent to transfer the permit to another operator must be submitted to the Commission at least 15 days prior to the date the transfer will occur by filing Form P-4.
8. A well herein authorized cannot be converted to a producing well and have an allowable assigned without filing an amended Form W-1 and receiving Commission approval.

9. Unless otherwise required by conditions of the permit, completion and operation of the well shall be in accordance with the information represented on the application (Form W-14).
10. This permit will expire when the Form W-3, Plugging Record, is filed with the Commission.

The permit number shall be _____.

Provided further that, should it be determined that such injection fluid is not confined to the approved strata, then the permission given herein is suspended and the disposal operation must be stopped until the fluid migration from such strata is eliminated.

Each exception to the examiners' proposal for decision not expressly granted herein is overruled. All requested findings of fact and conclusions of law which are not expressly adopted herein are denied. All pending motions and requests for relief not previously granted or granted herein are denied.

This order will not be final and effective until 20 days after a party is notified of the Commission's order. A party is presumed to have been notified of the Commission's order three days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely motion for rehearing is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law, is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the order is served on the parties.

Done this _____ day of _____, _____.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Chairman Michael L. Williams

Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo

Commissioner Elizabeth A. Jones

ATTEST:

Secretary