

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 11670
ORDER NO. 13818

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON
A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF RICK
AALUND FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO
NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 AUTHORIZING THE
CONVERSION TO SALTWATER DISPOSAL
INTO THE DAKOTA GROUP OF THE AALUND
#4-35 WELL, NWNW SECTION 35, T.162N.,
R.99W., AMBROSE FIELD, DIVIDE COUNTY,
ND, PURSUANT TO NDAC CHAPTER 43-02-05
AND SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS IS
APPROPRIATE.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- (1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of October, 2009.
- (2) Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Section 43-02-03-88.1, the Director is authorized to sign, on behalf of the Commission, orders relating to, inter alia, underground injection under NDAC Chapter 43-02-05.
- (3) Rick Aalund (Aalund) proposed to dispose of saltwater produced with crude oil and other defined Class II wastes by injection into the Dakota Group through the Aalund #4-35 well, located in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 35, Township 162 North, Range 99 West, Ambrose Field, Divide County, North Dakota. This is a dry hole.
- (4) No one appeared in person to support or object to the application and no written comments or objections to the application were received prior to the hearing date.
- (5) Aalund submitted an Application for Injection and attachments pursuant to NDAC Section 43-02-03-88.1 and NDAC Section 43-02-05-04.
- (6) The Dakota Group in this area contains in excess of 10,000 parts per million of total dissolved solids.

(7) The proposed injection well is sited in such a fashion that it will inject into a formation which has confining zones that are free of known open faults or fractures within the area of review.

(8) The proposed injection well will be constructed in such a manner as to prevent the movement of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water.

(9) In order to prevent possible damage to surface lands, and contamination of surface and subsurface waters, this application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) Rick Aalund, his assigns and successors, is hereby permitted to dispose of fluids, pursuant to NDAC Chapter 43-02-05, by injection into the Dakota Group through the Aalund #4-35 well, located in the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 35, Township 162 North, Range 99 West, Ambrose Field, Divide County, North Dakota.

(2) The permission granted herein is conditioned on the operator receiving and complying with all provisions of the injection permit issued by the Oil and Gas Division of the Industrial Commission pursuant to NDAC Section 43-02-05-04 and with all other provisions of NDAC Chapter 43-02-05.

(3) This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2009.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director