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Robert Koehler
Underground Injection Control Lead
Colorado Oil and Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Dr. Koehler,

The Water Quality Control Division (“Division”) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) has reviewed the request for an aquifer exemption for the Diamond Operating, Inc.: Decker 22-18 #2 (API: 121-05126) well, listed below, as submitted to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”).

Operator: Diamond Operating Inc.
Well: Decker 22-18 #2
County: Washington
Location: SENW of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 53 West 6th P.M.
API: 121-05126

It is The Division’s understanding that since oil and gas extraction will be performed, that the injectate will be cleaner than that of the original formation water. And, since the produced water is being injected back into the same formation from which it came The Division has no concerns with either a) this aquifer being used as a future drinking water source or b) that the condition of the aquifer will be degraded by the return of the produced water. Therefore The Division concurs with the proposed aquifer exemption.

Whereas this proposed injection well is consistent with COGCC rules and regulations, water quality classifications and standards for groundwater are adopted by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (“WQCC”), a citizen body of the CDPHE. When the time is appropriate, the Division expects the applicant or COGCC to memorialize this aquifer exemption within the WQCC’s Regulation No. 42 (Site-Specific Water Quality Classifications and Standards for Ground Water, 5 CCR 1002-42).

Sincerely,

Robert Hillegas

Water Quality Control Division