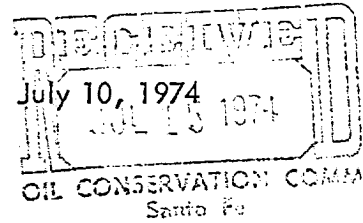


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P. O. Box 2088
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Gentlemen:

We have received copies of Forms C-101 and C-102, filed by The Petroleum Corporation of Delaware, relative to Lease No. K-4277 to apply for permission to drill a gas well 1,980 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line on Section 24, Township 19S, Range 29E.

Please be advised that we strongly protest any drilling around this area as our mine workings are within 1,400 feet of the section line. At present, we are engaged in a drilling program to help define future mining plans in this area.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Brown".

Robert D. Brown
General Manager

RDB:ns

c.c. Mr. Larry Shannon, Petroleum Engineer
The Petroleum Corporation
3303 Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75219

*Bill - I don't
know if you have
need a C-101 on this
yet or not -
Dave
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