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February 22, 1967

Mr. George Hatch
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Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Proper Abandonment of
Tidewater Oil Company
#1 Santa Fe E
660/S; 1980/E
17-18N-9W, McKinley County

Dear Mr. Hatch:

The above well was spudded on April 26, 1966 and drilling was completed May 16, 1966. According to information filed the well was drilled to a total depth of 3062 feet and was plugged back to a depth of 2815 feet. Seven and five-eighths inch casing was cemented to one hundred-sixteen feet with fifty sacks of cement.

On June 17, 1966 an affidavit of conversion to a water well was filed in this office. This affidavit was signed by Mr. C. R. Wade for Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. W. A. Schmid for the landowner. Form C-103 was also filed on that date and this form contained a statement, signed by Mr. Schmid, indicating that he accepted responsibility for the well, and for the conversion of the well to a water well. Also on June 17, 1966 I wrote to Tidewater Oil Company a letter and enclosed a memorandum informing them of the Commission requirements for conversion to a water well.

Since that time we have had both written and verbal communication with both Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Schmid concerning accomplishment of the required additional work necessary to either properly convert the well to a water well or to plug and abandon it according to Conservation Commission rules. I am enclosing copies of all correspondence with both parties relating to this matter.

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Both Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Schmid seem to be in agreement that the well should be converted to a water well. We have felt that a reasonable period of time should be granted for the necessary casing work to be done. However you will note that almost one year has elapsed since the well was spudded. I therefore recommend that a case be set before the Oil Conservation Commission to bring the matter for hearing so that Tidewater Oil Company and the landowner can show cause why the well should not be either properly completed as a water well or permanently plugged and abandoned according to Commission rules.

I am sending a copy of this letter to both Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Schmid so that they will be advised of this action.

Yours very truly,

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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Encl.

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