OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

September 12, 1966

Mr. Buck Willcoxson
Grants, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Willcoxson:

We have your letter of August 30, 1966, to Mr. A. R. Kendrick of this office. In this letter you have inquired whether or not the work which has been done on the Santa Fe B #1 well, which is located in Section 25 Township 18 North Range 9 West, properly complies with our previous instructions in order that the well may be left as a water well.

Information has been filed with this office indicating that the well was plugged back to a depth of 2719 feet, which would be below the Gallup formation, which was encountered at 1955 feet. Therefore, as I understand it, in its present state the Hospah-Gallup and Point Lookout sandstones are all open in the well bore. We also have no information indicating the source of the water which is to be produced in the well, although I presume that it is from the Gallup formation.

Tidewater Oil Company and other operators in the area have been notified by this office of our requirements in converting this type well to a water well in this area. If the water is to be produced from the Gallup formation we will require that casing be run to the water sand and cemented so that artesian water from the Gallup formation will not be dissipated in shallower formations. Some wells in the are have been converted to water wells in the Point Lookout sandstone which is much shallower and occurs at a depth of 696 feet in the Santa Fe B Well. In the case of a completion in the Point Lookout zone we would require a cement plug below the Point Lookout Sandstone so that the Hospah-Gallup and Point Lookout zones will be separated. We would also require that casing be installed to the Point Lookout Sandstone in these wells.

We are sending Tidewater Oil Company a copy of this letter and requesting that they take action in the immediate future to either convert the well to a water well in the manner outlined above or to permanently plug and abandon the well in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations.

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Sep[illegible] 12, 1956

Mr. [illegible]
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We have your letter of August 30, 1956, to [illegible] K. [illegible] of this office. In this letter you have inquired whether [illegible] work which has been done on the [illegible] well, which [illegible] in Section 26 Township 16 North Range [illegible] West, [illegible] our [illegible] in order that the well may be [illegible] water well.

Information has been filed with this office indicating that the well was [illegible] back to a depth of [illegible] Fee, [illegible] the Gallup formation, [illegible] feet. Therefore, as I understand it, in its present state the Menefee-Cliff House and Point Lookout sandstones are all open in the well bore, [illegible] the [illegible] of the water which is to be produced in the well, although I presume that it is from the Gallup formation.

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If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact us.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Tidewater Oil Company
P.O. Box 249, Hobbs, New Mexico
Attn: C.L. Wade

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