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February 22, 1967

Mr. George Hatch
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Oil Conservation Commission
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Proper Abandonment of
Tidewater Oil Company
#1 Santa Fe B
660/N; 1980/W
25-~~26~~¹⁸N-9W, McKinley County

Dear Mr. Hatch:

The above mentioned well was spudded April 13, 1966 and completed April 20, 1967. Reports filed in this office indicate that the well was drilled to a total depth of 2935 feet in the Dakota Sandstone and no shows of oil or gas were encountered. Seven and five-eighths inch casing was cemented at one hundred-sixteen feet with sixty sacks of cement. The well was plugged back to 2719 feet.

On September 2, 1966 a copy of an affidavit for conversion to a water well was filed indicating that the landowner, Mr. Buck Wilcoxon of Grants, New Mexico desired to convert the well to a water well. However the affidavit was not signed by Mr. Wilcoxon.

Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Wilcoxon were notified by letters dated August 30, 1966 and September 12, 1966 of the new Oil Conservation requirements in connection with conversion of the well to a water well. Mr. Wilcoxon responded to these letters and indicated that he did want to take the well over but seemed to be under the impression that conversion work was to be done by Tidewater Oil Company. In later correspondence between Mr. Wilcoxon and Tidewater, Mr. Wilcoxon agreed that he would stand the cost of conversion.

I am sending you copies of all correspondence from our files between this office, Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Wilcoxon pertaining to this matter.

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We have felt that a reasonable period of time should be allowed to accomplish the work necessary to convert this well to a water well. However, nearly one year has elapsed since the well was drilled. 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 both Tidewater Oil Company and Mr. Wilcoxon a copy of this letter so that they will be advised of this action.

Yours very truly,



Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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Encl.

cc: Tidewater Oil Company
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