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April 15, 1968

R. A. Crane, Jr.
P. O. Box 1774
Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Plugging & Abandonment, R. A. Crane, Jr. Fernandez #1, Northeast Quarter
Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 8 West

Dear Mr. Crane:

On November 20, 1967, form C-103 was filed with this office indicating that the above well had been plugged and abandoned in accordance with and Oil Conservation Commission approved plugging plan.

Field inspection made at the well site on April 10, 1968, revealed that the well was not plugged as represented. The hole was open and a surface marker was not set or cemented. Fluid level appeared to be at approximately 100 to 150 feet. The pits were not filled nor the location leveled.

I discussed this problem with Mr. Floyd Lee, the land owner, and he expressed a desire to possibly convert the well to a water well if a water supply is present. This would require that the well be cased down to the water source and that you and Mr. Lee execute an affidavit for conversion to a water well so that Mr. Lee can assume responsibility for the well and you company may be relieved of responsibility.

I do not know what the present condition of the well is insofar as down-hole conditions are concerned. If you have set the bottom plugs as indicated on your report, it may be impossible or impractical to convert the well to a water well.

Our regulations do require that final disposition of the well be make in the immediate future. In the event that the well is to be plugged according to the plan submitted, we will require that it be demonstrated to a Commission witness that the plugs have been set as indicated.

Will you please contact this office when you have made a decision concerning final disposition?

Yours very truly,

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Mr. Floyd Lee, Fernandez Co., San Mateo, New Mexico

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