

P. O. Box 959
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

May 13, 1980

Benson Mineral Group, Inc.
1726 Champa Street, Suite 600
Denver, Colorado 80202

Gentlemen:

Returned herewith unapproved is your request for temporary abandonment of well No. 1 Federal 4-20-5, sec. 4, T. 20 N., R. 5 E., Sandoval County, New Mexico, lease NM 7245. A review of this lease indicates the lease will expire by its own terms on August 31, 1980 absent a well capable of production in paying quantities. Accordingly, you are hereby requested to furnish this office your plans to either establish production capability on the lease or commence plugging operations on the subject well by August 31, 1980. Please be advised no work should be commenced on this well without prior notification and approval of this office. Your sundry notice requesting cancelation of the notice of intent to plug and abandon will be held until a determination of this matter is resolved.

In the future please be advised all sundry notices on Federal and Indian wells must be filed with this office and a minimum of five copies submitted.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Sims
District Oil and Gas Supervisor

cc: NMOCC ✓
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