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October 19, 1984

Mr. Richard Stamets
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
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Re: Tanner #3 A-5-23N-12W

Dear Dick:

The referenced well was drilled as a wildcat in 1957 by Humble Oil and Refinery Co. It was plugged back to the Point Lookout formation and completed as a water well for the land owner. The water zone showed oil and gas on the DST and the well has been producing small quantities of oil since completion. The rancher skims off the oil from his stock tank and burns it periodically. The BLM has decided not to pursue the matter although it is a federal lease.

Indications are that the small quantity of oil produced is not merchantable, and attempts to stop it will shut off a very valuable source of water for the area.

We will verify the data we have and make a recommendation shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank T. Chavez".

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

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Memo

From
ERNIE BUSCH
Geologist - Field Rep.

To Frank Chavez
District Supervisor
District III

Re: A-5-23N-12W, Tanner #3

The above referenced well was converted to a water well and turned over to the land owner. The minerals belong to the Feds and the surface is under our jurisdiction.

The landowner is getting oil in his pond from the well, he is then burning it off and watering his cattle. The Feds have left it to us. The well needs to be re-entered and re-plugged. The landowner may not want to pay for the plugging, because he will claim that it was improperly plugged, although the company that drilled it probably has a waiver from the landowner.

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