

**OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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Mr. A. L. Porter  
Oil Conservation Commission  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

10-22-24-7  
Enclosed are copies of letters relating to NFO #493 covering Eastern Petroleum Company's #1-22 Federal well in the Escrito-Gallup Pool. I am calling this to your attention to point up a difficulty which seems to be recurring in a number of cases and would like to suggest that we attempt to devise some method of preventing it from happening.

The October 20, 1961 extension to NFO-493 informed the operator that his extension would expire on December 20, 1961 unless he furnished the Commission certain information prior to that date. On December 15, 1961 the operator furnished all the requested information and requested a further extension. At the time we had no knowledge of this letter and cancelled the well's allowable effective January 1, 1962. On February 14, we received an extension to the NFO Order effective February 12, 1962. The operator had therefore lost 6 weeks allowable due to the long delay in issuance of an extension. The operator's letter is not clear as to whether or not the well was produced during January and I do not have their C-115 yet. It shouldn't have been as it didn't have an allowable, but in the event it was I would be in favor of issuing a supplement to cover his January allowable, with your permission.

We have also had this problem of allowable delays with NSL's, NWU's and DC orders. I am wondering if it wouldn't be a good idea for the men issuing the administrative orders on wells which have immediate expiration dates, or which would lose allowable by delays to notify us by telephone or telegram when approval is made.

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on the matter.

Yours very truly

ECA:ks

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Supervisor, District #3

