



## ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



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## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO:

John Lingo - ASD

Joe Moulton - ASD

FROM:

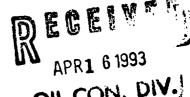
Bill LeMay, Director

SUBJECT:

Emergency Well Plugging

DATE:

April 15, 1993



OIL CON. DIV.

Attached is a memo from Ernie Busch of our Aztec District Office requesting approval for emergency plugging without formal bidding of a well in Rio Arriba County. I approve of the plugging and have authorized the Aztec District to proceed with the plugging ASAP.

The leaking gas from this well has already caused damage and threatens further harm. Immediate action is necessary to prevent further harm including potential injury to people.

I understand that Bob Stovall has talked to Joe and that we will process the invoices on purchases orders as we did with the previous emergency plugging operation. The fund to be used is the Reclamation Fund, and I will direct Prentiss to take the necessary fiscal steps to encumber the funds.

cc: Prentiss Childs