## Drawer 600 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

September 11, 1981

Amerada Hess Corporation
Drawer D
Monument, New Mexico 88265

## Gentlemen:

A review of our files shows your well No. 16 J. Apache "B" located in the NELSW1, sec. 29, T. 24 N., R. 5 W., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico on Jicarilla Contract No. 11 was approved for temporary abandonment for a period of one year on June 8, 1979.

In accordance with 30 CFR 221.34 you are required to promptly plug and abandon any well on the leased land that is not used or useful for purposes of the lease, but no productive well shall be abandoned until its lack of capacity for further profitable production of oil or gas has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the supervisor.

Please inform this office within 30 days from the date of this letter of your plans to either return well No. 16 J. Apache "B" to a productive status or arrange to furnish evidence to prove that the well is not capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities.

If you have no plans to place well No. 16 J. Apache "B" on production, please submit your Sundry Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon within 30 days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

ASIM.

James F. Sims

District Oil and Gas Supervisor

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