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Mr. William C. Russell  
R & G Drilling Co., Inc.  
1775 Broadway  
New York, New York 10019

Re: Repair or Plugging and Abandonment of R & G Drilling Co. # 36 Graham,  
located E-10-27N-8W

Dear Mr. Russell:

As you are aware, the above well was located on the bank of Largo Canyon and during the rainy season last summer the canyon changed course due to heavy run-off and cut the bank from around the well head. Field inspection seems to indicate that the production casing was laid over into the canyon bottom and the gathering line was torn loose from the well head. The well head is not visible as it is evidently severed from the production casing or covered with sand while still attached to the production casing.

In either case, it is obvious that remedial work needs to be done on the well in order to either return it to production or, in the event this cannot be done, to properly plug and abandon it as gas may be wasted or reservoir damage may occur.

At the present Largo Canyon is dry and the necessary excavation could be done to locate the well head and determine the condition of the well. Later in the summer this may not be possible. We are therefore directing that remedial action be taken to ascertain the condition of the well and repair or plug and abandon it. Please contact us when you are ready to commence in order that we may instruct you further when the condition of the well is determined.

Yours very truly,

*Emery C. Arnold*  
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Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Mr. George Hatch, Assistant Attorney General  
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