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March 17, 1982

Tenneco Oil Company
Attn: Mr. P. A. Doyle
P. O. Box 3249
Englewood, Colorado 80155

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 1982, in which you requested an exception to the order from this office to place a 30 sack cement plug across the Gallup formation in the No. 1 Hammer well. The well is located 830' FNL & 945' FEL, sec. 20, T. 29 N., R. 9 W., San Juan County, New Mexico on Federal lease Santa Fe 080245.

Your request, as submitted, is not a satisfactory proposal, and is therefore denied.

You are requested to place a bridge plug or retainer inside the 4½" casing 50 feet below the top of the Gallup formation. The top of the Gallup is, according to our records, located at 5517 feet. You are also requested to place one sack of sand on top of the bridge plug or retainer. A cement cap on the sand will be waived at this time.

Please be advised, that upon abandonment of this well, you will be required to place cement across the Gallup formation inside the casing in order to properly isolate and abandon the Gallup formation.

A Sundry Notice of Intent and Subsequent Report should be submitted to this office for approval prior to commencing work and within 15 days after completion. The requested work should be performed within 30 days from the date of this letter.

Orders and decisions of the Minerals Management Service are subject to appeal pursuant to 30 CFR 290.

Sincerely yours,

"ONG. 834" Jim F. Sims

James F. Sims
District Oil and Gas Supervisor

cc: NMOCC



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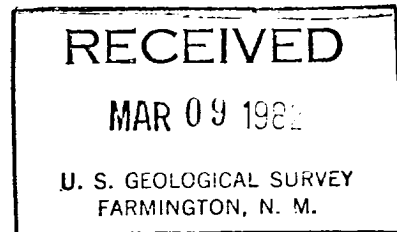
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March 3, 1982

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Farmington, New Mexico 87401
Attention: Mr. John Keller



Re: Hamner #1
Unit A, Section 20, T29N, R9W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Tenneco Oil Company would like to request an exception concerning the placing of a 30 sack cement plug across the Gallup in the subject well. Recent work done by our Geological Engineering Department indicates Gallup potential in this area.

The Pollack Gas Com B #1 was recently completed by Amoco in the Gallup formation. This well is located in the NWSE of Section 22, T29N, R10W. Also, the Lively #16, a Lively Exploration well in the SW/4 of Section 20, T29N, 9W, indicates potential in the Gallup based on well log analysis by our engineers.

Tenneco plans on testing the Gallup formation in this well when the Mesaverde is no longer economic to produce. Because of this, we would like to leave the wellbore as it is, with a calculated PBTD of 5795'. It is understood, of course, that the Gallup would be plugged per your instructions when the well is permanently abandoned.

If this meets with your approval, please sign and return one copy of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. J. W. Cook at (303) 740-4842.

Yours very truly,

TENNECO OIL COMPANY

P. A. Doyle

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Division Production Engineer
Western Division

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Attachment

APPROVED: _____

By: _____

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