

CASE 7259: PLUGGING CASE - OCD  
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, FIREMAN'S *to*  
FUND INSURANCE COMPANY, LUNA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO

Case No.

7259

Application

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

September 25, 1981

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Mr. C. A. Swanberg  
Principal Investigator  
New Mexico State University  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Re: CASE NO. 7259  
ORDER NO. R-6773

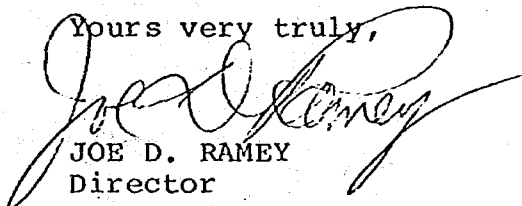
Applicant:

OCD (New Mexico State University)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced  
Division order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,

  
JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

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Other Firemans Fund Insurance Company

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 7259  
Order No. R-6773

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY  
TWO CERTAIN GEOTHERMAL WELLS, BEING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
WELL NO. TG-3 and WELL NO. DT-4, BOTH LOCATED IN THE NW/4 SE/4 OF  
SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LUNA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,  
SHOULD NOT BE ORDERED PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A  
DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

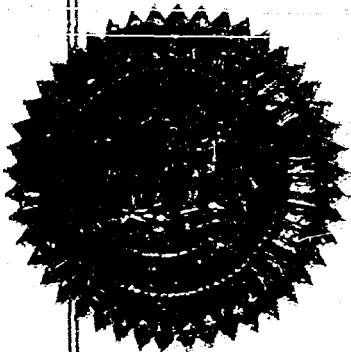
This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 26, 1981, at  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 24th day of September, 1981, the Division Director,  
having considered the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,  
and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That Case No. 7259 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove  
designated.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

*Joe D. Ramey*  
JOE D. RAMEY  
Director

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 New Mexico State University  
 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

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 Mr. C. A. Swanberg,  
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 New Mexico State University  
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO  
*26 August, 1981*

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Oil Conservation Division calling  
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CASE  
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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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For the Oil Conservation  
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W. Perry Pearce, Esq.  
Legal Counsel to the Division  
State Land Office Bldg.  
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Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
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heard by me on 8-26 1981  
Richard A. Hamel, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

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\_\_\_\_\_, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

Docket No. 26-81

Dockets Nos. 27-81 and 28-81 are tentatively set for September 9 and September 23, 1981. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 26, 1981

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Richard L. Stamets, Examiner, or Daniel S. Rutter, Alternate Examiner:

CASE 7329: Application of Loco Hills Water Disposal Company for an exception to Order No. R-3221, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-3221 to permit the commercial disposal of produced brine into several unlined surface pits located in the S/2 SW/4 SW/4 of Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 30 East.

CASE 7330: Application of Union Oil Company of California for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Atoka and Morrow formations underlying the E/2 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7331: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for an unorthodox location and possible dual completion or downhole commingling, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox location of its Bass State Well No. 2, a Wolfcamp test located 554 feet from the South and East lines of Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 35 East, to be plugged back and completed in the Todd Upper and/or Todd Lower San Andres Pools. Applicant further seeks authority to dually complete said well in both of said pools or, if of similar nature, i.e., gas-gas or oil-oil, to commingle the production from said pools in the wellbore. The SE/4 SE/4 of said Section 16 would be dedicated to an oil completion and the E/2 of the section to a gas completion.

CASE 7332: Application of Bass Enterprises Production Company for directional drilling and possible unorthodox location, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill its James Ranch Well No. 13 from a surface location 660 feet from the South line and 1340 feet from the East line of Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, in such a manner as to penetrate the various pays in the Pennsylvania formation at various distances from the outer boundary of the proposed proration unit, being the S/2 of Section 31, Township 22 South, Range 31 East, but in no event closer than an unorthodox location 660 feet from the outer boundary of said unit.

CASE 7333: Application of Coquina Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the N/2 of Section 14, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7334: Application of R. A. Mendenhall Associates, Ltd. for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Delaware Mountain Group formation underlying the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7315: (Continued and Readvertised)

Application of Rhema Oil Processing for an oil treating plant permit, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority for the construction and operation of an oil treating plant for the purpose of treating and reclaiming sediment oil at a site in the SW/4 NE/4 NW/4 of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 38 East.

CASE 7335: Application of C & E Operators, Inc. for amendment to Division Order No. R-5459, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the amendment of Division Order No. R-5459 by amending the location of the Northwest-Southeast trending line as described in Exhibit A of said Order No. R-5459 pertaining to Township 30 North, Range 11 West, as follows: Section 6: West and South; Section 8: West and South; Sections 9, 10, and 11: South; and Section 13: West and South.

CASE 7336: Application of C & E Operators, Inc. for three triple completions, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to triply complete the following wells in Township 30 North, Range 11 West, to produce gas from the Farmer-Fruitland Pool, the Aztec-Pictured Cliffs Pool, and the Blanco Mesaverde Pool through separate strings of tubing: Aztec Wells Nos. 8 in Unit N of Section 8 and 9 in Unit M of Section 9; and Fee Well No. 8 in Unit C of Section 8.

CASE 7337: Application of Beartooth Oil & Gas Company for downhole commingling, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Ojito Gallup-Dakota and Blanco Mesaverde production in the wellbore of its Minel Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit E of Section 7, Township 25 North, Range 3 West. Applicant further seeks the establishment of an administrative procedure for approval of downhole commingling of Gallup-Dakota and Mesaverde production in the W/2 of Sections 6 and 7, Township 25 North, Range 3 West.

CASE 7338: Application of Beartooth Oil & Gas Company for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Fruitland and Farmington production in the wellbore of its Elledge Federal 34 Well No. 11 located in Unit D of Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 11 West.

CASE 7339: Application of Doyle Hartman for compulsory pooling, unorthodox well location, and simultaneous dedication, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Jalmat Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, to be simultaneously dedicated to his Late Thomas Well No. 1 located in Unit M of said Section 17, and to two proposed wells, one to be drilled at an orthodox location in Unit J and the other at an unorthodox location 2310 feet from the South line and 330 feet from the West line, both in said Section 17. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said wells and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the wells, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said wells.

CASE 7340: Application of Doyle Hartman for directional drilling and unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to directionally drill his City of Jal Well No. 1, the surface location of which is 1635 feet from the South line and 1210 feet from the West line of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Jalmat Pool, to top the Jalmat at a bottom hole location 660 feet from the South and West lines at a vertical depth of 2800 feet and to bottom said well at an unorthodox location 330 feet from the South and West lines at a vertical depth of 3500 feet.

CASE 7317: (Continued from July 29, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Four Corners Gas Producers Association for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Dakota formation underlying Townships 30 and 31 North, Ranges 2 thru 7 West, containing 270,260 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.

CASE 7129: (Continued from August 12, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Koch Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Dakota formation underlying the W/2 of Section 28, Township 28 North, Range 8 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7169: (Continued from August 12, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Koch Exploration Company for compulsory pooling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Dakota formation underlying the S/2 of Section 22, Township 28 North, Range 8 West, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7259: (Continued from May 20, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

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Mr. Examiner, the Division requests that this hearing be continued to the August 26th hearing date.

MR. NUTTER: Case Number 7259 will be continued to the Examiner Hearing tentatively scheduled to be held at this same place at 9:00 o'clock a. m. August 26th, 1981.

In the event the hearing is not on that date, the matter will be readvertised.

(Hearing concluded.)

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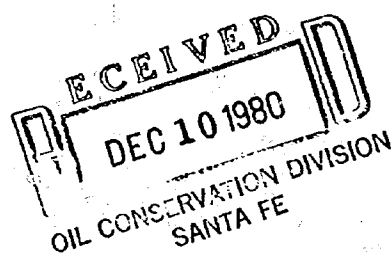
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*[Signature]*, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

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December 9, 1980

Mr. Joe D. Ramey  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
State Land Office Building  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

In response to your October 23, 1980, letter to Dr. C. A. Swanberg, please find enclosed the originals and four copies of Forms G-101 and G-102 for the two geothermal wells in Luna County. The original and two copies of the plugging bond for these two wells are also enclosed.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Icerman*  
Larry Icerman  
Director

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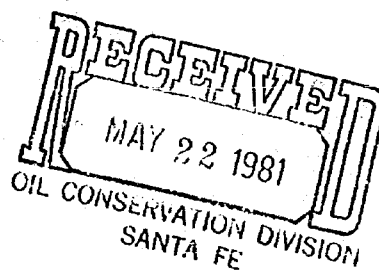
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May 20, 1981

Mr. Joe D. Ramey  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Please find enclosed an original and two copies of Form G-103 indicating a notice of intention to plug and abandon the temperature observation well NMSU DT-4 in Luna County.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Larry Icerman*

Larry Icerman  
Director

Enclosures

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May 18, 1981

Mr. Joe D. Ramey  
Director  
Oil Conservation Division  
State Land Office Building  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ramey:

In reference to my letter of May 18, 1981, please find enclosed Forms G-103 for the two geothermal wells in Luna County in triplicate (originals and two copies). The formation and temperature logs are attached.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

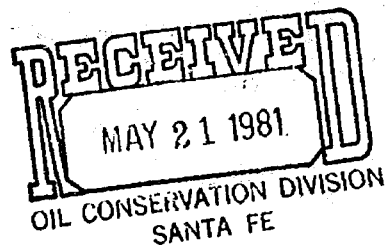
Sincerely yours,

*Larry Icerman*

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Director

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Enclosure



TG-3

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DT-4

Case file 7259

CASE 7225: (Continued from April 22, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Knox Industries, Inc. for an unorthodox gas well location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the unorthodox Morrow location of its Maddox Well No. 1 to be drilled 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, Northeast Antelope Ridge Field, the S/2 of said Section 12 to be dedicated to the well.

CASE 7258: Application of HNC Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian formations underlying the S/2 of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled at a standard location thereon. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of the cost thereof as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision, designation of applicant as operator of the well, and a charge for the risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 7086: (Continued from April 8, 1981, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Blackwood & Nichols Company, Ltd. for designation of a tight formation, San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the designation of the Pictured Cliffs formation underlying portions of Townships 30 and 31 North, Ranges 6, 7, and 8 West, containing 33,500 acres, more or less, as a tight formation pursuant to Section 107 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and 18 CFR Section 271.701-705.

CASE 7259: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit New Mexico State University and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company to appear and show cause why two certain geothermal wells, being the New Mexico State University Well No. TG-3 and Well No. DT-4, both located in the NW/4 SE/4 of Section 14, Township 29 South, Range 8 West, Luna County, New Mexico, should not be ordered plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

CASE 7260: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion for an order creating, abolishing, contracting vertical limits, and extending horizontal limits of certain pools in Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico:

(a) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the West Antelope Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Monsanto Company Back Basin Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
Section 20: E/2

(b) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Strawn production and designated as the Antelope Ridge-Strawn Gas Pool. The discovery well is Estoril Production Corporation Curry Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit I of Section 22, Township 23 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
Section 15: S/2  
Section 22: A1

(c) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as an oil pool for Montoya production and designated as the Fowler-Montoya Pool. The discovery well is Gulf Oil Corporation Lillie Well No. 1 located in Unit D of Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 37 EAST, NMPM  
Section 23: NW/4

(d) CREATE a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Atoka production and designated as the Grama Ridge-Atoka Gas Pool. The discovery well is Minerals, Inc. Llano 33 State Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 34 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM  
Section 33: S/2



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

May 8, 1981

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Mr. C. A. Swanberg, Principal Investigator  
New Mexico State University  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company  
3333 California Street  
San Francisco, California 94120

Re: New Mexico State University  
Wells Nos. DT-4 and TG-3,  
located in Unit J of Section  
14, Township 29 South, Range  
8 West, Luna County  
Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner  
Hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 1981, at 9:00  
a.m. in the Oil Conservation Division Conference Room,  
State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case  
7259 concerns the above captioned subject matter.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST L. PADILLA  
General Counsel

ELP/fd  
enc.


cc: Dr. Harold A. Daw

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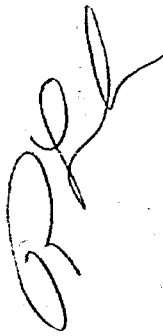
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING  
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONSIDERING:


 CASE NO. 7259

Order No. R- 6773

  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY AND  
FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY TWO  
CERTAIN GEOTHERMAL WELLS, BEING THE NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY WELL  
NO. TG-3 AND WELL NO. DT-4, BOTH LOCATED IN THE NW/4 SE/4 OF  
SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 29 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LUNA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,  
SHOULD NOT BE ORDERED PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A  
DIVISION-APPROVED ORDER OF THE DIVISION PLUGGING PROGRAM.

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on August 26,  
1981, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets

  
NOW, on this day of September, 1981, the Division  
Director, having considered the record and the recommendations of  
the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

That the applicant's request for dismissal should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Case No. 7259 is hereby dismissed.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove  
designated.