

CASE 5406: PLUGGING CASE
OIL EXPLORATION INC.,
(General Casualty Company of Amer)

CASE No.

5406

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE
NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Santa Fe, New Mexico
February 5, 1975

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BEFORE: Richard L. Stamets, Examiner

For the New Mexico Oil
Conservation Commission:

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MR. STAMETS: Case 5406

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MR. CARR: Mr. Examiner, I am William Carr, appearing for the Commission. I have one witness to call, Mr. Carl Ulvog, who has previously been sworn.

MR. STAMETS: Let the record reflect that Mr. Ulvog was previously sworn and is still under oath.

CARL ULVOG

called as a witness, having been previously sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARR:

Q Mr. Ulvog, will you state your full name and your position and place of residence?

A Carl Ulvog, Senior Geologist for the Oil Conservation Commission here in Santa Fe.

Q Your duties with the Oil Conservation Commission

also include being District Supervisor for the Commission's District 4?

A That is correct.

Q Does District 4 include the part of Union County that is involved in this case?

A It does.

Q Do your duties as District Supervisor include making recommendations to the Commission as to when wells should be plugged and abandoned?

A That is correct.

Q Are you familiar with the subject matter in Case 5406?

A Yes, I am.

Q What is the purpose of this case?

A Our purpose here is to take whatever action may be necessary to bring compliance with the State Regulations with respect to abandoned wells. That is, which were drilled for oil and gas. This, of course, is to be assured that they are plugged in such a way that there will be no danger of pollution or no hazards to any animals or humans.

Q Are you familiar with the Irwin Well No. 1 which is the subject matter of this case?

A Yes, I am.

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Q Have you reviewed all of the reports filed with the Commission concerning this well?

A Yes, I have.

Q Do you have these records with you?

A I do.

Q Would you please refer to them and give the Examiner a history, a brief history of the well as reflected in the official records?

A Yes, sir. We have two wells involved here, designated the No. 1 and the No. 1-A. I will run through the records for each and summarize them.

The Irwin Well No. 1 which is located 660 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East. The application for the permit to drill this well was sent in September 26, 1955. There was no report of when the well started. The next report we have was on November 5th of 1955, at which time it was reported setting 437 feet of a 16-inch casing and 200 sacks of cement. The well record, the C-105 was received on June 22nd, 1956. It reported that the drilling was completed on January 3rd, 1956 at a total depth of 1010 feet and the well abandoned. There was no report of plugging filed. At that time it was also reported

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that 744 feet of a 13 and 3/4-inch casing was set with 200 sacks of cement. There was a Notice of Intent to Plug received on April 2nd, 1956 at which time it was proposed that the 13 and 3/8 inch could be pulled and there would be plugs set at the top and the bottom of the 16-inch casing with a marker at the top. There were no subsequent reports received.

Requests for these reports were sent out October 31st, 1956, July 20th, 1960 and July 11th, 1974 with no response.

Now, if the cementing was done as reported, both of the casing strings were probably cemented to the surface, but this is an assumption. I don't know.

The Well No. 1-A which is located 750 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the west line of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East. The application for the permit to drill this well was filed January 25th, 1956. There was no report of when the operation began. There was a report filed on May 20th, 1956 to the effect that 7348 feet of 4 1/2-inch casing was set with 150 sacks of cement. There were no other reports of casing and cementing.

On June 5th, 1956, I have a report that the well was perforated from 7212 to 7220, acidized, swabbed water

and oil. At the same time, we received a report that there was a bridge plug set at 7050 and perforations were made at 6979 to 6987. The well again was acidized, swabbed water and oil. On June 13, 1956, we have a notice of an intent to plug at which time it was proposed that the 4½-inch casing would be pulled and a cement plug would be set at the top and bottom of the surface casing. We have had no report of any such casing, so I have no way of knowing where that would be.

A plugging report dated January 20th, 1957 and received here July 22nd, 1957 was submitted by the Dako Lease and Well Service Company of Borger, at which time they reported they pulled 1340 feet of a 4-inch casing and set a ten-sack plug at the bottom of the surface casing, but there was no depth given. Our request for additional information was sent out for this well on June 21st, 1957 and July 11th, 1974 and we never were successful in acquiring this.

Now, if the cementing was done as reported on this May 20th, 1956 report, there should have been about 750 feet of the 4½-inch casing cemented into the bore hole, presumably at the bottom. Dako's report of January 20th, 1957, shows 1340 feet of the 4½-inch casing was removed

from the well. From this, I can only conclude that there must have been something like 6000 feet of $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch casing left in the well and 750 feet at the bottom being cemented and the rest is not.

Now, the proposed casing program that was submitted with the permit application for this well indicated that the operator intended to set 10 and $3/4$ -inch casing at 150 feet. Of course, we do not know if this was done, and if it was, this suggests there is an open hole from 150 feet below the surface to about 1340 feet depth and below that, about 5000 feet of uncemented $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pipe. This is all that we know.

Q Mr. Ulvog, have you visited these wells?

A Yes, I have, on different occasions.

Q What did you find?

A I visited these locations on January 21st, 1975.

At that time, before going, I conferred with the present landowner, and I do not know what the connection between that landowner is and the former landowner, but nevertheless, this landowner did give me permission to inspect the well sites. I went there and found no evidence whatsoever of the wells, any disturbance of soils or anything else. The landowner advised me that he had cleaned it up, that he had

leveled it, that it is now all revegetated and there is no way that you can find -- I know that I probably walked directly over the wells, but you cannot see them. There is no evidence.

Q In your opinion, Mr. Ulvog, would leaving these wells in the present condition pose a potential threat to fresh water and --

A (Interrupting) I certainly do think so. If they are in the condition as we understand them to be.

Q What kind of a plugging program do you recommend for these wells?

A In view of the fact that the landowner reported that he would very much resist any efforts to re-enter these wells, and that he has knowledge that the wells were properly plugged and abandoned, I recommend that he be given 120 days to provide this information to the Oil Conservation Commission. If such information cannot be presented, I recommend that they be re-entered and plugged in accordance with our regulations.

Q So, in other words, your recommendation is that the landowner be given 120 days to satisfy the Commission that the wells were properly plugged and that the matter be taken care of further to require the wells to be plugged?

A That is correct.

MR. CARR: I don't have anything further of this witness.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. STAMETS:

Q Mr. Ulvog, when you were there, did you observe any windmills or water wells in the vicinity of these two holes?

A It would be about a quarter of a mile away where there is a water well with a windmill on it, but there is irrigation in the area. There is irrigated farming. I can't say exactly how far it would be to the nearest irrigated field, probably a mile or so to the nearest irrigation project. I do not know the depth at which these irrigation wells are getting their water.

Q This situation has existed since 1957 or '58?

A That is correct, and on previous inspection trips that have been made to these wells, pictures were taken. They are a part of our files, and they show caving around the casings, they show casing standing open, they show boards and so on that partially cover the open places where the wells were drilled, together with the piles of waste that were left from digging the mud pits as well as

the mud pits themselves are shown in these pictures.

Q We have had the wells in this condition for something like 16 years with no apparent harmful effects?

A Yes.

Q To this point?

A That is correct.

Q With what little bit of knowledge that we have about the way the holes were left, if the wells had not been plugged and abandoned, do you think that a plugger could just go into these wells and plug them, or would he probably have to drill them out?

A I am quite sure he would have to drill them out for the simple reason that we -- let me back up -- we only have a report of one well being plugged. We aren't real sure which well it was. We are assuming that it is the No. 1-A because of the depths that were given, but in talking to the Dako Well Service people, they say they definitely plugged only one well. They had nothing to do with anything but one well. They have no records now as to which well. They are going strictly by memory, and they don't remember because the wells were, after all, only 100 feet apart. So, this is all we know.

MR. STAMETS: Are there any other questions of

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this witness?

He may be excused.

(Witness dismissed.)

MR. STAMETS: Is there anything further in this
case?

We will take the case under advisement.

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I, RICHARD L. NYE, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings, to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

Richard L. Nye
COURT REPORTER

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 5406, heard by me on 2-5, 19 75.
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

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PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5,
1975, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L.
Stamets.

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 1975, the Commission,
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the
record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required
by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

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Unit D of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East, NMPM,
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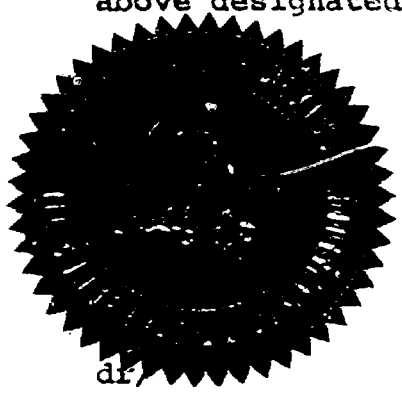
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DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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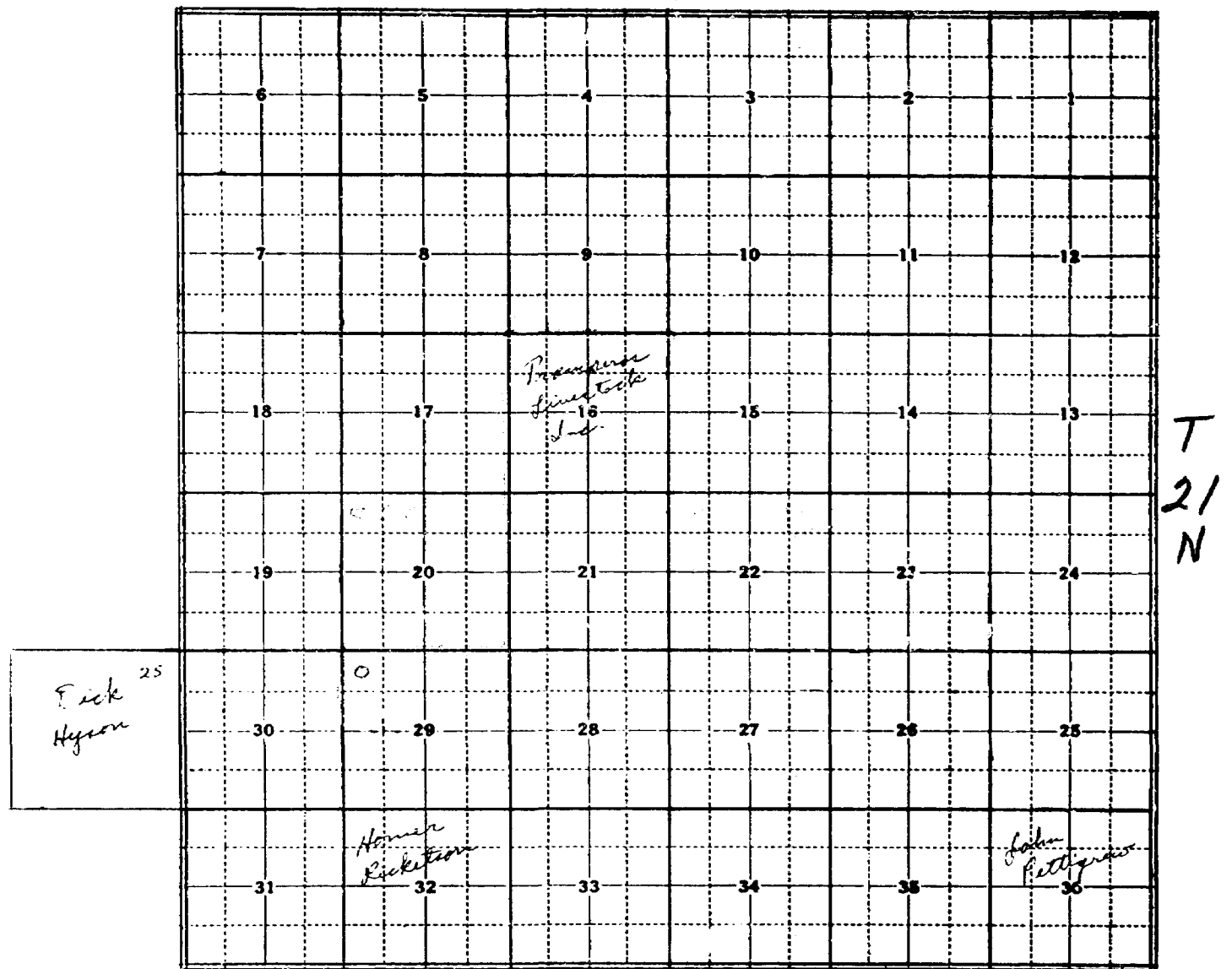
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R-36-E



Oil Exploration #1 & #1-A Irwin

Well #1 apparently P&A at 1010' due to crooked hole.

Well #1-A apparently abandoned at 7345'



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Re: Order No. R-4986
Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A"
Well No. 1, Unit D, Sec. 29,
T-21-N, R-36-E, Union County

Gentlemen:

The above-referenced wells were drilled by Oil Exploration, Inc., in 1955 and 1956, and were never properly plugged. Until they are, there is the possibility that fresh waters will be contaminated and that gas or fluids will migrate to other strata or to the surface. The Division has attempted to locate this company with no success.

I am therefore considering hiring a contractor at the State's expense to plug these wells. If this is acceptable to you, I would appreciate written permission to enter your property for this purpose. Or, if you have already performed the work yourself, I would appreciate having a detailed account of the plugging program you followed.

As you may be aware, in March of 1975 the Oil Conservation Commission issued its Order No. R-4986 requiring these wells to be plugged on or before June 15, 1975, unless satisfactory proof was submitted that the wells were adequately plugged. Such proof has not been offered by either the operator or yourselves. A considerable period of time has elapsed, and I'm sure you are as anxious as we are to have the matter resolved.

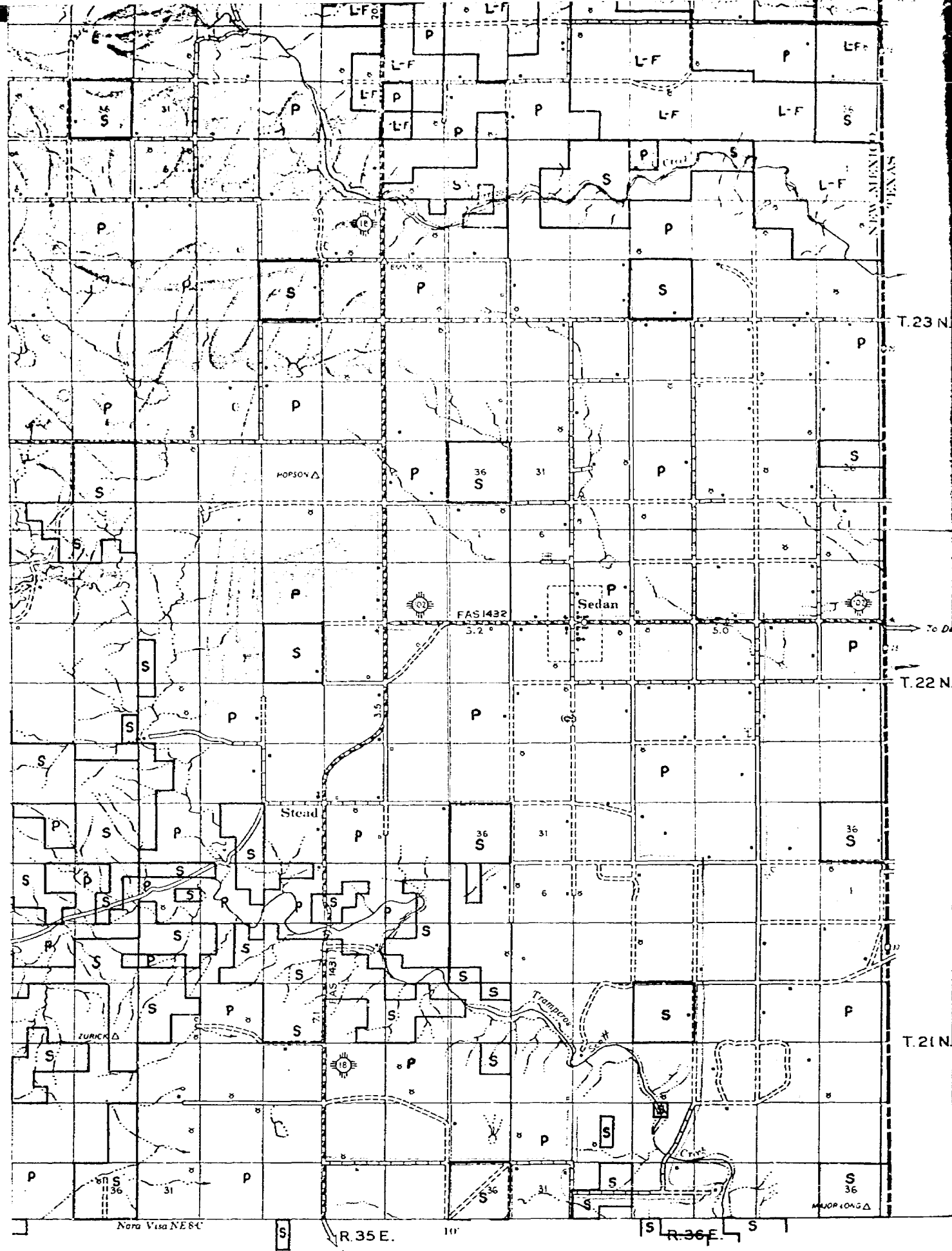
I hope to hear from you as soon as is convenient.

Very truly yours,

(Ms.) LYNN TESCHENDORF
General Counsel

LT/dr

cc: Carl Ulvog



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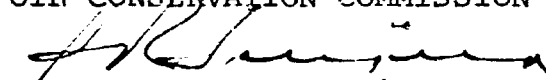
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

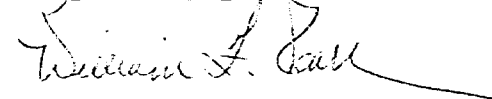
C. P. Talbot Realty Co.
19 S. 1st
Clayton, New Mexico

Re: Irwin Well No. 1, located in Unit D
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Plugging Bond

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Very truly yours,



WILLIAM F. CARR
General Counsel

WFC/dr

encl.



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE
87501

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A. L. PORTER, JR.
SECRETARY -- DIRECTOR

JANUARY 22, 1975

M E M O R A N D U M

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

FROM: A. L. PORTER, Jr., SECRETARY-DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN TELEPHONE NUMBER - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Effective January 24, 1975, the telephone number of the office of the Secretary-Director of the Oil Conservation Commission is being changed from (505) 827-2432 to (505) 827-3260.

Please note this change in copies of the Commission Rules and Regulations or wherever it may be listed for use in your organization.

NEW TELEPHONE NO., DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (505)
827-3260

ALP/RLS/ir

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DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 5, 1975

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
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March 25, 1975

Mr. Roy Pogue
P. O. Box 66
Clayton, New Mexico 88415

Re: Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A"
Well, located in Unit D of
Section 29, Township 21 North,
Range 36 East, NMPM, Union
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Pogue:

Your letter concerning the above captioned wells
has been referred to me for reply.

Mr. Jim Irwin, the landowner, was contacted by a
Commission field representative concerning these wells
several months ago. Mr. Irwin reported that he had
plugged the wells but there is no evidence available
to the Commission that this was done in accordance
with its rules and regulations. The plugging case was
heard on February 5, 1975, and an order entered this
date, a copy of which is attached.

As you will note from the order, Mr. Irwin has
until June 15, 1975, to show to the Commission's satis-
faction that these wells have been properly plugged.
Absent such a showing the Commission will require General
Casualty Company of America, the surety for Oil Explora-
tion, Inc., to re-enter these wells and plug them in
accordance with the provisions of its rules and
regulations.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel
free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR
General Counsel

WFC/dr

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE NEW MEXICO 87501

January 24, 1975

CERTIFIED - RETURN
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Oil Exploration Inc.
1909 First National Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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MIDWAY OIL COMPANY
1909 FIRST NATIONAL CENTER
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102
AREA CODE 405
PHONE 222-3047

July 16, 1974

Mr. Carl Ulvog
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Ulvog:

We are enclosing a letter from you to Oil Exploration, Inc. which we opened by mistake today. We had received one several days ago and gave it back to the postman, but today didn't notice it was not ours until I read it.

1909 First National Center is our address but there is no Oil Exploration, Inc. or Roy T. Short here. We attempted to find either a Roy T. Short or Oil Exploration, Inc. in the telephone directory, but had no success.

We have an "Oil & Gas Prospectors, Inc." which is and has been an inactive corporation, so assume this is the reason we have received your mail - but have no idea where you got the address - which is on your letter - for we have never had any operations (Midway Oil Company) outside of Oklahoma, and Oil & Gas Prospectors, Inc. has had no operations anywhere.

Thought you should know your mail is not reaching your party and sorry we could not be of any help.

Very truly yours,

MIDWAY OIL COMPANY

Berkeley Elliott
Berkeley Elliott

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July 11, 1974

Oil Exploration, Inc.
1909 First National Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Attention: Exploration Manager

Gentlemen:

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Please rectify the situation and comply with Oil Conservation Commission regulations within the next thirty (30) days to avoid mandatory legal action.

Yours truly,

Carl Ulvog

CARL ULVOG
Senior Petroleum Geologist
Oil & Gas Inspector

CU/dr

cc: William F. Carr, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General

C. P. Talbot Realty Co.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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July 20, 1960

Oil Exploration, Inc.
1909 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Attention: Mr. Roy T. Short

Re: Letter of October 31, 1956
Irwin No. 1-D, Section 29,
Township 21 North, Range 36
East, Union County, New
Mexico

Gentlemen:

A request was made in October of 1956 for information pertaining to the above-mentioned well.

Our records show that this information was never filed with our office. It is highly desirable that our request be complied with so that our files may be cleared.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

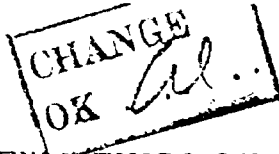
Very truly yours,

HAROLD GARCIA
Oil & Gas Inspector
District 4

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P. O. BOX 871

Form C-103
(Revised 3-55)

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON WELLS

(Submit to appropriate District Office as per Commission Rule 1106)

COMPANY Oil Exploration, Inc. 1909 First First Natl. Bldg. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Address)LEASE Irwin "2" WELL NO. 1-A UNIT S 29 T 21N R 36EDATE WORK PERFORMED January 20, 1957 POOL South ClaytonThis is a Report of: (Check appropriate block) ☐ Results of Test of Casing Shut-off☐ Beginning Drilling Operations☐ Remedial Work☒ Plugging☐ Other _____

Detailed account of work done, nature and quantity of materials used and results obtained.

In regards to plugging this well, Mr. Roy Short advised me that the bottom of the hole was plugged off. The hole was full of mud. Pipe recovered 1340' of 4". Ten (10) sacks of cement spotted at bottom of surface. Hole was filled within 10' of top of surface with mud. Ten (10) sacks of cement in and at top of surface.

Note: I did not plug any other well on the lease.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call on me.

FILL IN BELOW FOR REMEDIAL WORK REPORTS ONLY

Original Well Data:

DF Elev. _____ TD _____ PBD _____ Prod. Int. _____ Compl Date _____

Tbng. Dia _____ Tbng Depth _____ Oil String Dia _____ Oil String Depth _____

Perf Interval (s) _____

Open Hole Interval _____ Producing Formation (s) _____

RESULTS OF WORKOVER:

BEFORE

AFTER

Date of Test

Oil Production, bbls. per day

Gas Production, Mcf per day

Water Production, bbls. per day

Gas-Oil Ratio, cu. ft. per bbl.

Gas Well Potential, Mcf per day

Witnessed by _____

(Company)

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name _____

Name W. L. Davis

Title _____

Position Partner

Date _____

Company Daco Lease & Well Service

October 31, 1956

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Oil Exploration, Incorporated
1909 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Attention: Mr. Roy T. Short.

Re: Oil Exploration, Inc.
Irwin No. 1 and Irwin No. 1-A
NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 29, T 21N, R 36E
Union County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our letter of October 10, 1956, wherein we inquired as to the present status of the above-captioned wells.

A recent visit to the location by a representative of this office reveals that, while you have apparently plugged the first well, neither well has been permanently abandoned as you have not completed the second, and the pits for both are still open.

Commission Rule 202 (c) states that "When drilling operations have been suspended for 60 days the well shall be plugged and abandoned unless a permit for temporary abandonment shall be obtained from the Commission."

Inasmuch as operations have been suspended for a period now of over 60 days we suggest that you either plug both wells or request a permit for temporary abandonment of the wells for whatever reasonable time that will be required.

If you desire to pursue the former course, please file C-102, Notice of Intention to Plug, outlining your proposed plugging program. If, on the other hand, you would like to temporarily abandon the wells, please so request on Form C-102, stating the period of abandonment necessary.

We would also appreciate knowing when we may expect to receive Form C-105, Well Record, for the No. 1-A Well, as well as electric and radioactivity logs and cuttings samples.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL S. NUTTER,
Petroleum Engineer

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON WELLS
(Submit to appropriate District Office as per Commission Rule 1106)

COMPANY OIL EXPLORATION, INC. 1909 First Nat'l Bldg., Okla. City, Okla.
(Address)

LEASE IRWIN "A" WELL NO. 1-A UNIT D S 29 T 21-N R 36-E
DATE WORK PERFORMED June 2 thru 5, 1956 POOL Wildcat

This is a Report of: (Check appropriate block) ☐ Results of Test of Casing Shut-off
☐ Beginning Drilling Operations ☐ Remedial Work
☐ Plugging ☒ Other Perforating and Acidizing

Detailed account of work done, nature and quantity of materials used and results obtained.

Jet perforate 7212 - 20 with 32 holes; Acidize with 1000 gallons Halliburton MCA;
Re-acidize with 2000 gallons Halliburton regular acid; Swabbed water with show of oil

Set Baker bridge plug at 7050. Jet perforate 6979 - 6987 with 32 holes; Acidize with
500 gallons Halliburton MCA; Swabbed water with show of oil

PLEASE NOTE: Information confidential until further notice

Received 7-12-56

Kept confidential 90 days to Oct 12, '56

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Name *Daniel S. Nutter* DANIEL S. NUTTER
Title *Petroleum Engineer* Petroleum Engineer
Date OCT 10 1956

I hereby certify that the information given
above is true and complete to the best of
my knowledge.

Name *Roy T. Short* (Roy T. Short)
Position Exploration Manager
Company Oil Exploration, Inc.

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON WELLS
(Submit to appropriate District Office as per Commission Rule 1106)

COMPANY OIL EXPLORATION, INC. 1909 First National Building
(Address) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

LEASE IRWIN "A" WELL NO. 1-A UNIT D S 29 T 21-N R 36-E

DATE WORK PERFORMED 5-20-56 POOL Wildcat

This is a Report of: (Check appropriate block) ☒ Results of Test of Casing Shut-off
☐ Beginning Drilling Operations ☐ Remedial Work
☐ Plugging ☐ Other _____

Detailed account of work done, nature and quantity of materials used and results obtained.
Set 7348' of 4-1/2" OD 16.60# used casing @ 7345' W/150 sacks cement. WOC 72 hrs.
Casing pressure tested for 30 minutes and found to be OK.

Note: Information confidential until further notice

Received 7-12-56; Kept confidential 90 days to 10/12/56

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Name Daniel S. Nutter
Title DANIEL S. NUTTER
Date May 10 1956
Petroleum Engineer

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name Roy T. Short (Roy T. Short)
Position Exploration Manager
Company Oil Exploration, Inc.

Oil CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

July 11, 1974

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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July 20, 1960

Oil Exploration, Inc.
1909 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Attention: Mr. Roy T. Short

Re: Letter of October 31, 1956
Irwin No. 1-D, Section 29,
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Mexico

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October 31, 1956

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1909 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 29, T 21N, R 36E
Union County, New Mexico

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

(8) Oil Exploration Inc., Irwin 1-D 29-21N-36E and
Irwin L 1A D 29-21N-36E

Both holes are plugged but no markers have been set. The pits have
not been filled. The cellar on the No. 1 well is open but the area is fenced
by the land owner.

July 20, 1960

Oil Exploration, Inc.
1909 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Oil & Gas Inspector
District 4

Mr. G.D. Davis

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Daco Lease & Well Service

Borger, Texas

806-273-7321

29 1/2

4 mi. E

(at RR, 1/2 mile S. of town)
(1/2 mile S. of Sedan)

9 mi. N. of Amarillo 4 mi. E. of Amarillo

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

MAIN OFFICE OCC

HOBBS OFFICE OCC

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Submit this notice in TRIPLICATE to the District Office, Oil Conservation Commission, before the work specified is to begin. A copy will be returned to the sender on which will be given the approval, with any modifications considered advisable, or the rejection by the Commission or agent, of the plan submitted. The plan as approved should be followed, and work should not begin until approval is obtained. See additional instructions in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Indicate Nature of Notice by Checking Below

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE PLANS		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TEMPORARILY ABANDON WELL		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL DEEPER	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PLUG WELL	X	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PLUG BACK		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SET LINER	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SQUEEZE		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACIDIZE		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SHOOT (Nitro)	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GUN PERFORATE		NOTICE OF INTENTION (OTHER)		NOTICE OF INTENTION (OTHER)	

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICOClayton, N.M.
(Place)March 22, 1956
(Date)

Gentlemen:

Following is a Notice of Intention to do certain work as described below at the Oil Exploration, Inc.

Irwin Well No. 1 in
(Company or Operator) LEASE (Unit)
1/4 of Sec. 29, T. 21N, R. 36E, NMPM, Wildcat Pool
(40-acre Subdivision)
Union County.

FULL DETAILS OF PROPOSED PLAN OF WORK
(FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS)

NOTE: This well is a crooked hole and was abandoned at a total depth of 1010'.

We propose to plug the Irwin #1 in the following manner:

Pull 13 3/8" intermediate string which is set at 744'.
Spot cement plugs at the top and bottom of 16" surface
pipe and fill the hole with heavy mud. A permanent
marker will be set at the surface.

Approved. 4-11 1956
Except as follows: C-105 must be filed and
location must be cleaned
and levelled.

Approved
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By: [Signature]
Title: Petroleum Engineer

Oil Exploration, Inc.
Company of Operator
By: [Signature]
Position: Exploration Manager
Send Communications regarding well to:

Name: Roy T. Short
Address: 1909 First Natl. Bldg
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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show to Carl

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION OF NEW MEXICO FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 5406

Order No. R-4786

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO
PERMIT OIL EXPLORATION, INC., GENERAL CASUALTY COMPANY
OF AMERICA AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR
AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE IRWIN WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT D
OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 36 EAST, UNION COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, AND THE IRWIN "A" WELL LOCATED IN UNIT D OF
SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 36 EAST, UNION COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on February 5, 1975
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this day of February, 1975, the Commission,
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record,
and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised
in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by
law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject
matter thereof.

(2) That Oil Exploration, Inc., is the owner and operator
of the Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well, both located in
Unit D of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East, NMPM,
Union County, New Mexico.

(3) That both of said wells were drilled and abandoned prior to 1960.

(4) That the Commission records of ~~on~~ said wells do not demonstrate that they were plugged and abandoned in such a manner as to confine any oil, gas, or water in said wells in the strata in which they were originally found.

(5) (6) That the surface around said wells has been restored and that there is now no surface indication of the location or condition of said wells.

(5) (6) That the owner of the lands upon which the subject wells were drilled contends that ~~has indicated~~ he does not wish the said wells were properly plugged and abandoned, ~~the wells to be opened up for~~ and that no further plugging operations are necessary. ~~purposes of plugging and abandonment.~~

(7) That in order to prevent waste and protect ^{fresh waters} ~~correlative~~ rights said Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Santa Fe District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on or before ^{June} May 15, 1975)

or any interested party should ~~demonstrate~~ furnish proof that said wells have been properly plugged and abandoned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Oil Exploration, Inc. and General Casualty Company of America are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Irwin Well No. 1 and Irwin "A" Well, both located in Unit D of Section 29, Township 21 North, Range 36 East, NNPM, Union County, New Mexico, on or before May 15, 1975 ^{June}

or furnish proof that said wells have been properly plugged and abandoned.

(2) That Oil Exploration, Inc. and General Casualty Company of America, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe Office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

→ *provided however, that the Secretary-Director of the Commission may rescind this order upon a satisfactory showing of proof that said wells have been adequately plugged.*