

Case No.

279

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

Case 279: Re plugging of S. T. Silverstein
well (Show Cause) SESESW 11-12N-32E, NWPM
Quay County, N. M.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico, by its Oil Conservation Commission, hereby gives Notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following Public Hearing to be held June 21, 1951 beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Council chambers of the City Hall.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
S. T. Silverstein, Idaho Springs, Colorado; T. H. Donnelly, Box 433, Artesia, New Mexico; Sarah D. Ulmer, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Boston 9, Massachusetts, c/o Thornton Seligman, Agent, 205 West Copper Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and all other persons or entities claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to a certain well-bore located upon SE/4 SE/4 SW/4, Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Quay County, New Mexico.

CASE NO. 279
In the matter of application of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, upon its own Motion for an Order directed to S. T. Silverstein, Idaho Springs, Colorado; T. H. Donnelly, Box 433, Artesia, New Mexico; Sarah D. Ulmer, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Boston 9, Massachusetts, c/o Thornton Seligman, Agent, 205 West Copper Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and each of them and all other persons or entities having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to that certain well-bore located upon SE/4 SE/4 SW/4, Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Quay County, New Mexico, to show cause at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 21, 1951, why said well-bore located as aforesaid, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged as a measure for the prevention of underground waste and violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico.

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 25th day of May, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
R. R. SPURRIER,
Secretary-Director.

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Pub. May 31, 1951.

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Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico }
County of Santa Fe } ss.

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Will Harrison

Editor-Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st

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Anna K. Ormabee

Notary Public

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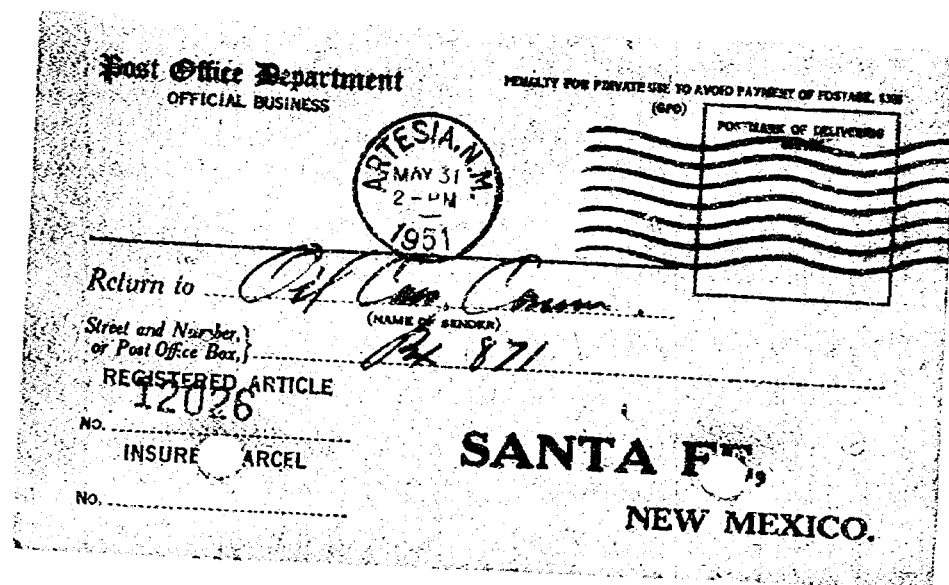
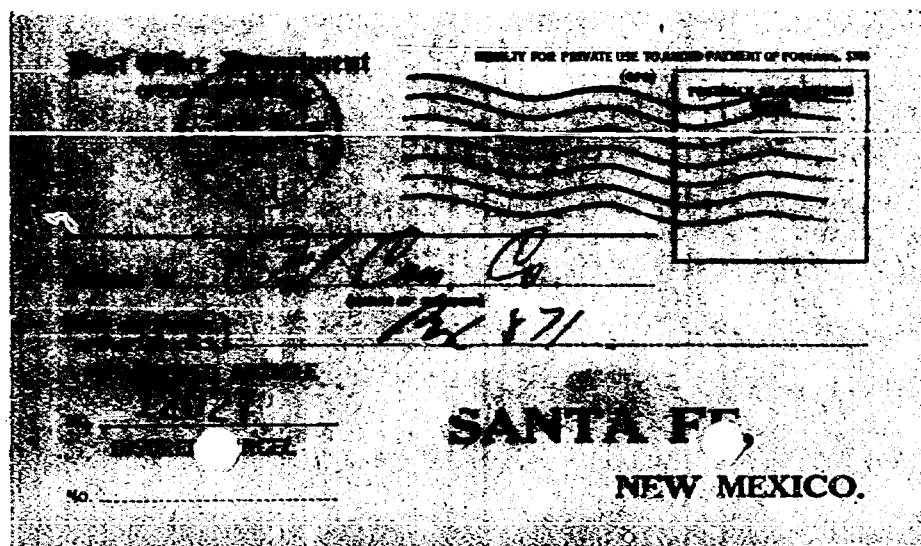
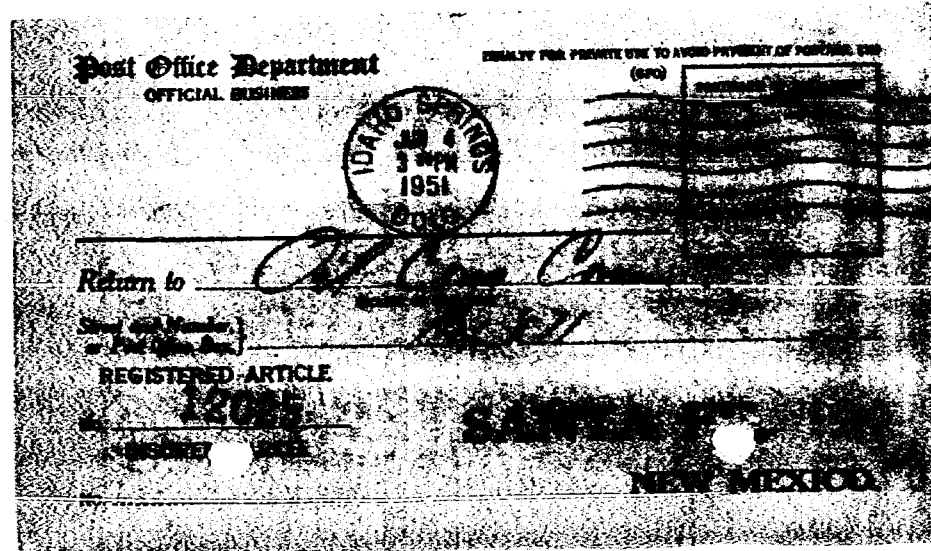
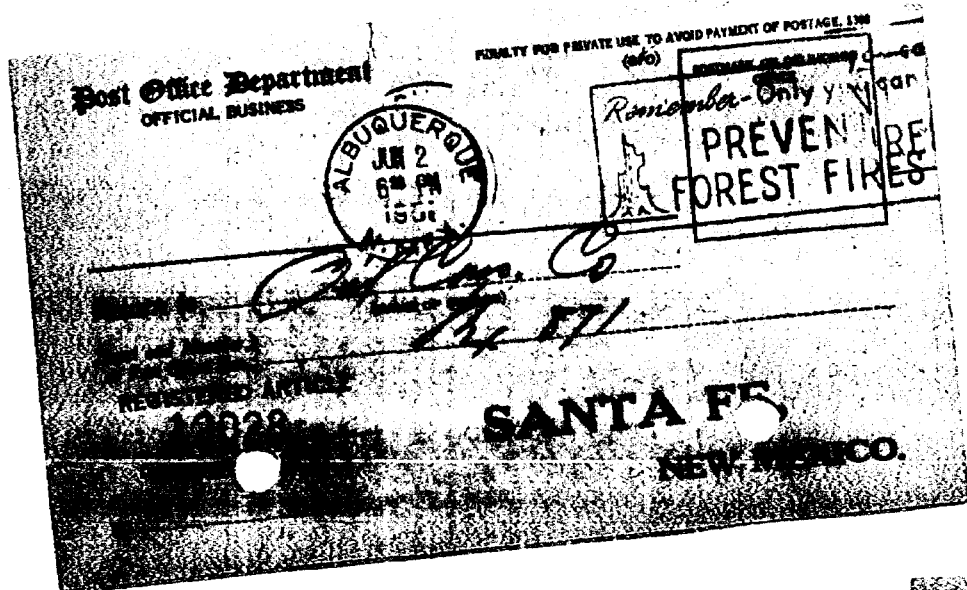
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BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 279

August 7, 1951

(DATE)

E. E. GREESON  
ADA DEARNLEY  
COURT REPORTERS  
BOX 1302  
PHONE 2-4547  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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In Re: This case has been successively continued from hearings of June 21 and July 24. It is concerned with the Commission's application upon its own motion for an order directed to S. T. Silverstein, T. H. Donnelly, Sarah D. Ulmer and the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company for plugging and abandonment of well in SE SE SW 11-12N-32E, NMPM, Quay County, New Mexico.

Case No. 279

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TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

August 7, 1951

(See transcript in Case 269 and 270 for register of attendance and appearances.)

MR. SHEPARD: We will take up the next case, 279.

(Mr. White reads the Notice of Publication.)

MR. WHITE: Is Mr. Silverstein present?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Present.

MR. WHITE: Is Mr. Donnelly present?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: No, he isn't.

MR. WHITE: Anyone representing the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company present?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: I put up the bond, and naturally I am looking after their interests out here.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Silverstein, do you have any engineering representative?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Well, at the moment I don't have. I didn't think it was necessary from the circumstances of the case, which were discussed some with Mr. Utz yesterday very thoroughly.

MR. WHITE: Would you like to be sworn, and make a statement for the record?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes, I would like to do that. The reason I say that, I am trying to cooperate with everyone, and do what is conscientiously right. I have done everything I can anyhow, and as a matter of fact, I want to help instead of being a detriment. That is my position.

MR. WHITE: We will have you sworn.

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you. I will answer any questions you wish to ask.

(Mr. Silverstein sworn.)

MR. WHITE: Mr. Silverstein, you may proceed and make whatever statement you desire to make to the Commission.

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Yes, I will be glad to do so. We started the well as is familiar with the Commission in the office, and at 86--848 feet as I recall it--now, these facts are from memory. I ceased to be the operator and Mr. Donnelly took over. And at that time I was responsible for setting ten and three-quarter inch pipe. At that time we also put 125 sacks of cement and Halliburton placed the cement behind the above mentioned pipe with the object of eliminating any contamination of water. I promised the boys I would do that. That I would do everything in my power to do the thing in a workman-like manner. Well, it later developed that Mr. Utz tells me -- I met Mr. Utz in the geological meeting in Denver -- and he informed me at that time that the well hadn't been plugged, which was a surprise to me. Upon investigation -- I am trying to get the parties interested -- I find Mr. Donnelly had filed what would be called an application or statements to the effect that the well had been plugged. And Mr. Utz then said that according, that the surface wasn't plugged to his satisfaction. And I made the statement that of his convenience if he would get, and I would either contact Donnelly, and if I couldn't do that, that whatever would be necessary at the time the two of us would do. I think that is the extent of my statement. However, I do know there was cement purchased and the <sup>bills</sup> ~~boys~~ have been sent to Mr. Zinn and aquager was placed in the hole, and that statement

was also made by Mr. Donnelly and should be in the possession of Mr. Zinn because I lacked about 24 hours time to be able to get all these facts before the Commission. I will go on and make a statement of my own understanding. I didn't see that done, and that is what Mr. Donnelly states. Now, Mr. Donnelly, after all, is the operator, and so represented, and I don't believe that we would believe he purchased cement and plugged the hole when he didn't do it.

MR. WHITE: You weren't present at the time of the plugging operation?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: No, I wasn't. I definitely wasn't.

MR. WHITE: All you know is hearsay.

MR. SILVERSTEIN: The only thing I can find out is what happened to 848 feet. That I was responsible for. That I know.

MR. WHITE: You don't know whether or not the pipe is still in the hole do you?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: There is in excess of 500 feet and some odd feet of 10 and three-quarter inch pipe in that hole at the moment.

MR. WHITE: That statement is based upon the fact you saw it put in?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: No, they couldn't have pulled anymore after putting 125 sacks of cement in the hole.

MR. WHITE: Were you present?

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Well Halliburton did it. I paid for the cement.

Q (by Mr. White) But other than that all you know is what others have told you, is that correct?

A (by Mr. Silverstein) They handed a bill for so much cement and I paid the bill.

MR. SPURRIER: The answer is yes or no.

A I would say yes.

MR. WHITE: I think that is all so far as we are concerned, Mr. Silverstein.

MR. SILVERSTEIN: Thank you very much. But I want to make another statement and that is this. I want to go on record and state that any cooperation that I can show either Mr. Utz or Mr. Spurrier in completing that plugging, I will do that. I have already made three trips to Santa Fe and I think that will show my good faith, what I try to do.

MR. WHITE: We appreciate it and thank you.

ELVIS A. UTZ,

having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHITE:

Q Will you state your name and position, please?

A Elvis A. Utz, Engineer for the Oil Conservation Commission.

Q Mr. Utz, have you had occasion to inspect or examine the location in question and the plugging of the well bore?

A Yes, sir, I have.

Q When did you make these inspections?

A After the well was plugged, or supposedly plugged, my first

inspection after plugging was May 14, 1951. At which time I found roughly the following:

The pits had not been molested, indicating to me there had been no mud used from the pits in plugging. A slab of cement about three feet in diameter and six inches thick was set over the well bore. A four inch steel dry hole marker placed in it. The hole had caved in underneath the slab exposing one side of the slab and also partially exposing the well bore.

Q And this cave-in led you to believe it was improperly mudded?

A Yes, sir, I did.

Q Was there a plugging program approved for this particular well bore?

A Yes, there was on a C-102. It was approved by Justin Newman Oil and Gas Inspector in Artesia, August 18, 1950.

Q Do you know what the program called for?

A Yes, sir, I do.

Q Will you state it?

A It called for a cement plug from 1665 to 1680. Another plug from 860 to 875. The surface from zero to 15 feet with a dry hole marking.

Q Did you find any surface plug?

A I did not.

Q Did you find any cement?

A Only the slab that was laid on top of the hole.

Q And how thick was that?

A About six inches.

Q Was there any evidence that they had mudded in accordance with the regulations?

A On July the 20th I made another inspection of this location. I found that the whole slab had sunk some 18 inches below the surface. I therefore dug under the slab and exposed the pipe and the well bore underneath. I dug around a piece of two-inch pipe, which was in the well bore, with my hands, which indicated to me it was caved material. There was no cement three feet below the surface.

Q I will hand you here -- did you take any photographs?

A Yes, I did.

Q When were the photographs taken?

A They were taken July 20th.

(Photographs marked "Commission's Exhibits 1 to 7" inclusive.)

Q I hand you here the Commission's Exhibits Nos. 1 to 7 and ask you to identify them.

A No. 1 is a photograph of the dry hole marker showing the cave about six feet in diameter and about 18 inches deep over the well bore. No. 2 is another view of the same. No. 3 is a view of the mud pits showing that they were not molested, in other words, showing that there was no mud taken from them. No. 4 is another view of the same. No. 5 the pits showing the indentation in the pit of the mud running from the bailer chute. Also, indicating there was no mud taken from the pits. No. 6 is another view showing the pits unmolested. No. 7 is a view showing the cement slab, the four inch dry hole marker and a

piece of two inch tubing which was inside the four inch dry hole marker. It shows the excavation and part of the well bore which was dug out by hand.

Q Do each of these exhibits reasonably portray the physical objects they represent?

A They certainly do.

MR. WHITE: If the Commission please, we move Exhibits 1 to 7 be admitted in evidence.

MR. SPURRIER: Yes.

Q Mr. Utz, will you use your projector and show these exhibits to the Commission, and explain to them what each is as you show them?

A That is a view of the well bore showing how the hole is caved in. In other words, underneath the debris around the dry hole marker is a six inch cement slab. On the second inspection, on the lefthand side here the cement slab is on the surface, and on the left side the earth had caved in down the well bore.

Q Approximately how much had the earth caved in?

A It exposed a hole underneath the cement slab about two and a half feet wide and a foot deep, going clear to the dry hole marker. No. 2 is a rather poor photograph of the same thing, showing the cave. No. 3 shows the top of the dry hole marker and also shows the pits and the cable laying across the pits --

Q Do the pits show any evidence of any mud being taken from them?

A Absolutely none. No. 4 is another view showing the cave and

the dry hole marker and a view of the pits that were unmolested. This isn't a very good picture. Showing the indentation right in this area where the mud running out of the bailer chute made an indentation in the mud pit, which wasn't disturbed. It is still there. That is another view showing the pit from the other side. The marks in the pit are tire tracks. This is a view showing the dry hole marker in the cement slab about six inches thick dug underneath. On one of his affidavits he stated -- well, anyway it shows there was no cement under the six inch slab.

Q In relation to that picture -- I don't know whether the audience can see that or not -- in relation to that picture, Mr. Utz, what has been in the record -- an affidavit reading as follows, in fact:

The well was plugged with cement to the surface. The hole was mudded to within 15 feet from the surface.

Now according to the program that was approved, the cement plug in the top was supposed to be 15 feet, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q If those are your findings, what would be the proper method of plugging that well bore?

A I think the method outlined by Mr. Newman was sufficient if it had been followed.

Q Did the Commission receive any notice of intention to plug?

A The notice of intention to plug was the C-102, which was approved by Mr. Newman at that time or within a day or so after--

Mr. Newman notified Donnelly the Santa Fe Office would like to be present when the well was plugged. We were never notified until after it was plugged as shown in the picture.

Q What would you recommend be done in order to correct this situation?

A It would be awfully expensive in operation to drill it out and plug it correctly if it wasn't correctly plugged. I can't argue about the lower plug around 1600 and 800. But I definitely know there is no cement in the upper part of the hole, which he stated was there. The ten and five-eighths casing which was cemented with 125 sacks of cement which he states -- as he states on his C-102 -- would put the cement at about 300 feet below the surface. Mr. Donnelly stated he poured 350 feet of ten and five-eighths and we can assume that from 350 feet to 848 is probably cemented and therefore probably protected. He also states on the C-105 there was surface water from 70 to 75 feet and again from 330 to 375 feet, which would not be protected by the cemented 10 and 5/8 casing. I doubt that the hole was properly mudded from 350 to the surface.

Q In view of those facts, what corrective measures do you recommend that the Commission take?

A Determine whether the hole was properly mudded. In the top 350 feet or not. And I think that it could be done by digging down aways and seeing if we can expose some open well bore. If we can expose open well bore, to properly mud it.

MR. WHITE: I have no further questions.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                              )     SS.  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO   )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of proceedings in Case No. 279, before the Oil Conservation Commission, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 28 day of August, 1951.

G. G. Pearson  
REPORTER



BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 279

21 June 1951
(DATE)

E. E. GREESON
ADA DEARNLEY
COURT REPORTERS
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PHONE 2-4547
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Case 279: wherein the Oil Conservation Commission has itself made application for an order directed to S.T. Silverstein, T. H. Donnelly, Sarah D. Ulmer and the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company for plugging and abandonment of well in SESESW 11-12N-32E, NMPM, Quay County, New Mexico.

(Mr. Graham reads the notice of publication.)

MR. ZINN: If the Commission please, I would like to show the appearance of Sam T. Silverstein in this case through his attorney Frank Zinn of Santa Fe. As I understand the case, Mr. Donnelly was to appear and explain his plugging of this well and countermand any testimony the state might present through their engineer's report. As he is not here, as far as Mr. Silverstein is concerned, I either ask for a continuance or for whatever action the Commission desires to take.

MR. SPURRIER: The Commission is not prepared to complete the case at this time because our inspector, our engineer, who inspected this well, Mr. Utz, is in the hospital. So, we would like to (off the record). I would like to state now that in answer to your request that we will for those two reasons continue this case until the next regular hearing, which will be July 24 at ten O'clock.

MR. ZINN: Thank you.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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COUNTY OF BERNALILLO

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing transcript is a true record of the matters therein contained.

DONE at Albuquerque, N. M., July 5, 1951.

My Commission Expires Aug. 4, 1952

[Signature]
J. G. Graham

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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TRANSCRIPTION OF HEARING

CASE NO. 279

24 July 1951

(DATE)

Original

E. E. GREESON  
ADA DEARNLEY  
COURT REPORTERS  
BOX 1302  
PHONE 2-4547  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 24, 1951

CASE NO. 279: (Continued from June 21 hearing).  
The Commission's application on its own motion for an  
Order directed to S. T. Silverstein, T. H. Donnelly,  
Sarah D. Ulmer and the Massachusetts Bonding and  
Insurance Company, for plugging and abandonment of well  
in SE SE SW 11-12 N-32 E, NMPM, Quay County, New Mexico.

MR. SHEPARD: We will take up Case 279.

(Mr. Graham reads the notice of publication.)

MR. DEAN ZINN: At this time on behalf of  
S. T. Silverstein, I would like to enter my appearance,  
Dean S. Zinn, Santa Fe, New Mexico. I have received  
since this case came on last time the plugging report  
and also a well record which I would like to submit to  
the Commission. It is for the Donnelly Drilling Company.  
In view of the situation -- apparently there is quite a  
bit of conflict in the records -- we would like to have  
this continued until such time as we can have actual  
witnesses before the Commission testify as to this conflict  
and as to the situation and as to the standpoint of the  
Silverstein and the Donnelly Drilling Company, and we so  
move at this time.

MR. WHITE: Are you representing Silverstein and  
Donnelly?

MR. ZINN: We represent Silverstein.

MR. SHEPARD: Is Mr. Donnelly present or anyone  
representing him present?

(No response.)

MR. SHEPARD: Anyone representing Sarah D. Ulmer?  
(No response). Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company  
present? (No response). Dean, when did you come into this  
case?

MR. ZINN: I am entering my appearance for the first  
time today.

MR. SHEPARD: Well, we will continue this until  
August the 7th and we will hear it at that time.

MR. ZINN: Thank you.

MR. SHEPARD: Case No. 279 has been continued  
until August 7th.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
                          : ss.  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached  
transcript of proceedings before the Oil Conservation  
Commission in Case No. 279, held on July 24, 1951, is a true  
and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge,  
skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of August, 1951.

G. G. Garrison  
REPORTER

My Commission Expires: 8-4-51



A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF NEW MEXICO     )  
                                  : ss.  
COUNTY OF EDDY         )

We, the undersigned, being duly sworn upon oath, state:

That we are the driller and tool dresser, respectively,  
for the Donnelly Drilling Co., on the well known as the S. T. Silver-  
stein, Ulmer No. 1 Well in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township  
12 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., in Quay County, New Mexico,  
and were such during the time said well was plugged and abandoned.  
That the plugging of said well was done on August 16, 17, 18 and  
19, 1950, and the work was done as follows:

The hole was filled with mud up to 1680 feet, and  
cement plug set at 1680-1665 feet; the 8 5/8 inch  
casing was pulled and the hole was mudded, and  
another cement plug was set at 875-860 feet. There  
was 10 inch casing in the well, which was cemented,  
and this 10 inch casing was cut off at about 350  
feet and the balance was left in the hole. From  
the cement plug at 860 feet, the hole was mudded to  
15 feet from the surface, and the well was plugged  
with cement to the surface, and a dry hole marker  
placed.

W. C. Garner  
Driller

J. W. Story  
Tool Dresser

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
1951.

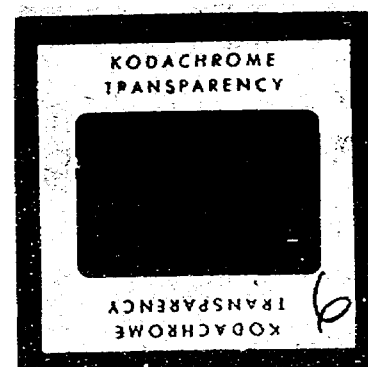
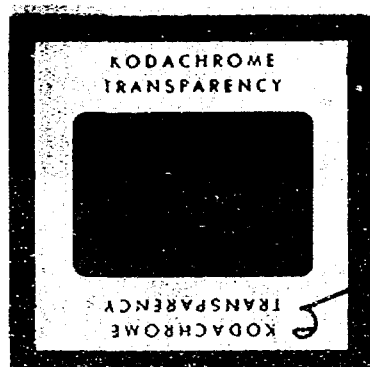
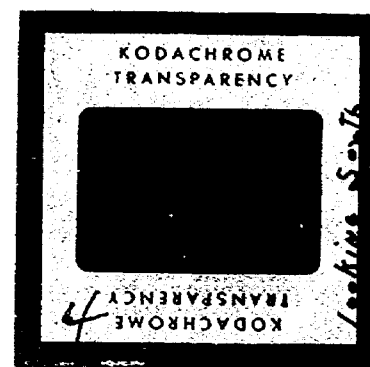
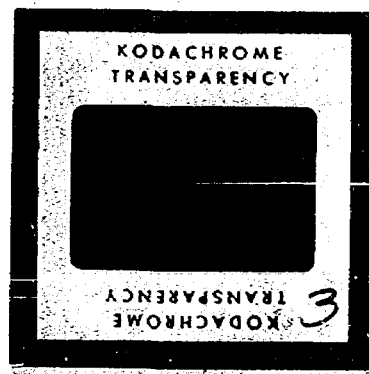
Lela Elliott  
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires:

Oct. 8, 1954



PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITS: CASE 279  
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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 20, 1951

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Miss Sarah D. Ulmer  
Tucumcari, New Mexico

Dear Miss Ulmer:

This is in reply to your letter of June 6, in which you ask if the proposed legal action in our case No. 279 will automatically clear your abstract from any hold which the Canadian River Oil Company may claim.

I cannot prejudge a case and therefore cannot answer your question. After the testimony has been received in this case, the Commission will issue an order which will be more or less self-explanatory and will probably answer your question fully.

Yours very truly,

R. R. SPURRIER,  
Secretary-Director

RRS/ir

## Thousand Acres

Miss Sarah D. Ulmer

TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO, ROUTE 4

June 6, 1951.

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,  
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

*Case 279*

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

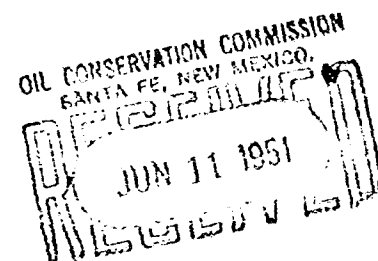
Will the proposed legal action scheduled for June 21, if it goes through, automatically clear my abstract from any hold which the Canadian River Oil Company may claim on my land here at Hudson, N. Mex., please? Their lease with me expired on Jan. 22 of this year. My relationship with the organization has not been what you might term "happy." I have been anxious to be completely rid of them. If it is within your province to do so, will you please instruct me how to proceed, in order to clear up my abstract?

Mine is case No. 279 on your records, according to the instrument, which I received from your office by registered mail recently.

Thank you for the very considerable favor, which I am asking, in event you see fit to grant it.

Yours most cordially,

*Sarah D. Ulmer*



BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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

CASE NO. 279

ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

THE APPLICATION OF THE OIL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION UPON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY A CERTAIN WELL-  
BORE LOCATED IN SE/4 SE/4 SW/4, SECTION 11,  
TOWNSHIP 12 N RANGE 32 E SHOULD NOT BE  
DECLARED ABANDONED AND ORDERED PLUGGED,  
ETC.

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

This case came on regularly for hearing this 21st day of June 1951,  
and upon motion of Frank Zinn representing Sam T. Silverstein, for  
continuance and the same being well taken,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That Case No. 279 be and the same  
hereby is continued until the regular July 24, 1951 hearing of this Com-  
mission.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

SEAL

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

June 13, 1951

Mr. S. T. Silverstein  
Idaho Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Silverstein:

As agreed in our conversation last time I saw you in Denver, I am enclosing a docket which includes Case 279 which calls for a hearing on the plugging and abandonment of the well as described.

On my last inspection of this well revealed in my opinion, that the well had never been properly plugged and abandoned as the hole was caving and the pits had not been molested.

Yours very truly,

ELVIS A. UTZ,  
Gas Engineer

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Case 279

## Santa Fe, Now Mexico

Mail to Oil Conservation Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, or its proper agent not more than twenty days after completion of well. Follow instructions in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. Indicate questionable data by following it with (Q). **SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE.**

AREA 640 ACRES  
LOCATE WELL CORRECTLY

**Ulsat**

**Company or Operator**

**Lease**

Well No. 1 in SE4 of Sec. 11, T. 12N

R. 32E N. M. P. M., Field Wildcat Quay County.

Well is 330 feet ~~500~~ of the North line and 330 feet west of the ~~500~~ line of Center  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 11032

If State land the oil and gas lease is No. \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment No. \_\_\_\_\_

If patented land the owner is Sarah D. Ulmer, Address Route 4 Tucumanari

If Government land the permittee is \_\_\_\_\_, Address \_\_\_\_\_

The Lessee is S.T. Silberstein, Address.

Drilling commenced 1-22 1950. Drilling was completed 7-11 1950.

Name of drilling contractor Donnelly Drilling Co., Inc. Address Artesia, New Mexico

Elevation above sea level at top of casing\_\_\_\_\_feet.

The information given is to be kept confidential until \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

## OIL SANDS OR ZONES

No. 1, from 11 to 25 No. 4, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ No. 5, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

No. 3, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ No. 6, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT WATER SANDS

Include data on rate of water inflow and elevation to which water rose in hole.

No. 1, from 70 to 75 feet. 5

No. 2, from 330 to 375 feet. 45

No. 3, from 1256 to 1270 feet. 14

No. 4, from 1504 to 1517 feet. 13

## CASING RECORD

[illegible]

# MUDDING AND CEMENTING RECORD

| SIZE OF HOLE | SIZE OF CASING | WHERE SET | NO. SACKS OF CEMENT | METHOD USED | MUD GRAVITY | AMOUNT OF MUD USED  |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 12 1/4       | 10 3/4         | 848       | 125                 | Halliburton |             |                     |
| 10           | 8 5/8          | 1565      |                     |             |             | 20 sacks of Aquagel |
|              |                |           |                     |             |             |                     |

## PLUGS AND ADAPTERS

Heaving plug--Material \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Depth Set \_\_\_\_\_

Adapters--Material \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

## RECORD OF SHOOTING OR CHEMICAL TREATMENT

| SIZE | SHELL USED | EXPLOSIVE OR CHEMICAL USED | QUANTITY | DATE | DEPTH SHOT OR TREATED | DEPTH CLEANED OUT |
|------|------------|----------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|      |            |                            |          |      |                       |                   |
|      |            |                            |          |      |                       |                   |
|      |            |                            |          |      |                       |                   |

Results of shooting or chemical treatment \_\_\_\_\_

## RECORD OF DRILL-STEM AND SPECIAL TESTS

If drill-stem or other special tests or deviation surveys were made, submit report on separate sheet and attach hereto.

### TOOLS USED

Rotary tools were used from \_\_\_\_\_ feet to \_\_\_\_\_ feet, and from \_\_\_\_\_ feet to \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

Cable tools were used from 0 feet to 2020 feet, and from \_\_\_\_\_ feet to \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

### PRODUCTION

Put to producing \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

The production of the first 24 hours was \_\_\_\_\_ barrels of fluid of which \_\_\_\_\_ % was oil; \_\_\_\_\_ %

emulsion: \_\_\_\_\_ % water; and \_\_\_\_\_ % sediment. Gravity, Be \_\_\_\_\_

If gas well, cu. ft. per 24 hours \_\_\_\_\_ Gallons gasoline per 1,000 cu. ft. of gas \_\_\_\_\_

Rock pressure, lbs. per sq. in. \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYEES

Clyde McKean \_\_\_\_\_ Driller J.W. Storey \_\_\_\_\_ Driller

W.O. Garner \_\_\_\_\_ Driller A.O. Comer \_\_\_\_\_ Driller

## FORMATION RECORD ON OTHER SIDE

I hereby swear or affirm that the information given herewith is a complete and correct record of the well and all work done on it so far as can be determined from available records.

Artesia, N.Mex. 7-21-51

Name J. H. Donnelly  
Position Owner Donnelly Drilling Co., Inc.

Representing S.T. Silverstein  
Company or Operator.

Address Box 433 Artesia, New Mexico

# FORMATION RECORD

| FROM | TO   | THICKNESS<br>IN FEET | FORMATION   |
|------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| 0    | 140  | 140                  | Red Sand    |
| 140  | 155  | 15                   | Blue Shale  |
| 155  | 180  | 25                   | Red Shale   |
| 180  | 330  | 150                  | Red Shale   |
| 330  | 375  | 45                   | Sand        |
| 375  | 385  | 10                   | Blue Shale  |
| 385  | 440  | 55                   | Sand        |
| 440  | 450  | 10                   | Blue Shale  |
| 450  | 510  | 60                   | Sand        |
| 510  | 560  | 50                   | Anhydrite   |
| 560  | 605  | 45                   | Sand        |
| 605  | 630  | 25                   | Shale       |
| 630  | 690  | 60                   | Sand        |
| 690  | 790  | 100                  | Sand        |
| 790  | 795  | 5                    | Anhydrite   |
| 795  | 800  | 5                    | Blue Shale  |
| 800  | 810  | 10                   | Sandy Shale |
| 810  | 830  | 20                   | Sandy Shale |
| 830  | 837  | 7                    | Anhydrite   |
| 837  | 860  | 23                   | Shale       |
| 860  | 890  | 30                   | Red Shale   |
| 890  | 895  | 5                    | Shale       |
| 895  | 920  | 25                   | Sand        |
| 920  | 950  | 30                   | Shale       |
| 950  | 970  | 20                   | Shale       |
| 970  | 1005 | 35                   | Red Shale   |
| 1005 | 1040 | 35                   | Red Shale   |
| 1040 | 1120 | 180                  | Red Shale   |
| 1120 | 1140 | 20                   | Anhydrite   |
| 1140 | 1142 | 2                    | Anhydrite   |
| 1142 | 1149 | 7                    | Shale       |
| 1149 | 1155 | 6                    | Sand        |
| 1155 | 1165 | 10                   | Shale       |
| 1165 | 1175 | 10                   | Lime        |
| 1175 | 1200 | 25                   | Anhydrite   |
| 1200 | 1214 | 14                   | Blue Shale  |
| 1214 | 1219 | 5                    | Blue Shale  |
| 1219 | 1230 | 11                   | Anhydrite   |
| 1230 | 1235 | 5                    | Blue Shale  |
| 1235 | 1251 | 16                   | Anhydrite   |
| 1251 | 1256 | 5                    | Anhydrite   |
| 1256 | 1270 | 14                   | Sand Water  |
| 1270 | 1275 | 5                    | Sand Water  |
| 1275 | 1292 | 17                   | Sandy Lime  |
| 1292 | 1300 | 8                    | Anhydrite   |
| 1300 | 1305 | 5                    | Blue Shale  |
| 1305 | 1318 | 13                   | Sandy Lime  |
| 1318 | 1335 | 17                   | Sandy Lime  |
| 1335 | 1355 | 20                   | Salt        |
| 1355 | 1370 | 15                   | Red Shale   |
| 1370 | 1386 | 16                   | Anhydrite   |
| 1386 | 1394 | 8                    | Salt        |
| 1394 | 1408 | 14                   | Salt Shale  |
| 1408 | 1432 | 24                   | Salt Shale  |
| 1432 | 1455 | 23                   | Salt Shale  |
| 1455 | 1478 | 33                   | Salt Shale  |
| 1478 | 1488 | 10                   | Salt Shale  |

|      |      |     |             |
|------|------|-----|-------------|
| 1488 | 1494 | 6   | Lime        |
| 1494 | 1504 | 10  | Lime        |
| 1504 | 1517 | 11  | Sand Water  |
| 1517 | 1526 | 9   | Sand        |
| 1526 | 1535 | 9   | Lime        |
| 1535 | 1568 | 27  | Red Shale   |
| 1562 | 1571 | 9   | Lime        |
| 1571 | 1590 | 19  | Salt        |
| 1590 | 1640 | 50  | Salt        |
| 1640 | 1650 | 10  | Anhydrite   |
| 1650 | 1660 | 10  | Lime        |
| 1660 | 1672 | 12  | Lime        |
| 1672 | 1678 | 6   | Salt        |
| 1678 | 1695 | 17  | Salt        |
| 1695 | 1700 | 5   | Broken Lime |
| 1700 | 1712 | 12  | Lime        |
| 1712 | 1728 | 16  | Lime        |
| 1728 | 1746 | 18  | Lime        |
| 1746 | 1752 | 6   | Brown Shale |
| 1752 | 1764 | 12  | Sand        |
| 1764 | 1767 | 3   | Sand Salt   |
| 1767 | 1800 | 33  | Sand        |
| 1800 | 1810 | 10  | Brown Shale |
| 1810 | 1815 | 5   | Brown Shale |
| 1815 | 1825 | 10  | Brown Shale |
| 1825 | 1840 | 15  | Salt        |
| 1840 | 1855 | 13  | Brown Shale |
| 1855 | 1864 | 9   | Sandy Shale |
| 1864 | 1887 | 3   | Brown Shale |
| 1887 | 2020 | 133 | Brown Shale |

TOTAL DEPTH

## OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

## Miscellaneous Reports on Wells

Submit this report in triplicate to the Oil Conservation Commission or its proper agent within ten days after the work specified is completed. It should be signed and sworn to before a notary public for reports on beginning drilling operations, results of shooting well, results of test of casing shut off, result of plugging of well, and other important operations, even though the work was witnessed by an agent of the Commission. Reports on minor operations need not be signed and sworn to before a notary public. See additional instructions in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Indicate nature of report by checking below.

|                                                            |                                     |                                                |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|
| REPORT ON BEGINNING DRILLING OPERATIONS                    |                                     | REPORT ON REPAIRING WELL                       |  |
| REPORT ON RESULT OF SHOOTING OR CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF WELL |                                     | REPORT ON PULLING OR OTHERWISE ALTERING CASING |  |
| REPORT ON RESULT OF TEST OF CASING SHUT-OFF                |                                     | REPORT ON DEEPENING WELL                       |  |
| REPORT ON RESULT OF PLUGGING OF WELL                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                                |  |

July 21, 1951

Artesia New Mexico

Date

Place

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.  
Gentlemen:

Following is a report on the work done and the results obtained under the heading noted above at the Ulmer #1

S.T. Silverstein Ulmer Well No. #1 in the  
Company or Operator Lease

S.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 11, T. 12 N, R. 12 E, N. M. P. M.,  
Wildcat Field Gray County.

The dates of this work were as follows: Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1950

Notice of intention to do the work was (was not) submitted on Form C-102 on 9-3-51 Aug. 16 1950  
and approval of the proposed plan was (was not) obtained. (Cross out incorrect words.)

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WORK DONE AND RESULTS OBTAINED

Hole was mudded to 1680 wood plug was pushed down hole followed by 20ft.  
of gravel for bridge 1680-1665 Cement plug.  
8 5/8 casing was then cut off at 1620 and pulled. Hole was then mudded and  
Wood plug was pushed down to 845 and gravel bridge was put in between 1680-1665  
cement plug, mudded to surface Cement plug and dry hole marker was placed over hole.

Witnessed by T.H. Donnelly Donnelly Drilling Co Pres.  
Name Company Title

Subscribed and sworn before me this 21day of July, 1951

Maxine W. Linnell  
Notary Public

I hereby swear or affirm that the information given above is true and correct

Name T.H. DonnellyPosition Owner Donnelly Drilling Co., Inc.Representing S.T. Silverstein  
Company or OperatorMy commission expires My Commission expires November 22, 1953 Address Box 433 Artesia, New Mexico

Remarks:

Name

Title

Donnelly Drilling Co., Inc.  
OIL WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS

BOX 433

Artesia, New Mexico  
June 15, 1951

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.  
JUN 18 1951  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
Mr. R. R. Spurrier  
Box 87  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case 279

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the Sarah D. Ulmer No.1 Well located on  
S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ - S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ - S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$ - T 12- R 32E, Quay County, New Mexico.

Said well was plugged and abandoned August 16, 17, 18, 19, 1950.

Cement plug was set 1680' -1665', pulled 8 5/8" casing, 875-  
860 cement plug. Mud to 15'. Dry hole marker was placed  
over hole. Cement plug on top of hole.

Permission for plugging well was given by Justin Newman of  
the Artesia Office.

All forms were filled out for plugging Ulmer No. 1 and mailed  
to the Artesia Office.

Witnesses to the plugging;

W.C. Garner  
J.W. Storey  
T.H. Donnelly

Driller  
Tool Dresser  
Contractor.

Yours truly  
Donnelly Drilling Co., Inc.

*T.H. Donnelly*  
T.H. Donnelly

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

INSPECTION REPORT

May 14, 1951

**Silverstein - Ulmer No. 1 SESESW Sec. 11-12N-32E**

This location was inspected this date and the report is as follows:

There was 4" 4' steel marker set in a slab of cement which was approximately 3' in diameter - 6" in depth.

The thickness of the cement slab could be determined because the hole was caving underneath the slab and leaving a hole approximately 3' wide and 2' deep on the south side and underneath the slab. This indicates to me that this hole was not plugged correctly, if at all.

The mud pit showed no signs of having had any mud scrapped from it to put in the hole. As a matter of fact the small indentation in the mud which was caused by the fluid running from the bailer chute was still distinctly in evidence. It would naturally follow and the pits were open and filled with mud and water. There was no apparent evidence that any appreciable amount of cement was used in plugging the well. A plugging program as approved August 18, 1950, by Justin Newman, called for cement plugging from 1665 to 1680, 860 to 875 and from 0 to 15'. I am of the opinion that this program was not followed.

ELVIS A. UTZ,  
Gas Engineer

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The State of New Mexico, by its Oil Conservation Commission, hereby gives Notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder of the following Public Hearing to be held June 21, 1951 beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the council chambers of the City Hall.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

S. T. Silverstein, Idaho Springs, Colorado; T. H. Donnelly, Box 433, Artesia, New Mexico; Sarah D. Ulmer, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Boston 9, Massachusetts, c/o Thornton Seligman, Agent, 205 West Copper Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and all other persons or entities claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to a certain well-bore located upon SE/4 SE/4 SW/4, Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 32 East, N. M. P. M. - Quay County, New Mexico.

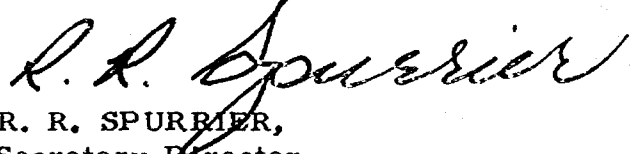
CASE NO. 279

In the matter of application of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, upon its own Motion for an Order, directed to S. T. Silverstein, Idaho Springs, Colorado, T. H. Donnelly, Box 433, Artesia, New Mexico, Sarah D. Ulmer, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Boston 9, Massachusetts, c/o Thornton Seligman, Agent, 205 West Copper Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and each of them and all other persons or entities, having or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to that certain well-bore located upon SE/4 SE/4 SW/4, Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 32 East, N. M. P. M. - Quay County, New Mexico,

to show cause at Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 21, 1951, why said  
well-bore located as aforesaid, should not be declared abandoned  
and ordered plugged as a measure for the prevention of underground  
waste and violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation  
Commission of New Mexico,

Given under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of  
New Mexico at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 25 day of May, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

  
R. R. SPURBIER,  
Secretary-Director