



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

August 30, 1989

REPLY TO: 6W-SE

Ms. J. A. McLemore
Conoco, Incorporated
726 Michigan
Post Office Box 460
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241

Re: Conoco Well No. 30-1 (Inventory No. NM784), Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. McLemore:

Thank you for your telephone call of August 21, 1989, in which you informed us it had been discovered that water injected into the subject well was leaving the well through old perforations below the current injection zone.

A review of the well records indicate the old perforations are also into the Point Lookout Formation and there is sufficient cement above the injection zones to prevent migration of injected fluid into an underground source of drinking water (USDW). The 24-hour reporting of non-compliance which may endanger health or the environment, and the follow-up written report, are not applicable in this case. Our rules and regulations do not prohibit you from continuing to inject into this well.

You will need to satisfy the requirements of the State of New Mexico and Bureau of Land Management because of their additional concerns with the production zones which might be affected. If the State has no objections to the additional perforations being part of the injection zone, include them when you submit an application to permit this well.

If you have any questions concerning this well, contact Mr. Richard Peckham of my staff at (214) 655-7165.

Sincerely yours,

*Oscar Cabra, Jr., P.E.*Oscar Cabra, Jr., P.E.
Chief
Water Supply Branch (6W-S)