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**RE: Murphy Kirkpatrick Federal #2
Unit Letter B , Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 37 East**

Gentlemen:

Through routine inspection it has come to our attention that the above referenced well has been shut in for an extended period of time. A review of our records show that this well has not been properly Temporarily Abandoned. Order R-9210 states that an operator can not leave a well shut in longer than a year.

The following options are available regarding the future disposition of this well:

1. Restore the well to production.
2. Set plug, conduct mechanical integrity test, and request temporary abandoned status.
3. Submit a proposal to plug and abandon the well, proceed with plugging on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and or approved.

To avoid further action, we request that you exercise one of the above options no later than August 18, 2000. We request that you notify this office 24 hours prior to any operation in order to witness the operation, either repair or plugging and pressure test upon completion of repairs or to request TXA status.

Very truly yours
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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