

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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

CASE NO. 12982

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II, FOR AN ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG TWO(2) WELLS; EDDY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO.**

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Pre-Hearing Statement is submitted by the Oil Conservation Division as required by Rule 1208.B.

PARTIES

APPLICANT

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RESPONDENTS

E. Paul Moran, Operator of Ramuz No. 1
Turner and Devito, Operator of Devito No. 1
Mrs. Arvil Johnson, surface owner
United States Bureau of Land Management, surface owner
City of Carlsbad, owner of wells in the vicinity

No Response filed.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Applicant will show that the subject wells, identified in the Application, were drilled and abandoned in 1940, that such wells are inactive, have been inactive for a longer time than authorized by Rule 201, and have not been temporarily abandoned. Applicant will offer evidence that although the wells were plugged, they were not plugged in accordance with current standards, and that the condition of the wells is such that replugging thereof is necessary for the protection of groundwater, public health and the environment. Accordingly, the Division should be authorized to reenter and replug said wells. Also to be considered will be the propriety of the plugging procedure proposed by the Division staff.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>EST. TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Tim Gum	condition of wells	15 min.	12
William C. Olson	environmental hazard	15 min.	

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None anticipated.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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