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Dear Mr. Carroll:

We would like to have a "Show Cause" hearing to plug and abandon the following well:

OPERATOR: Donald Sharratt
WELL NAME: Baker C No. 1 API No. 30-025-10469
LOCATION: Unit A, Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 37 East
FOOTAGE: 660 FNL and 660 FEL
COUNTY: Lea

The above referenced well at present time has a casing leak located between 1195 feet, top of salt, and 2400 feet, base of salt.

The well has been connected to the Rice Disposal System line to allow the waterflow to drain.

The above Operator has stated that he is out of money and will no longer be able to pay Rice Engineering for the disposal of the continuous waterflow.

Mr. Sharratt has stated that if this well is shut in, it will build up to a wellhead pressure of 1500#. At that point, salt water and other contaminants may leak around the surface.

Due to possible groundwater contamination, this needs to be handled promptly.

I have included the entire well file, C-104, copies of previous correspondence to the operators, requesting compliance, statement that the well is a threat to fresh water, copies of Rules 201, 202, 203, a copy of the bond information, field trip reports of Charlie Perrin, showing what happens when the well is shut in even for a short time, and photographs of the wellhead equipment, and tank battery facility.

Very truly yours

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Gary W. Wink
Field Rep II

File
Enclosure

