

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

August 10, 1973

Mr. Orville S. Slaughter, Jr.
2626 Adams Street
Denver, Colorado 80205

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

Recent correspondence between you and Mr. Al Kendrick of the district III office of the Oil Conservation Commission has been referred to me for further action.

The Commission holds Dr. Robert T. Smith and Federal Insurance Co., the bonding company, responsible for the present condition of Wells No. 1, No. 1-A, and No. 6 in Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.

As called to your attention in Mr. Kendrick's letter of May 25, 1973, these wells are improperly plugged and abandoned in that Well No. 1 has an incorrect marker; Well No. 1-A has pipe set and has not been plugged and Well No. 6 has no marker in the first hole and the market set in the second hole is not properly cemented nor does it contain necessary information. Mr. Kendrick also visited the site on August 10, 1973, and found the conditions of these wells unchanged since May 25.

Any transfer in ownership of the lease will not affect the liability of the above-mentioned parties.

If work is presently going on at the lease and certain holes are being drilled, it is your responsibility to see to it that the change in ownership is properly reported to the Oil Commission on our Form C-105.

It should further be called to your attention that the bond issued by the Federal Insurance Company (Bond No. 8041-27-05) on May 15, 1969, is still in full force as to the wells in question and the Commission will not hesitate to call on the bonding company if you fail to complete necessary site work.

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In regard to your comments of July 13 concerning Well No. 1-A, it should be called to your attention that a well can be legally converted to a water well only after an Affidavit of Responsibility-Conversion to Water Well has been filed with the Commission. Our files reflect that no such affidavit has been filed.

I hope this matter can be resolved without further action and that you will contact Mr. Kendrick in the immediate future to work out satisfactory arrangements concerning these wells.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. CARR
Special Assistant Attorney General
Oil Conservation Commission

WFC/dr

cc: Dr. Robert T. Smith
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August 1, 1973

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Mr. Orville S. Slaughter, Jr.
2626 Adams Street
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Dear Mr. Slaughter:

Your request that the responsibility for plugging the wells in Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, be transferred to another party has been considered.

The following factors were considered:

1. The wells were drilled and bonded by Dr. Robert T. Smith.
2. January 12, 1970, letter advising all parties that the wells were to be completed or properly abandoned.
3. Case 4301 was continued from January 21, 1970 to March 25, 1970, because of an oral agreement between you, Dr. Smith and us that the situation would be remedied.
4. Case continued again to May 13, 1970, to allow more time to complete the field work. Then to June 17, 1970.
5. The case was dismissed when the field operations began. Then the field work ceased.
6. No other person or company has filed any report by which the responsibility for the plugging of these wells has been accepted by any other party.

Therefore, the responsibility is still in the name of Dr. Robert T. Smith and his bonding company, Federal Insurance Company.

If there are further questions, please contact us.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick
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Engineer, District #3

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cc: Dr. Robert T. Smith
1717 West Prospect Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

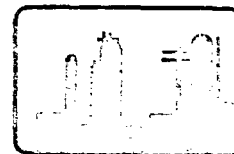
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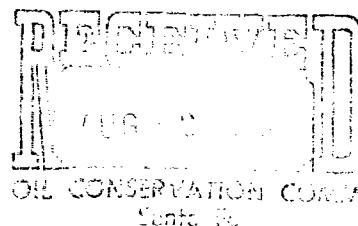


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J u l y 13, 1973



Mr. A. R. Kendrick
Engineer, District #3
Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
1000 Rio Brazos Road
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

The McKinley County Lease was sold to a New Mexico company over three years ago.

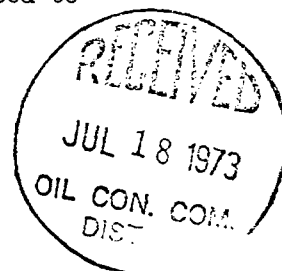
Inspection on premises during the months of May and June 1973 revealed present land owners drilling (May 20th) in 'exact' old holes previously plugged and properly abandoned and certain dry hole marker intentionally removed and excessive roads cut.

Reference Well #1A is fresh water well, (Navajo Tribe), and present land owners requested casing be left open when we abandoned lease.

Suggest new owners and their drilling bond be requested to restore McKinley County lease to original condition.

Sincerely yours,

Orville S. Slaughter, Jr.
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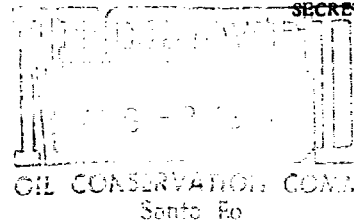
May 25, 1973

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Dr. Robert T. Smith
1717 Prospect Street
Ft. Collins, Colorado

Re: Oil Operations, McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Smith:

The wells drilled under your bond in section 32, Township 20 North, Range 9 West, have not been properly plugged and abandoned.

Well #1 has the wrong marker installed.

Well #1-A has pipe set and has not been plugged.

Well #3 has no marker

Well #6 has no marker in the first hole. The marker set in the second hole is not cemented rigid and does not have the proper identity.

Please cause someone to contact this office prior to June 15 to solve this problem in the near future.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick

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Engineer, District #3

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