STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NO. 8171 Order No. R-7523

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT MANVAR MINING, INC., OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE CO., AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE MANVAR WELL NO. 1 LOCATED 330 FEET FROM THE NORTH AND EAST LINES OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, MCKINLEY COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on May 9, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>loth</u> day of May, 1984, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That Manvar Mining, Inc. is the owner and operator of the Manvar Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North and East lines of Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- (3) That the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is the surety on the Oil Conservation Division plugging bond on which Manvar Mining, Inc. is principal.
- (4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state that the subject well will be properly plugged and abandoned when not capable of commercial production.
- (5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on or before May 21, 1984, or the well should be properly cased and cemented and returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- That Manvar Mining, Inc., and Ohio Casualty Insurance Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Manvar Well No. 1, located 330 feet from the North and East lines of Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to properly case and cement said well and return it to active drilling status or on production status on or before May 21, 1984.
- That Manvar Mining, Inc., prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.
- That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinshove designated.

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JOE D. RAMEY,

Director