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NEW MEXIC ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

April 19, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z 357 870 124

J.S. Ward & Son, Inc. 104 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2195

Attention: Mr. Gary Sims

Re: Bond No. 58 82 64 \$10,000 One-Well Plugging Bond to the State of New Mexico #529 Brine Extraction Discharge Plan BW-14(formerly DP-360) 330' FSL and 1650' FEL Sec 30-Ts17s-R32e, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sims:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division hereby approves the cancellation of the abovereferenced \$10,000 One-Well Plugging Bond No. 58 82 64 and releases Gulf Insurance Company of any liability.

cerel Rand Carroll

Rand Carroll, Legal Council

RC/wp

cc: OCD Hobbs Office Gulf Insurance Company



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April 19, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO. Z 357 870 123

Mr. Mike Butts I & W Incorporated P.O. Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

Re:

Discharge Plan BW-14 (formerly DP-360) I&W 529 Brine Station Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Butts:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) is in receipt of I&W's closure report dated March 30, 1999 for the above referenced facility. The NMOCD hereby approves closure of the facility and terminates I&W's Discharge Plan BW-14.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this closure does not relieve I&W of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate any remaining contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve I&W of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Price of my staff at (505-827-7155).

Sincerely Yours,

Roger Anderson-Environmental Bureau Chief

cc: OCD Hobbs District



ARTESIA (505) 746-4214 1 (800) 748-1972 CARLSBAD (505) 885-6663 1 (800) 658-2739

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March 30, 1999

Mr. Wayne Price Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Discharge Plan BW-14 I & W 529 Brine Station Sec 30, T 17S, R 32E Lea County, New Mexico

Subject: Site Closure Report and Release of Bond No. 58 82 64

Dear Mr. Price:

After plugging the 529 Brine Well, all equipment was removed from location. All fluids used in plugging were hauled to disposal. The location was leveled, ripped and reseeded according to BLM instructions.

The BLM has inspected the location and accepted relinquishment of the lease and terminated their bond No. 58 82 65. A copy of the BLM decision is attached.

Mr. Johnny Robinson, of the Hobbs district OCD office, has inspected the location and approved. He said he would contact you in Santa Fe.

As all requirements have been met, would you please close out Discharge Plan BW-14 (formerly DP-360) and release bond No. 58 82 64?

If you need any further information, please call me at (505) 677-2111. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Butts

Michael R. Butts Vice President & General Manager

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in reply refer to: 3509 (06787) NMNM 53332

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carlsbad Resource Area Headquarters 620 E. Greene St. P. O. Box 1778 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-1778

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CERTIFIED--RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED P 363 627 664

DECISION :

I & W, Inc. P. O. Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

> Relinquishment Accepted Bond Terminated

The relinquishment filed May 22, 1997 by I & W, Inc. on Federal Sodium Lease NMNM 53332, is hereby accepted effective June 30, 1997, pursuant to regulations in 43 CFR 3509.1-2.

NMNM 53332

T. 17 S., R. 32 E., NMPM, sec. 30: Lots 3, 4, E½SW¼, SE¼.

Lea County, New Mexico Containing 321.930 acres.

Furthermore, Individual Bond No. 58-82-65, in the amount of \$5,000.00, with I & W, Inc. as principal, and Gulf Insurance Co. as surety, is hereby terminated effective June 30, 1997.

The relinquished lease is subject to audit in the future by the Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program.

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Gary Bowers Area Manager

cc: Gulf Insurance Company P. O. Box 1771 Dallas, Texas 75221-1771

J. S. Ward & Son, Inc. Attention: S. Gary Sims 101 S. Fourth St. Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Minerals Management Service Royalty Management Program Attention: Cindy Prien, DMD P. O. Box 25165, MS 3153 Denver, Colorado 80225-0165





Price, Wayne

From:	Williams, Donna
Sent:	Friday, March 12, 1999 11:23 AM
To:	Price, Wayne
Subject:	1&W

Wayne,

Johnny went out to the site yesterday and then called Mike Butts, Mike met Johnny out at the site and right away got a back hole out there and started cleaning up the area i.e. the 6" pipe sticking up from the ground. Johnny says it looks good and is ready for P&A clean-up approval.

My only hesitation now is that Gary wants a C-103 stating when they plugged the well - P&A report. I'm not sure but they may have given on to the Feds already and they may have signed off on it? We just don't have any paper work. Do we need to worry about that or not? Donna



NEW MEXICO EMERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 97505 (505) 827-7131

From:	Price, Wayne
Sent:	Monday, March 08, 1999 5:58 PM
To:	Williams, Donna
Cc:	'Chris Williams'
Subject:	I&W Brine ST. 529 bw-14

ATT: Donna:

The following attachment is a letter I sent I&W. I have ask them to call you and set up an inspection. I recommend you take one of the field inspectors with you. This site should be OK, but would like to have a filed report.

Thanks!





NEW MEXICO NERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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March 8, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT NO. P 288 259 102

Mr. Mike Butts I & W Incorporated P.O. Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

Rc:

Discharge Plan BW-14 (formerly DP-360) I&W 529 Brine Station Lea County, New Mexico

Subject:

Bond No. 58 82 64 \$10,000 One-Well Plugging Bond to the State of New Mexico #529 Brine Extraction 330' FSL and 1650' FEL Sec 30-Ts17s-R32e, Lea County, New Mexico

And; Site Closure Report.

Dear Mr. Butts:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) understands that I&W's Brine Well has been plugged and the associated facility referenced above has been closed. On June 28, 1991 NMOCD sent I&W a letter (copy enclosed) requesting certain information, item 6. Closure Plan specifically requesting a proposal for closure which commits to those actions in the guidelines VI.F.5. As of this date NMOCD has not received this information. Please note in order for NMOCD to issue approval of the closure and release the associated bond, NMOCD requires the following:

- 1. Please address the three items under the guidelines VI.F.5. 1,2&3. A copy of the guidelines have been enclosed. Please send documentation to support your claim. If you have an approval from the surface owner i.e. BLM please submit. Also pictures would be helpful.
- 2. Please contact the NMOCD District office Ms. Donna Williams (505-393-6161 ext. 113) to schedule an inspection of the facility.

If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to write or call me at (505-827-7155).

Sincerely Yours,

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Wayne Price-Environmental Bureau

cc: OCD Hobbs Office Dorothy Phillips-OCD Santa Fe

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NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 827-7131

NMOCD INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Chris Williams-NMOCD District I Supervisor

From:

Wayne Price-Environmental Engineer Mayo

Date: October 16, 1998

Reference: I&W Brine Station on 529 sw/4 se/4 sec 30-Ts17s-R32

Subject: P&A and bond release

Comments:

Please find enclosed a copy of the BLM plugging report for the above location. They have ceased brine operations and are asking for the bond to be released. Please look this over and let me know if this procedure meets the Districts plugging requirements.

Thanks!

attachments-2

J. S. Ward & Son, Inc.

101 South Fourth Street (505) 746-2796 FAX (505) 746-4244 Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2195

October 5, 1998

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	

W.P.

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division 2040 South Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-5472

Attention: Mrs. Dorothy Phillips

Re: I & W, Inc. Bond No. 58 82 64 \$10,000 One-Well Plugging Bond to the State of New Mexico #529 Brine Extraction 330' FSL and 1650' FEL, Sec. 30, T-17-S, R-32E, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

The principal has informed us that they have plugged and abandoned the well under the captioned bond. If your records concur, may we please have termination of liability at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Ward & Son, Inc.

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cc: I & W, Inc. Post Office Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88211-0098 Attention: Mr. Mike Butts

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

BRUCE KING GOVERNOR

RE:

June 28, 1991

CERTIFIED MAIL **RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-327-278-125**

Mr. Lowell Irby I & W Incorporated P. O. Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

Lat-278-125 Mincorporated Box 98 Hills, New Mexico 88255 Discharge Plan BW-14 (formerly DP-360) Lea County, New Mexico r. Irby: st 27, 1985, the ground watt Section 30, Townsil wed by th

POST OFFICE BOX 2088 STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504 (505) 827-5800

Dear Mr. Irby:

On August 27, 1985, the ground water discharge plan, BW-14 for the I&W 529 Brine Station located in Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, was approved by the Director of the Environmental Improvement Division (EID). This discharge plan was required and submitted pursuant to Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) regulations and was approved for a period of five years. The approval expired on August 27, 1990. Authority to administer the brine program was transferred from the EID, back to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) in 1989 with staffing approved in 1990. Please note the new discharge plan number (BW-14), formerly DP-360, which will be the permanent designation used in all future correspondence.

Although your facility is currently inactive, you need to renew your discharge plan. If your facility is sold, the discharge plan and all of its commitments will be transfered with the facility to the new owner. Since your discharge plan has expired, please submit your application for renewal of plan approval within sixty days of receipt of this letter. Please indicate whether you have made, or intend to make, any changes in your discharge system, and if so, please include these modifications in your application for renewal. To assist you in preparation of your renewal application, I have enclosed an application form and a copy of the OCD's Guidelines for Preparation of Ground Water Discharge Plans at Brine Extraction Facilities, revised May 1991, and a copy of the Water Quality Control Commission Regulations.

The OCD visited your operation of February 4, 1991, as part of an extensive multifacility inspection trip that week. A representative of I&W Inc. (Mr. Johnny Holt) accompanied the OCD staff during the inspection. The following comments are based on observations during the OCD site visit on February 4, 1991, and an additional requirements detailed in the guidelines. Please address these comments in your discharge plan renewal application.

Mr. Lowell Irby June 28, 1991 Page -2-

1. <u>Surface Facilities</u>

The condition of your surface facilities is unacceptable to the OCD. Although the 529 Brine Station is currently inactive, commitments must be made to upgrade the facility prior to restart of operations.

At least one of your three empty brine storage tanks is corroded and would leak if filled with fluids. If you plan to use any of these tanks in the future you must demonstrate to the OCD that they have mechanical integrity and do not leak; otherwise you must replace them. All brine storage tanks must be bermed to hold 1 1/3 the volume of either the largest tank or all interconnected tanks.

Your spill collection system which consists of a sloped terrace and an unlined catchment pit is unacceptable. All brine pits which contain standing fluids are required to be lined and have a positive leak detection system, unless they have been granted a specific exemption. The probability of your facility obtaining an exemption is doubtful since the exemption proposed by a facility to your immediate west was denied.

Your brine loading area must be upgraded to keep spilled brine off of the ground surface. Containment of spilled brine at your loading area should include pads and curbs where appropriate.

Please submit a plan which addresses the above times. Before the OCD can approve your discharge plan renewal they must have a commitment that the proposed modifications will be completed prior to restart of operations.

2. <u>Mechanical Integrity Testing</u>

Pursuant to revised OCD guidelines for discharge plans at brine facilities, all wells must be pressure tested (open-hole) to 500 psi for 4 hours on an annual basis. A pressure test isolating the casing from the formation using either a bridge plug or a packer must be conducted at least once every 5 years or during well workovers. The results from a pressure test isolating the casing from the formatiom is required prior to the restart of operations at the I&W 529 Brine Station. Note that an OCD representative must be on site to witness all pressure tests and we request 10 days before the test to allow us to make arrangements. Submit a proposal for testing and ensuring the mechanical integrity of the well. Also, submit information on any buried brine pipelines including age and specification of the lines. Mr. Lowell Irby June 28, 1991 Page -3-





3. <u>Transfer of Commitment</u>

Notwithstanding the transfer of jurisdiction of brine wells to OCD, all prior commitments to EID concerning reporting and notification remain in effect. Note that all unauthorized discharges (ie. major leaks and spills), need to be reported to the OCD within 48 hours of the event (WQCC Rule 5-208). Provide a commitment to report all unauthorized discharges within 48 hours of the event.

4. <u>Volumes of Injection Fluids and Brine</u>

The OCD requires a quarterly report listing, by month, of the volume of fluids injected and produced for comparison to detect underground losses. The OCD has no volume reports on file for the I&W 529 Brine Station. Submit a proposal and schedule for reporting injection fluid and brine production volumes. Also, submit the total volume of brine produced to date. This information is necessary to evaluate subsidence potential at the I&W 529 Brine Station.

5. <u>Brine Analysis</u>

The OCD requires periodic analyses of produced brine. The last brine analyses that the OCD has on file for I&W 529 Brine Station is dated January 22, 1987. Commit to an analysis of the produced brine within 60 days of restart of operations. Analysis should be for concentrations of Total Dissolved Solids, Sodium, Calcium, Potassium, Magnesium, Bromide, Carbonate/Bicarbonate, Chloride, and Sulfate.

6. <u>Closure Plan</u>

The revised OCD guidelines for discharge plan at brine facilities require a general closure plan for actions to be taken when the facility in inactive. Submit a proposal for closure which commits to those actions in the guidelines, Section VI.F.5.

Mr. Lowell Irby June 28, 1991 Page -4-

Addressing the above items in your application for renewal of your discharge plan will accelerate the review and response time of your application. Note that the completed and signed application form must be submitted with your discharge plan renewal request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Brown at (505) 827-5824.

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Sincerely, David G. Boyer, Hydrogeologist Environmental Bureau Chief

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Enclosures

cc: OCD Hobbs Office

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	RANDUM OF MEETING	G OR CONV	ERSATION
Telephone Personal	Time 3:00 P.M		Date June 17, 1991
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INVENTORY OF SOLUTION MINING WELLS -- OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, 1991

BW-14 (DP-360) EXP. 8-27-90

I. OPERATOR/LOCATION INFORMATION

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Operator: I & W	Lowell Irby-Owner
Address: PO Box 98	mike Butts-General Manager
LocoHills, NM 88255	Phone: <u>677-2111</u>
Facility 529 Brine Station	
T. <u>175</u> R. <u>32</u> Sec. <u>30</u> SW	_1/4 of SE_1/4 Unit O
County: Lea	
Purpose of well (brine supply, LPG storage, potash	dissolution)
Brine supply	·
DRILLING/SITING INFORMATION	
Contractor: Ashmunk, Hillfard Car	per Federal #1-30)
Date drilling started <u>July 1964</u> Date drilling co	ompleted Aug 1964
Drilling method <u>Rotary</u>	Neerouree Nov. Mez
Ground Surface Elevation 3882′ KBI	Elevation <u>3895' (KB 13')</u>
Total depth of hole <u>\$177' (TD re-entered</u>	2075)
Attach schematic of well, include open hole interval,	, perforations, etc.
Type of drilling fluid chem gel, caustic	
Describe all casing tests performed to date	
10-82: before after per-f/squeeze - tested &	5% from 0 to 950'
@ 1000# for 30 minutes.	
<u>3-6-89:</u> 90≠ for 1'3 hr.	<u>.</u>

CASING, TUBING AND CEMENTING RECORD

From	То	Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Weight per Foot	Sacks of Cement	Estimated Top of cmt.
0'-'	302'		133/4″	48 #4+	300	top
0- 4	241'	7%"	85%	32#4+ J-55		- 950' - Surface
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III. FORMATION INFORMATION

То Thickness Formation (name, description) From Ô' 60' Allurium (some calicho) 60' Red beds, clay, anhydrito/gyp stringers 60 430 370 F Santa Rosa Fm SS, red beds, sh 810' 380 430' Perm. Rustler Anhydrite \$10' 1010 200' Permo Salado Salt 1010' 1845' 835' 1845 Perm. Castile (Cowden Anhydrite Fm.)

Formation Record

Logs (specify type) <u>Gamma & Smic</u>

Identify where logs are on file	Coor of	loc. @	Santa	Fe	office	

in brine file (OP)

IV. **AQUIFER INFORMATION**

From	То	Aquifer Description	Amount of Water entering hole	Quality of Water
450'to (EID est		Santa Rosa	(No Specifics)	H26-3600ppm (EID estimate)

Aquifers in Immediate Area

Wells in TIOS, R31E, Secl, D produce from TR Santa Posa DTW 450' TD 600' TIDS, R32E, Sec7 produce from Allevium DTW 83' 70100 (NE) TI75, R32E Sec 1,2,3,11,12 " " Ogallala DTW 50-230' TO 140-270'

Windmill 5 of Brine Station T185, R32E, Sec 5 TDS 1450 ppm CI 2500 ppm

Note: If water quality analysis are available please attach.*

Source of aquifer description state engineer, State Mines Report

Source of water level and quality data

Depth water first encountered during drilling N/17

Direction of water gradient

Explain any evidence of water contamination <u>Bickground</u> well analysis due by 11/1/05; submitted 3/21/86 \$1450 ppm TDS, <**500** ppm CI located T185, R32E, Sec.5.

V. PRODUCTION/BRINE STORAGE INFORMATION

Method of production (describe fully)
Was well used previously for some purpose other than brine supply
If so, explain
Use of brine
Source of injection water (be specific) From City of Carlsbad via
Double Eagle Water Lone-metered.
Double Eagle Water Line - metareb.
Date of first production December 1982
Volume of brine produced to date
Weight of salt removed to date
Calculated size and shape of cavity to date

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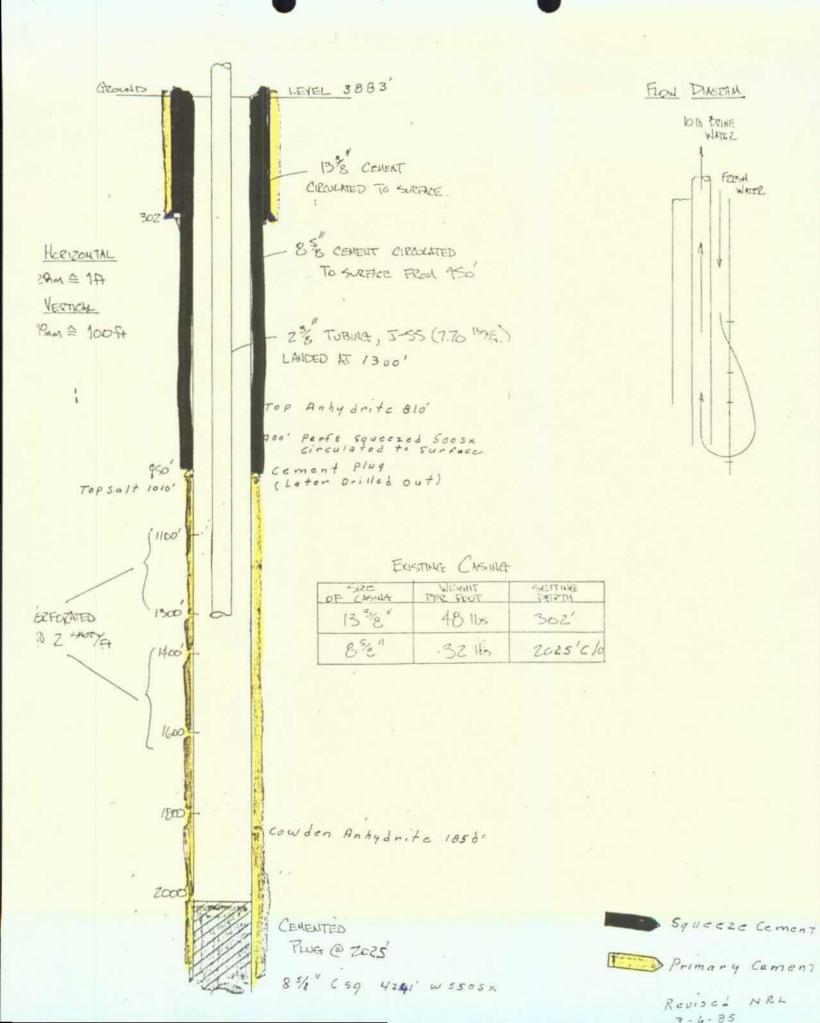
Explain any evidence of subsidence and any subsidence monitoring Brine storage facilities (describe) <u>Steel tanks</u>, 2-750 bbl § 1-1500 bbl. No ponds on la ation. Explain how brine storage pit is being monitored for leakage Not being monitored for leaks. Have spill collection pond (unlined)____ built 3/86. Have background well data from well in T185, R32E, S&5_____ Explain brine loading procedures Explain fresh water loading procedures

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS VII.

12-21-82: OCD requests DP complying w/ Wacc Part 3 \$5 (Ernie Hegwer) 6-14-83: E. Hegwer applies for BLM lease 2-10-84: EID requests DP & informs now has authority 2-20-84: E. Hegwer submits Assurance of Discontinue (revised 3-27-84) 9-25-84: E. Hegwer Submits DP 1030-84, I& purchases bone well (10-31-84 submits Ass. of Disetn). 12-21-84: EID asks for DP into on original DP (Hegwer) 3-13-95: I W submits DP into requested 4-15-85: ED responds to DP submittal & request adda in to. 6-17-85: Itwrespinds to EID's request for info 7-24-95: I EW responds to EID's phone callon 6-17-05 letter 8-27-85: EID approves DP-360 exp. Aug. 27, 1990 2-5-86. EID informs EtW of not complying with commitments

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December 6, 1989

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Mike Butts 529 Brine Station P. O. Box 98 Loco Hills, New Mexico 88255

RE: Delegation of Responsibilities Brine Manufacturing Operations

Dear Mr. Butts:

On June 13, 1989, the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) transferred the responsibility for the administration and enforcement of Commission regulations at brine manufacturing operations, including all brine production wells, holding ponds and tanks, from the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) to the Oil Conservation Division (OCD). The OCD has jurisdiction over all manufactured brine once it is transported, used or disposed of off brine plant premises for use in or directly related to oil and gas operations regulated by OCD. OCD regulates brine injection through its Class II Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program if the brine is used in the drilling for or production of oil and gas. EID shall regulate brine injection through its UIC Program if the brine is used for other purposes.

Brine production facilities that were transferred to OCD's jurisdiction must operate pursuant to an approved and current discharge plan. The discharge plan renewal process will be continued by OCD Environmental Bureau Staff. Approximately eight (8) months before the expiration date of an approved discharge plan, the discharger will be notified of the pending expiration of the plan. The discharge plan review process can, depending on circumstances, take several months. If the holder of an approved discharge plan submits a renewal application at least 180 days before discharge plan expiration, and the discharger is in compliance with his approved plan on the date of expiration, then the existing plan will not expire until the renewal application has been approved or disapproved. Mr. Mike Butts December 6, 1989 Page -2-

Guidelines to aid you in determining what will be required for the renewal of your discharge plan are bring prepared. When the guidelines are finalized, they will be supplied to each operator of a brine production facility.

The OCD requires that any person, firm corporation or association that is in ownership of an oil, gas, or service well in the State of New Mexico shall furnish the Division with a surety bond in an amount prescribed in the OCD regulations. The current bond for well less than 5000 feet deep in Chaves, Eddy, Lea and Roosevelt Counties is \$5000. I am enclosing the OCD bond forms for your use. All surety bonds previously submitted to the OCD did not include brine wells. Those surety bonds submitted to the EID must be changed to the OCD. Once the proper bond form are received and approved, all other sureties and bonds can be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 827-5884.

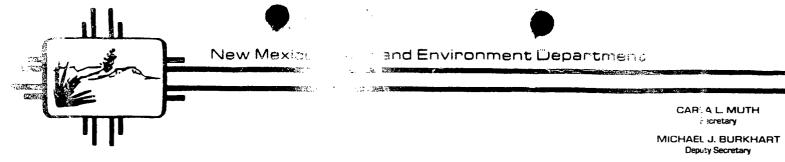
Sincerely,

Roger C. Anderson Environmental Engineer

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Enclosures

CC: Artesia District Office Hobbs District Office



RICHARD MITZELFELT

April 3, 1989

Mike Butts 529 Brine Station P. O. Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Butts:

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during our pressure test of your 529 Brine Station facility on March 6th.

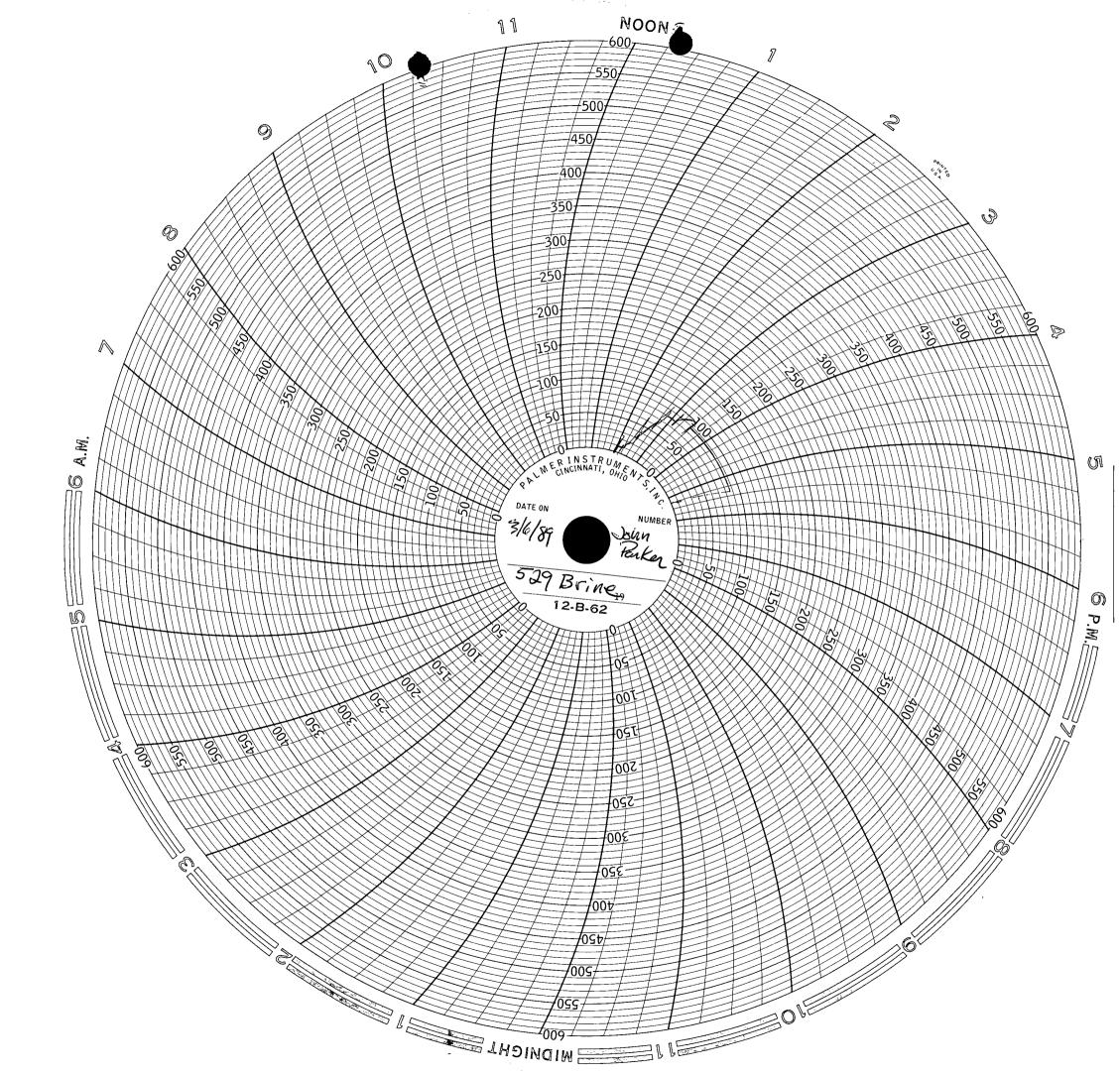
This pressure test was performed in partial fullfillment of the mechanical integrity requirements found in Part 5-204 of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. Results showed no leakage from your 529 Brine Station facility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 827-0027.

Sincerely

John Parker Water Resource Specialist Ground Water Section

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION Harold Runnels Bldg.-1190 St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

> Richard Mitzelfelt Director

GARREY CARRUTHERS Governor CARLA L. MUTH Secretary MICHAEL J. BURKHART Deputy Secretary

December 14, 1988

DEPARTMENT

Mike Butts 529 Brine Station P.O. Box 176 Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Dear Mr. Butts:

The Underground Injection Control staff of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division Ground Water Section would like to thank you for your cooperation during our recent inspection of 529 Brine Station brine facility. A copy of the inspection form is attached for your reference.

Deficiencies noted during the inspection are as follows:

- 1. Spillage of brine and produced waters noted. Facility should be free of ponded brine or produced waters, facility should be inspected frequently, and spillage cleaned up when detected.
- 2. Middle brine storage tank has leakage. Leaks in tank should be repaired or tank should be replaced.
- 3. Spill collection system needs to be cleaned.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me (827-2902) or John Parker (827-0027).

Sincerely,

Kevin Lambert Hydrologist Ground Water Section - UIC Program

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Enclosure

No. of Samples Ion Na FIELD TRIP REPORT Κ GROUND WATER SECTION Ca County Eddy/LEA SLD USER CODES Mg **C1** Ground Water: 59300 HCO3 NO3, HC. & Toxics: 59600 UIC: 59500) C03 S04 FACILITY VISITED Name of Facility: 20 Brine Facilities of Climax Chemica) TDS 1111111 Location: Carlsbad Hobbs in Southeast NM NO3+ NO2 Discharge Plan Number: DP- See Below Type of Operation: Brine Production / Chemical Manufacturin NH3 kjeld N <u> 111111 MITTUTT</u> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION FIELD VISIT As EID Inspector(s): Ba Cd Date of Inspection or Visit: 12/5-8/88 Discharger's Representative Present During EID Visit: CN Cr Name: F Title or Position: ₽Ь Purpose of Visit: Hg Evaluation of Proposed Discharge Plan Compliance Inspection of Discharge with Approved Plan Se Ag Other (specify) U Inspection Activities During Field Visit: V a. Inspection of Facilities or Construction (specify) Ra 226 Ra 228 / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / b. Sampling of Effluents (give sampling locations) Cu Fe Mn Phenols c. Sampling of Ground Water (give names or locations of wells) Sampled M.W. at Marathon Zn Al Β. d. Evaluation of geology, soils, water levels or other physical Съ characteristics of the location (specify) Mo Ni 1111 pH Conduct. e. Other (specify) Observations and Information Obtained during the Visit: The 20 Brine Facilities & Climax are listed below by DP# See Individual File specifico ACTION REOUIRED Ŧ 370 354 323 371 318 224 319 360 320 361 321 401 369 322

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December 31, 1987

Jack Case 529 Brine Station I & W, Inc. P.O. Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Case:

The Underground Injection Control staff of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division Ground Water Section would like to thank you for your cooperation during our recent inspection of 529 Brine Station brine facility. A copy of the inspection form is attached for your reference. Deficiencies noted during the inspection are as follows:

ng Charles gradients e di se data di la Praces 1. Leakage in loading manifold from brine distribution lines. Leak should be repaired and loading area spill collection system needs improvement.

Spill containment behind tank farm needs maintenance. 2.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Should you have any questions feel free to contact me (827-2902) or John Parker (827-0027).

Sincerely, Ntank

A Kelvin Lambert Hydrologist Ground Water Section

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Enclosure

	BRINE STATION INSPECTION FORM
	DATE 12/1 1987 EID INSPECTOR Lambert Parker FACILITY 529 Brine Station LOCATION 57 Rd 529 FACILITY REP ON SITE None COUNTY LF.A
	WELL OPERATION / well system WELL IS INJECTING:
	WELL HEAD PRESSURE PSIG PUMP PRESSURE PSIG LEAKS AROUND WELL OR PUMP None No info present at site to indicate pressure
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	NUMBER OF TANKS FOR BRINE 3 FRESH WATER
	LOADING AREA
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LOCO HILLS, NEW MEXICO 88255 November 20, 1987

GROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

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LOCO HILLS - 677-2111

E. I. D. Ground Water P. O. Box 986 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

Attention: Kevin Lambert

Re: 529 Brine Station Lea County, N. M. NM-53332

Dear Sir:

The amount of brine produced from Septemberl, 1986 through August 31, 1987 was 47,381 barrels.

The amount of fresh water injected into the brine well was 49750 barrels.

The water was injected at 150 pounds of pressure at the well head.

I hope this covers everthing that you need, and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

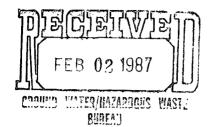
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Vice President

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ARTESIA. NEW MEXICO - 88210 January 28, 1987



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E. I. D. Ground Water P. O. Box 986 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

Attention: Kevin Lambert

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------Re: 529-Brine_Station___ Leà County, N. M. NM-53332

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an analysis of the brine from the 529 brine station.

The amount of brine produced from September 1, 1985 through August 31, 1986 was 76089 barrels.

The amount of fresh water injected into the brine well was 78419 barrels.

This water was injected at 150 pounds of pressure at the well head.

I hope this covers everthing that you need to know, and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jack Case

Vice President

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Respectfully submitted,

HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Analyst: Rocky Chambers -CC:

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BRINE STATION INSPECTION FORM	
DP-360 Not ONsite	
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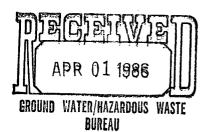
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ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW 212 SOUTH FOURTH STREET POST OFFICE DRAWER Z ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO 88211-0657 (505) 746-9881

WILLIAM M. SIEGENTHALER OF COUNSEL

March 31, 1986



Environmental Improvement Division P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

ATTENTION: Ms. Paige Morgan

Re: 529 Brine Station

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Enclosed is the water analysis report from a windmill south of 529 Brine Station. Its location, to be specific, is 1.2 miles west of Walker Federal West, which is located in Section 5-T18S-R32E, 660' FSL 560' FWL.

The catchment pit and terracing has been completed and I will furnish you pictures as soon as I can obtain some.

Best regards.

Sincerely, SIEGENTHALER & GRAH

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Enclosure

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DENISE D. FORT DIRECTOR

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

February 5, 1986

Jack Case, Vice-President I & W, Inc. P.O. Box 176 Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Dear Mr. Case:

In the discharge plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station, which was approved on August 27, 1985, you made certain commitments including an agreement to carry out a number of monitoring and reporting requirements. One of these was that you would submit to the EID by November 1, 1985 a chemical analysis of well water chosen to represent background quality of the water tapped by wells in your area. This requirement was discussed in my letter to Ernie Hegwer of December 21, 1984, and again in my letter to you of April 15, 1985, and was included in a summary of your monitoring commitments which was attached to your discharge plan approval letter (copy of summary attached).

Failure to honor any aspect of your discharge plan is a violation of Section 3-104 of the Water Quality Control Commission regulations and of the New Mexico Water Quality Act. Through the courts, EID has sought and received financial penalties against operators who have failed to abide by the monitoring commitments in their discharge plans. To avoid being in jeopardy of such a legal remedy, please submit the required water quality information to this office within 45 days of the date of this letter. In addition, please provide photographs of the emergency catchment pit and "terrace" which were to have been installed to upgrade the surface facilities at the brine station.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 827-2901.

Sincerely,

Parce Morgan

Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist Ground Water Section

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cc: Garrison McCaslin, EID District IV Managar George A. Graham

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EID: Ground Water/Hazardous Waste Bureau P.O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 27, 1985

Jack Case, Vice President I&W Inc. PO Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Approval of Discharge Plan DP-360.

Dear Mr. Case:

The discharge plan DP-360 for the 529 Brine Station, located in the SW /4 SE /4 Section 30, T17S R32E, Lea County, New Mexico, is hereby approved. The approved discharge plan consists of:

1) the plan prepared by the former owner of the 529 Brine Station, Mr. Ernie Hegwer, dated September 27, 1984;

2) your letters to EID staff member Paige Morgan of March 13, June 17, and July 24, 1985; and

3) the plugging and abandonment bond submitted to EID on August 21, 1985 by your attorney George Graham.

The discharge plan was submitted pursuant to Section 5-101.B.3. of the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations. It is approved pursuant to Section 3-109. Please note subsections 3-109.E. and 3-109.F. which provide for possible future amendment of the plan. Please be advised that the approval of this plan does not relieve you of liability should your operation result in actual pollution of surface or ground waters which may be actionable under other laws and/or regulations.

The monitoring and reporting shall be as specified in the discharge plan and supplements thereto. These requirements are summarized on the attached sheet. Any inadvertent omissions from this summary of a discharge plan monitoring or reporting requirement shall not relieve you of responsibility for compliance with that requirement.

TONEY ANAYA GOVERNOR

DENISE D. FORT DIRECTOR Please note that Section 3-104 of the regulations requires that "When a plan has been approved, discharges must be consistent with the terms and conditions of the plan."

Pursuant to subsection 3-109.G.4., this plan approval is for a period of five years. This **approval will expire on August 27, 1990**, and you should submit an application for renewed approval in ample time before that date.

Thank you for your cooperation during this discharge plan review.

Sincerely,

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Richard Perkins Acting Bureau Chief Ground Water/Hazardous Waste Bureau

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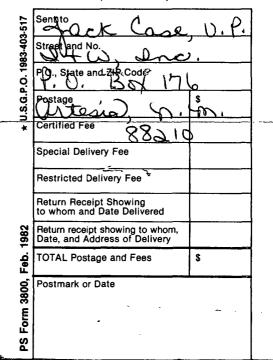
cc: George A. Graham, Jr. - Siegenthaler & Graham John Guinn, EID District IV Manager

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EID: Ground Water/Hazardous Waste Bureau P.O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

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GEORGE A. GRAHAM, JR.

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ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW 212 SOUTH FOURTH STREET POST OFFICE DRAWER Z ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO 88211-0657 (505) 746-9881

WILLIAM M. SIEGENTHALER OF COUNSEL

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August 21, 1985

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GROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

Environmental Improvement Division P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

ATTENTION: Ms. Paige Morgan

Re: Discharge Plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Enclosed is plugging bond for 529 Brine Station in the sum of \$10,000.00.

I believe that this is the last requirement other than the water sample from one of the wells south of 529 Brine Station, as set out in I & W's letter to you dated July 24, 1985.

Best regards.

Sincerely, SIEGENTHALER & GRAN rua Jr.

GAG:pao

Enclosure

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ONE-WELL PLUGGING BOND

FOR CHAVES, EDDY, LEA, MCKINLEY, RIO ARRIBA, ROOSEVELT, SANDOVAL, AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES ONLY

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File with Oil Conservation Division, P.O.Box 2088, Santa Fe 87501

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corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of <u>Massachusetts</u> and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, as SURETY, are held firmly bound unto the State of New Division Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico pursuant to Section 65-3-11, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended, in the sum of \$10,000.00

Dollars lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, said PRINCIPAL and SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that :

or brine extraction lease, WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases /or carbon dioxide (CO2) gas leases, or helium gas leases with the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The above principal has heretofore or may hereafter enter into oil and gas leases/or carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas leases, or helium gas leases on lands patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on lands otherwise owned by private individuals; and a se a la transfer de la servició de

WHEREAS. The above principal, individually, or in association with one or more other parties, has commenced or may commence the drilling of one well not to exceed a depth of _____5,000__ feet, to prospect for and produce oil or gas, or carbon dioxide (CO2) gas or helium gas, or does own or may acquire, own or operate such well, or such well, started by others on land embraced in said State oil and gas leases, for carbon dioxide (CO2) leases, or helium gas leases, and on land patented by the United States of America to private individuals, and on land otherwise owned by private individuals, the identification and location of said well being 330' FSL and 1650' FEL

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NOW, THEREFORE, If the above bounden principal and surety or either of them or their successors or assigns, or any of them, shall plug said well when dry or when abandoned in accordance with the rules, regulations, and orders of the Oil Conservation Division of New Mexico in such way as to confine the oil, gas, and water in the strata in which they are found, and to prevent them from escaping into other strata:

THEN, THEREFORE. This obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED and sealed this 8th day of August, 1985.

NOTE:

	THE THE OWNER COMPANY
I & W, INC. PRINCIPAL	AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and having its principal office in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make and constitute and appoint J. S. Ward, John C. Knight, Charlene M. Ward and Lessie M. Donaghey all of Artesia, New Mexico

and each of them its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, sear and deliver for and on its behalf as surety any and all bonds or undertakings

and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be binding upon said Company as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company, and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to the power herein given. This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the AMFRICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1972:

Resolved: That the President, or any Vice-President, or any Assistant Vice-President, may execute for and in behalf of the company and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, the same to be attested when necessary and the seal of the company affixed thereto by the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary; and that the President, or any Vice-President, or Assistant Vice-President, may appoint and authorize an Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the company and all such instruments and to affix the seal of the company thereto; and that the President, or any Vice-President, or any Assistant Vice-President, may at any time remove, any such Attorney-in-Fact and revoke all power and authority given to any such Attorney-in-Fact.

Resolved: That Attorneys-in-Fact may be given full power and authority to execute for and in the name and on behalf of the company and and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the company as it signed by the President and sealed and attested by the Secretary, and, further, Attorneys-in-Fact are hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and are also authorized and impowered to certify to a copy of any of the by-laws of the company as well as any resolution of the Directors having to do with the execution of bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and to certify copies of the Power of Attorney or with regard to the powers of any of the officers of the company or of Attorneys-in-Fact.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Directors of the AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1972:

*Resolved: That the signature of the President, or any Vice-President, or any Assistant Vice-President, and the signature of the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and the Company Seal may be affixed by fact inite to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other written obligation in the nature thereof, and any such signature and seal where so used, being hereby adopted by the company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the company, to be valid and binding upon the company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President 7th and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Secretary on this day of January 19 82

armond. Raymond M. Befossez (-) Secretary AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

John M. Garrett -- Vice-President

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COUNTY OF SUFFOLK SS.

On this 7th day of January 19 82, before me personally came John M. Garrett, Vice-President, and Raymond M. Defossez, Secretary of the AMERICAN EMPLOYERS'INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers On this " described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and they acknowledge the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself depose th and sayeth, that they are the said officers of the Company atoresaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company and that the said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Company.



Joseph H. Dinan, Jr. - Notary Public

(My Commission expires February 11, 1988)

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of the AMERICAN EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, a Massachusetts Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney is in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the Board of Directors set forth in the power of attorney are now in force. موالجا جاجا والاسان والالا الاردا المرسيسة

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Signed and sealed at the City of Boston. Dated this

1985 day of August

Andrejs J. Grots - Assistant Secretary



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

August 9, 1985

Jack Case, Vice President I&W Inc. PO Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Case:

Your letter of July 24th completed the terms of your discharge plan, with the exception of a plugging bond. I spoke with your attorney, George Graham, on August 8th and he assured me that we would be receiving a copy of your \$10,000 plugging and abandonment bond very soon. When it arrives, assuming all is in order, I will recommend approval of the discharge plan for 529 Brine Station.

When do you plan to install the surface facilities (emergency catchment pit and "terrace") at the brine station? Steve Sares and I will be in Loco Hills on August 21st and would be interested in looking at any construction at that time.

Sincerely,

Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist

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cc: John Guinn, EID District IV Manager

DENISE D. FORT DIRECTOR P. O. Box 176



ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO - 88210

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July 24, 1985

GROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

Environmental Improvement Division P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

ATTENTION: Ms. Paige Morgan

Re: Discharge Plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of 7-23-85 in which it was my understanding that we have agreed as follows:

1. Concerning the plugging bond, in the event it becomes necessary to plug the well at 529 Brine Station, the plug will be a solid plug from approximately 2,025 feet (bottom of the well) to the top and the plugging will be accomplished with the cavity filled with brine. I & W will furnish a plugging bond in the amount of \$10,000.

2. I & W will obtain a water sample from one of the windmills to the south of 529 Brine Station, have it analyzed and furnish the results to you by November 1, 1985.

Concerning the drainage from the pad, it is incorrect that the pad slopes toward the highway, therefore, the drainage plan as submitted in my letter to you dated June 17, 1985, will be accomplished.

Sincerely, INC Jack Case

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Called Jack Case - 677-2111 - Vo discuss submitted of June 17, 1985. 7/23/85: 1. Under Facility Jesign: in diagram attached to letter, caliche pad is placed toward highway: I asked how they expected a spill catchment located the badding area to receive any spills. He said the plat plan is in enor: slope is actually to south. He will send in conected plat plan. 2. Under Site Characteristics: he will have analysis in to Erd on on before November 1, 1985. Will send withen commitment to Shat effect. 3. Under PEA: will take out a bond in his name & send as copy. Will send in a commitment to plug the well completely with cement on abandonment. Large Margan



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June 17, 1985

GROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

Environmental Improvement Division P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0968

ATTENTION: Ms. Paige Morgan

Re: Discharge Plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This letter is a response to your April 15, 1985 comments concerning 529 Brine Station Discharge Plan.

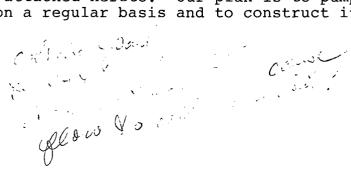
1. WELL CONSTRUCTION:

Though we do not agree that a cement bond log would serve any real practical purpose and that our present method of continuous pressure checking is much preferable, we would agree to run such a log on the lower 200 to 300 feet of the 0.4 well.

2. FACILITY DESIGN:

In connection with the paragraph concerning analyzing the brine periodically, we will, within one (1) year of receiving the discharge plan approval, provide an analysis of the brine which will include not only calcium, magnesium, bicarbonate, chloride, sulfate, but also potassium, sodium, nitrate and total dissolved solids.

In connection with the caliche pad and the emergency spill catchment, I & W will construct such catchment at the Brine Station, which will catch any truck overflow. It will be diverted into the catchment according to the plans which are attached hereto. Our plan is to pump out the emergency pit on a regular basis and to construct it with a plastic liner.



Environmental Improvement Division June 17, 1985 Page 2

3. SITE CHARACTERISTICS:

We will collect a sample from one of the wells listed under this paragraph as soon as possible and have it analyzed and furnish you with a report. p_{i} down

4. MONITORING:

We would agree to the monitoring and pressure testing as set out in paragraph $\frac{1}{4}$ a of your letter of 12-21-84, as well as the other conditions set out and as revised in your letter dated 4-15-85.

5. PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT:

I have talked to the Bureau of Land Management concerning plugging and abandonment, and I am advised verbally that the Bureau of Land Management would, at the time plugging and abandonment of the well was necessary, they would, at that time, approve the plugging procedures. They have, at the present time, Hegwer's bond in the sum of \$5,000.00, which they felt was adequate.

529 Brine Station well is an injection well where fresh water is injected into the salt formation which is not water-bearing and then returned to the surface as brine. I & W would, upon abandonment, plug the well in a manner which would prevent the movement of fluids through the well bore out of the injection zone or between other zones of ground water. It would propose that should the well be plugged and abandoned, I & W would:

1. Prior to the placement of the plugs, circulate mud in the well to reach a state of static equilibrium

2. At <u>950'</u>, set a 100' Class C cement plug, allow to set for approximately six (6) hours, and then tag the plug, i.e. check to assure that the cement has remained in place.

3. Set another plug at 348' to 248', wait the same period of time, and tag, etc.

4. Set a 10 sack plug at the surface.

5. The cement for the plugs would be placed in location by the pump and plug method through tubing.

I have checked with persons in the business who are familiar with this type of operation and they feel that this

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Environmental Improvement Division June 17, 1985 Page 3

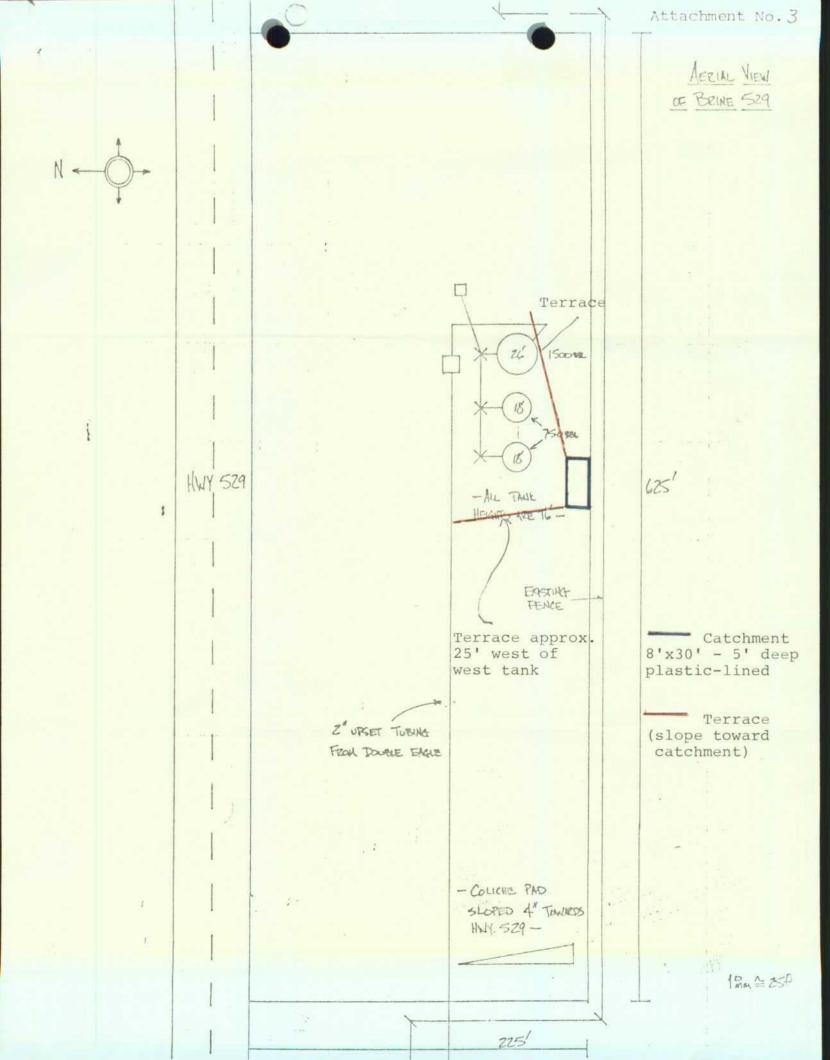
could be accomplished for approximately \$5,000 (low side) to \$7,500 (high side).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Catchment Diagram





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DENISE D. FORT

DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Sente Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

Jack Case I and W, Inc. PO Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Re: March 13th submittal of information related to DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Mr. Case:

Thank you for your response to my letter of December 21, 1984, in which I asked for some additional information to be submitted to complete the discharge plan for your brine facility. My comments on your submittal follow.

1. Well Construction.

Your explanation of the construction and tubular goods used in the brine well, and the logs and other materials submitted to illustrate the text, are very adequate. Thank you.

With regard to your remark that "...there are no fresh water aquifers, at least in the traditional sense, in the area": the regulations of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) are set up to protect "...all ground water of the state of New Mexico which has an existing concentration of 10,000 mg/l or less TDS, for present and potential future use as domestic and agricultural water supply..." (Section 3-101.A.). The information I have been able to obtain from the published literature corroborates the information submitted in your report: there has been very little development of water supplies west-southwest of the Mescalero Ridge; nonetheless, the alluvium and the Santa Rosa Fm. in your area are transmissive and contain some water, albeit probably quite highly mineralized. Therefore, the EID has a mandate to see that the ground water in the area is protected from contamination.

With regard to your contention that it is unnecessary to run a cement bond log in the brine well: when you set a packer on the casing and pressure-test the casing alone, you receive no information on the soundness of the cement seal in the casing-borehole annulus, which is all that would prevent movement of brine in the annulus when the whole system is under pressure during brine production. When you pressure up on the entire system for a pressure test such as the one witnessed by the EID in November, it is conceivable that brine could migrate some distance through channels in the cement and still the system would show no significant pressure drop. Yet over time the opportunity would exist for brine to migrate to other formations and to attack and corrode the casing from the "back side", setting up the situation for a major failure of the well. For all its inaccuracies, the cement bond log appears to be the best means by which to assess the potential for such problems in a well.

Please note that a cement bond log need not be run immediately, but is a requirement of <u>renewal</u> of this plan, five years after approval. It would be advisable to run the log when you need to enter the well for some other purpose, so that you need not pull the tubing just to run the log. Also, since the area of concern is mainly the lower 2-300 feet, it would be acceptable to run the log for that distance only, if that would be less expensive.

2. Facility Design.

Please note: the analysis of the brine for the following parameters need only be submitted once, within one year of receiving discharge plan approval: calcium, <u>potassium</u>, magnesium, <u>sodium</u>, bicarbonate, chloride, sulfate, <u>nitrate</u>, and <u>total</u> <u>dissolved solids</u>. (The underlined parameters are those that were missing from Mr. Hegwer's submitted reports.)

The caliche pad, as you describe it and as noted during the EID site visit in November, appears adequate to prevent spilled brine from seeping directly into the sand on which the facility is constructed. However, it was also evident during the EID site visit that surface flows from the facility were sometimes routed into the arroyo behind the brine station. This is not an acceptable practice. Please provide an emergency spill catchment at the brine station and submit plans that demonstrate that any truck overflow would be diverted into the catchment. It has been the experience at a number of brine stations that spillage of this type is fairly common. If you plan to pump out the emergency pit on a regular basis, a caliche or other semi-permeable liner may be acceptable; if you plan to let the fluids in the pit evaporate, a more complete barrier to infiltration will be required. A semi-buried stock tank may be a reasonable solution.

3. Site Characteristics.

You misunderstood my remark with regard to the need for background water quality information. I did not say that the 529 Brine Station had been implicated as a source of ground water contamination; I explained that if in the future such a situation were to arise, it would be important to have some data on background water quality in the area in order to investigate the charge.

There is a water well indicated on the USGS "Maljamar" 15-minute topographic map in T18S R 32E Sec. 5 SW/4 NW/4, and a windmill shown in the SE /4 SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 1, T18S R 31E, in addition to the wells named to you by the State Engineer. Please obtain a sample from one of these wells, if possible. Collection of the sample and the parameters to analyze for are discussed in my letter to Mr. Hegwer of December 21, 1984.

4. Monitoring.

In the third paragraph in my 12/21/84 letter, please substitute:

"If there is a <u>drop</u> in presssure of greater than 5 psi on the <u>casing-tubing</u> <u>annulus...</u>"

I believe this constitutes a more accurate description of what would occur in the event of a casing leak.

5. Plugging and abandonment.

I look forward to receiving your plugging and abandonment plan incorporating the requirements of the Bureau of Land Management. However, please be aware that no plan will be approvable by EID unless it conforms to the terms of Section 5-209.B. of the WQCC regulations.

Thank you for your efforts at completing an approvable discharge plan for this facility. I hope to receive your response to this letter by June 27, 1985, as specified in your Assurance of Discontinuance. When I do, I hope to complete any further negotiations on this discharge plan by telephone so that EID can meet the August 27th deadline for approval (or disapproval) of this plan.

Sincerely,

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Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist

cc: John Guinn, EID District IV Manager George A. Graham, Jr.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 9, 1985

Jack Case, Vice President 529 BRINE STATION I & W, Inc. P.O. Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Case:

Enclosed is a copy of the public notice pertaining to your proposed discharge which was issued by this division pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, Section 3-108.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address and telephone number (ext. 279).

Sincerely,

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Maxine'S. Goad Program Manager Ground Water Section

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April 9, 1985

Lea County Commissioners Lea County Courthouse Lovington, NM 88260

Board of County Commissioners:

Enclosed is a public notice which includes notice of proposed discharge plan(s) for one or more operations located in your county.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address and telephone number given above.

Sincerely,

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TO BE PUBLISHED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 17, 1985

PUBLIC NOTICE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following proposed discharge plans have been submitted for approval to the Director of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division, P.O. Box 968, Crown Bldg., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968; telephone (505) 984-0020.

(DP-380) BARRERA DAIRY, Lorenzo A. Barrera, Owner, HC#2, Box 4, Arrey, New Mexico 87930 proposes to discharge approximately 3500 gallons per day of effluent from the dairy milking parlor and washroom located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, T17S, R5W in Sierra County, New Mexico. The dairy will milk 80 to 100 cows twice per day, and the effluent will be discharged through two lined lagoons to 8 to 10 acres of cropland. The ground water beneath the site is at a depth of approximately 60 feet with a total dissolved solids content ranging from 300-400 mg/1.

(DP-360) 529 BRINE STATION, I & W, Inc., P.O. Box 176, Artesia, NM 88210. A discharge plan for this existing brine extraction well and associated facilities was received by the EID from Mr. E.L. Hegwer and notice of its receipt duly published on or before October 25, 1984. I & W, Inc. subsequently purchased the brine station from Mr. Hegwer. The discharge plan for the facility is still under review. (The facility is allowed to operate while a discharge plan is being prepared and reviewed, under the terms of an Assurance of Discontinuance granted by the Water Quality Control Commission.) The brine well and associated facilities are located in the SWA SEA, Section 30, T17S, R32E in Lea County, New Mexico. Brine is produced by injecting fresh water, purchased from the Double Eagle Corporation, into salt beds 1100' to 1300' below the land surface and returning brine to the surface. Production averages 286 barrels per day and ranges from 1000 to 18,340 barrels per month. Chloride concentrations of the brine are 97,000 to 204,000 mg/l. Brine is stored in three steel tanks with a total capacity of 3000 barrels from which it is pumped to trucks for sale. Ground water most likely to be affected by this operation is contained within the Santa Rosa sandstone at a depth of 450 to 600 feet. This water has TDS concentrations ranging from 426 to 3680 mg/1.

(DP-379) NELSON HART ENTERPRISES, Rt. 2, Box 307A, Humphrey Road, Clovis, NM 88101 proposes to discharge 10,000 to 12,000 gallons per day of thin stillage and 850 gallons per day of cooling water, boiler blowdown, and wash water from an ethanol production plant located near Clovis in NW% of Section 15, T2N, R36E, Curry County, New Mexico. The discharge will go through lined storage lagoons and then be sold as cattle feed and fertilizer when a market exists. Otherwise, the discharge will be used to irrigate 13 acres of land adjacent to P. O. Box 176



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March 13, 1985

Environmental Improvement Division P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

ATTENTION: Ms. Paige Morgan

Re: Discharge Plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This letter is a response to your comments concerning 529 Brine Station and the Discharge Plan submitted by Mr. Hegwer.

1. WELL CONSTRUCTION:

In order to clarify the casing questions raised in subparagraphs a and b, I have submitted a revised attachment number 1 which I think will be somewhat more clear than the original attachment 1. Originally, when the well was drilled, the surface casing (13-3/8) and the downhole casing from 950' and below were cemented in, i.e. there was cement between the outside of the casing and the bore hole. Between the 13-3/8 and the 8-5/8 casing there was no cement, and between the well casing and the bore hole there was no cement from the surface to 950'. The diagram shows that the cement plugs were drilled out to the 950' plug. Perforations were then made at 900' and the cement as set forth in the submittal was then circulated into the space between the formation and the surface, thus filling the cavity between the well casing and the formation to the surface. This squeezing, as it is called, is indicated by the green on the enclosed attachment with the primary or original cement which was used in the drilling is indicated in yellow. The cement used to cement in the casing from 950' to the surface is called "squeeze cement", i.e. where the casing is perforated and cement is circulated through the perforations into a cavity between the casing and the formation in order to prevent leakage as well as to steady the casing. Squeezing is done at a time subsequent to the original operation. This plan of operation is normal in the area and was approved by the BLM in the mining plan which was submitted.

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The nearest water well is some 2 miles away. The indications from looking at Plate #2 in the Geology and Ground Water Conditions in Southern Lea County, New Mexico, is that there are no fresh water aquifers, at least in the traditional sense, in the area. There is, of course, the possibility of locating water in the area, but the water aquifers are spotty at best.

It is our opinion, based upon consultation with Mr. Raymond Lamb, a geologist with a great deal of experience in this area of New Mexico, that the heavy duty casing, plus being squeezed with the additional cement, is more than adequate to protect against any leakage.

With reference to the tubing, I would like to clarify the discrepancy between the diagram and the submittal. The casing was perforated from 1100' to 1300' and from 1400' to 1600'. Mr. Hegwer originally had the tubing set at 1600', but it was determined that the brine was too saturated, therefore, the tubing was raised to 1300'.

I am enclosing the correct log for this particular well, which is the Ashman and Hilliard Carper Federal #1-30, which I believe will more clearly set out the information concerning that particular well.

Concerning paragraph c, the 8-5/8 casing is 32 pounds per foot heavy duty, high grade casing (J-55).

Concerning paragraph d, your requirement for a cement bond log does not seem to be indicated in this particular situation. The cement bond log is a method of determining whether or not the casing is bonded with the surrounding formation and will not indicate the condition of casing nor will it indicate whether or not there are leaks or their location in the pipe. Cement bond logs are not generally considered that reliable. The metering of the water in and out of the system is the best method of determining leakage and is superior to logging. Metering, along with the pressure test, will show any leaking. Whether or not the cement has bonded to the formation would be irrelevant to whether or not any leakage is occurring. Our present system is a continuous checking and is much preferable to an expensive unreliable cement bond log.

2. FACILITY DESIGN:

Concerning subparagraph a, we will add sodium, potassium, nitrate and TDS in addition to the present water analysis which Mr. Hegwer has been submitting. Environmental Improvement Division March 13, 1985 Page 3

The dimensions of the caliche pad, as I understand the plat and from talking to Mr. Hegwer, who told me that they had actually measured the pad, is 625' x 225'. The pad was constructed at the time the original oil well was drilled and caliche was hauled in, as I understand it, by the previous driller.

3. SITE CHARACTERISTICS:

Concerning subparagraph a, this facility has never been implicated as a source of ground water contamination.

I am enclosing the well log from Well No. 18.31.12.411, which would be located in Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, which would be next section west of Section 7-18S-32E, the only well log available in that area.

Concerning subparagraph c, to our knowledge, there has never been a heavy overland flow of water after a storm. As you may recall, the location of the Brine Station is in a more or less elevated position and, therefore, would appear to not be susceptible to flooding, in any event. Our inquiries and information are that there has never been such a flow as would affect the site itself.

Concerning subparagraph d, I am informed by both the Oil Conservation Division and the Bureau of Land Management that they do not have any plugging records for two dry holes south of the facility and which are located in Section 31. I am, however, enclosing the records of the well immediately to the southwest of 529, which the Oil Conservation Division did have. Apparently, this well was reworked and is now producing.

4. MONITORING:

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We would agree to the monitoring and pressure testing as set out in subparagraph a of this section, as well as the other conditions set out therein.

5. PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT:

We are presently awaiting the plugging and abandonment requirements from the Bureau of Land Management, at which time we will submit a plan which conforms to the requirements of the Bureau of Land Management, which I assume will be acceptable to the EID. Environmental Improvement Division March 13, 1985 Page 4

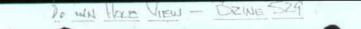
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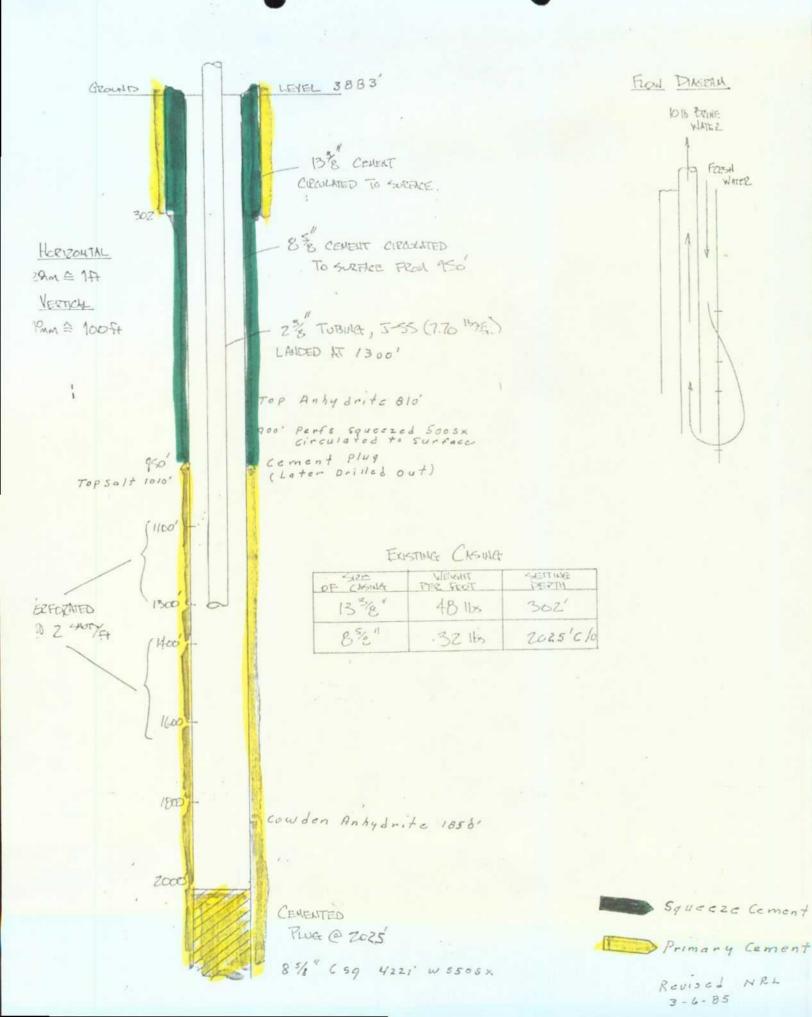
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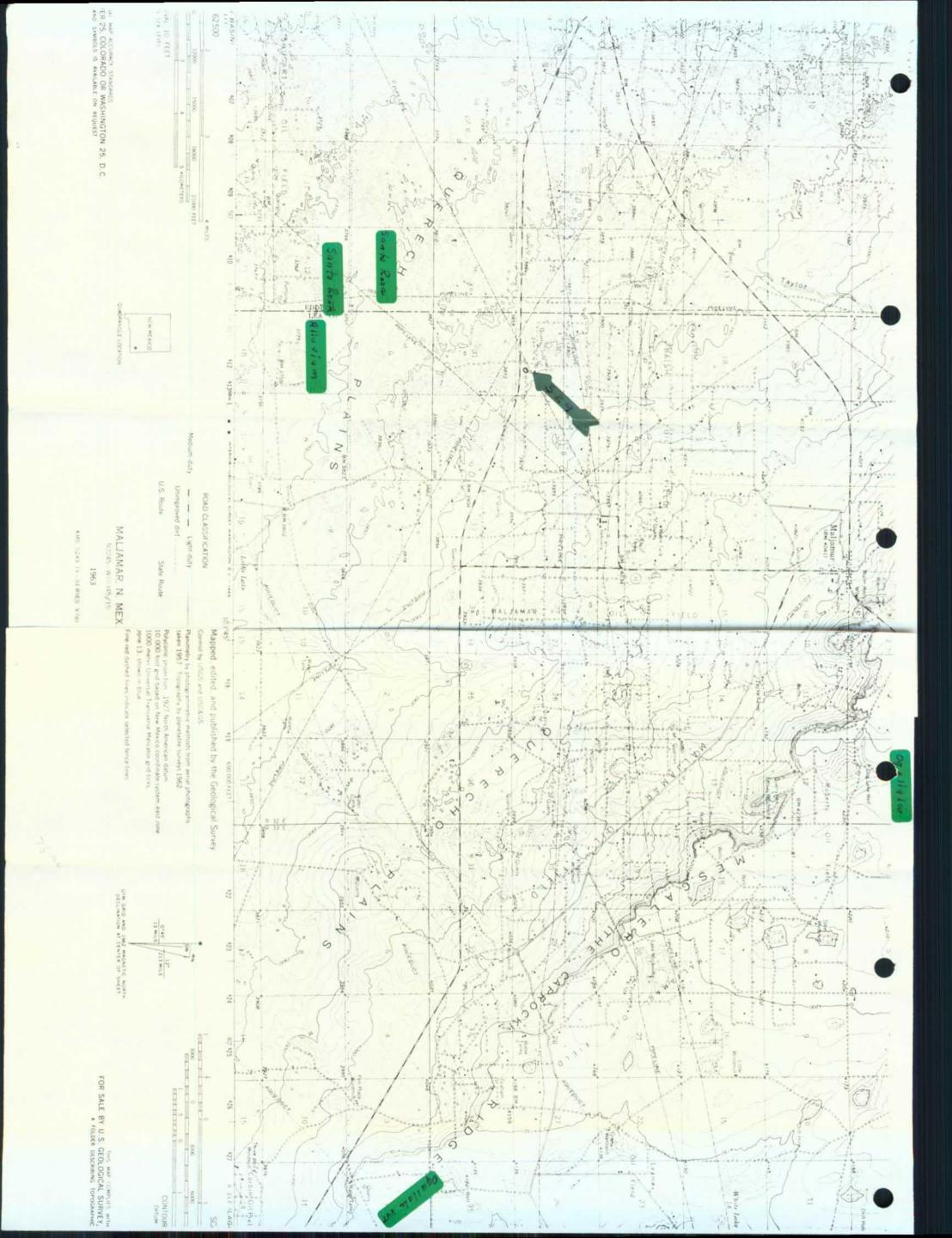
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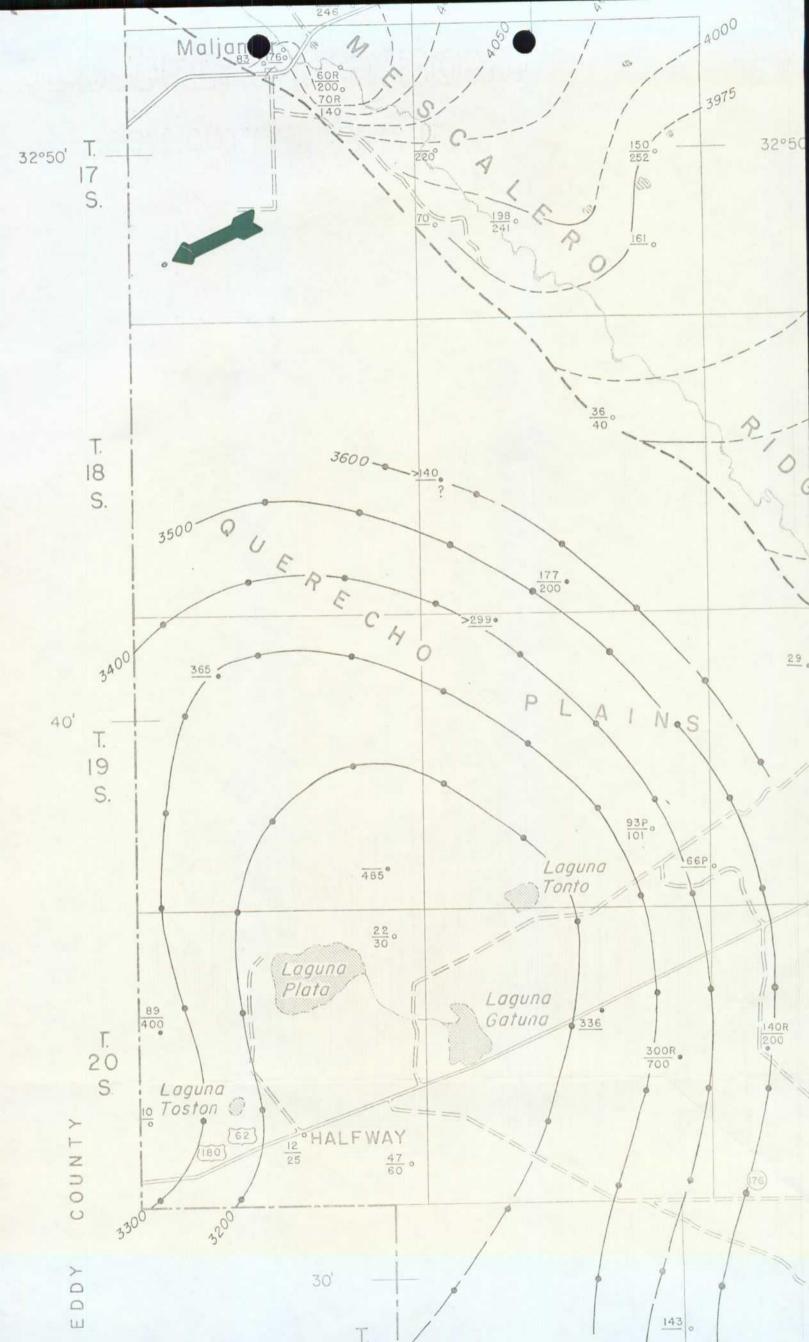
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Enclosures: Revised Attachment 1 Well log for Ashman & Hilliard Carper Federal #1-30 USGS plat of the area Water well log 18.31.12.411 Plate #2 OCD records for MCA Unit No. 219 (formerly Carper drilling Company Simon B No. 7)











Section 6

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NEW MICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

REQUEST FOR (OIL) - (GAS) ALLOWABLE

Revised 7/1/57 C'LOUCC' New Well Recompletion

This form shall be submitted by the operator before an initial allowable will be assigned to any completed Oil or Gas well. Form C-104 is to be submitted in QUADRUPLICATE to the same District Office to which Form C-101 was sent. The allowable will be assigned effective 7:00 A.M. on date of completion or recompletion, provided this form is filed during calendar month of completion or recompletion. The completion date shall be that date in the case of an oil well when new oil is delivered into the stock tanks. Gas must be reported on 15.025 psia at 60° Fahrenheit.

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I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

Company Carper Drilling Company, Inc.

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 Carper Building

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 21, 1984

Jack Case, Vice-President I&W, Inc. P.O. Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

RE: Discharge Plan DP-360 for 529 Brine Station

Dear Mr. Case:

You have inherited the draft discharge plan prepared by Mr. Ernie Hegwer when he was owner of 529 Brine Station. Please respond to the following comments on the plan. These issues must be resolved before I can recommend to the EID Director that this discharge plan be approved. Your references for what is required in a discharge plan for an in situ extraction well are the enclosed regulations and outline.

1. Well construction.

- a. I note that this is a re-entered oil well. I further note that the surface casing ends at 302 feet, whereas the nearest water wells to your facility produce water from the Santa Rosa Formation between 450 and 600 feet below land surface. Hence the fresh water aquifers above the salt are protected by one cemented stringe of casing, not two. This inclines me to scrutinize the operation of this well more carefully than if there were that added protection for fresh-water aquifers.
- b. Your text says that the 8 5/8" casing was perforated at 900 feet and cement circulated to surface; the drawing in Attachment No. 1 indicates 950 feet. The text says that the tubing is landed at 1300 feet, the sketch shows it as 1800 feet. The text reports that the 8 5/8" casing is perforated in the salt zone at 1100 to 1300 feet; the sketch shows additional perforations between 1400 and 1600 feet. The Schlumberger log in Attachment No. 4 is for a well located in the center of Section 30, not for the subject brine well, which is close to the south line of the section. Please reconcile this contradictory information.

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c. What is the grade of your 8 5/8" casing?

- d. Please commit to running a cement bond log in this well between the date on which this discharge plan is approved and the date on which you apply for renewed approval of the discharge plan for this facility. Renewal of your discharge plan will be contingent in part on submittal of a satisfactory CBL.
- 2. Facility Design.
 - a. Mr. Hegwer used to have his brine analyzed periodically. On the next occasion that you have an analysis performed, but no later than one year from the date that this discharge plan is approved, please submit a report to us of the following constituents in addition to those in the analyses attached to the discharge plan: sodium, potassium, nitrate and TDS. This additional information is necessary in order to construct a "fingerprint" of the brine.
 - b. What are the dimensions of the caliche pad indicated in Attachment No. 3? What is its function? How was it constructed - was it simply excavated into existing caliche or was caliche used as a paving material?
- 3. Site characteristics.
 - a. It is necessary to provide us with some information on water quality in the area around the 529 Brine facility. Please note that this is for your protection as well as for general ground water protection purposes: if your facility was ever to be implicated as a source of ground water contamination, it would be important to have some data on background water quality in the area in order to investigate the charge.

I recommend that you request from the State Engineer a copy of the well logs for the wells in Section 1, T18S, R31E, and Section 7, T18S, R32E, to which James Wright referred in his letter to Ernie Hegwer of May 22, 1984 (Attachment No. 5). Also, please attempt to obtain water samples from those wells and have then analyzed for major anions and cations, nitrate and total dissolved solids (TDS). A gallon sample from each well would be more than sufficient to run these analyses. Please collect the samples in clean containers, cap them tightly, keep them cool and deliver them to a laboratory as soon as possible. When you submit this information to us, please include a precise location of the wells from which the samples were taken.

b. For your information, the kind of data we are looking for with regard to vertical and lateral limits of adjacent ground water (section III.C.l. of the attached outline) is contained in a book by Nicholson and Clebsch, called <u>Geology and Ground Water Conditions in</u> <u>Southern Lea County, New Mexico</u>, published by the NM Institute of Jack Case December 21, 1984 Page 3

> Mining and Technology in 1961. This is the source that I am using to assess the accuracy of the information presented in this discharge plan. Since this information is easily available to me in this case, I will not require that you include it in your discharge plan; but please be aware that it must be addressed in order for a discharge plan to be complete.

- c. Please provide some further information to <u>demonstrate</u> the lack of flooding potential at your site. I recognize that you are not in or near a watercourse. But there are numerous swales around your facility which appear as though they may catch runoff is there ever a heavy overland flow after a major storm? This, too, would constitute flooding potential.
- d. Please obtain the plugging records from OCD for the two dry holes in Section 31, south of your facility, and provide us with copies of same.

4. Monitoring.

a. A comparison of inflow and outflow is not a certain way to determine that the brine well is sound. Pressure tests and pressure monitoring are much more reliable means of detecting leaks.

Mr. Hegwer committed to monitoring the pressure on both tubing and annulus in this brine well. Will you agree to the same arrangement? Under "Contingency Plans" (page 5 of the discharge plan), he also committed to contacting the "proper authorities" "...if contamination should occur". Rather than waiting for a proven case of contamination as a result of leakage from this brine well, please submit a statement to the following effect:

> If there is a change in pressure of greater than 5 psi on the annulus or tubing during operation of the well, you will shut down until you can check the reading with another gauge. If the reading is confirmed within 5 psi, then you will conduct a pressure test, as described below.

If the pressure test confirms that there is a leak in the casing or damage to the formation, you will remain shut down and contact the Ground Water Section of EID to detemine how to proceed to mitigate any ground water damage.

The pressure test will be conducted as follows: fill the cavity, casing and tubing with brine or water. Pressure up to at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ times your normal operating pressure - in your case, at least 250 psi, if you plan to operate with the same pressure used by Mr. Hegwer. Attach a pressure recorder with a scale appropriate to the length of time and pressure at which the test is run, and hold the test pressure for at least two hours. Alternatively, if you pressure up to normal operating pressure or less, record the test for at least December 21, 1984 Page 4

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eight hours. A steady decline in pressure will be interpreted as a casing leak, and the well shall be shut down until you have demonstrated that the problem has been repaired.

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Thank you for your efforts at conducting a pressure test on your well for us to witness on November 29, 1984. Due to the difficulty in raising the pressure to greater than 155 psi, and the non-availability of an appropriate pressure recorder to record the test at lower pressure. I find that the test was inconclusive; however, no problems with the well were indicated during the 1½ hours that we witnessed the test.

5. Plugging and abandonment.

The Water Quality Control Commission regulations require that the plan for plugging and abandonment of an injection well facility be approved as part of the discharge plan, not at the time when the operator is about to close out operations (Section 5-209). Please submit a plugging and abandonment plan which includes leaving the salt cavity full of brine, and cementing the well from the bottom of the casing to the surface with cement. Please demonstrate that the bond submitted pursuant to Section 5-120.B.17 is for an amount sufficient to carry out your approvable P & A plan.

Please contact me if I can help to clarify any of the above remarks. I will look forward to receiving your response to these comments no later than February 27, 1985, as specified in your Assurance of Discontinuance. Thank you for your cooperation in arranging a pressure test and completing the discharge plan for this facility.

Sincerely,

Steen Succes for Prize Morgan

Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist Ground Water Section

PGM: jba

cc: John Guinn, EID District IV, Roswell George A. Graham, Jr., Siegenthaler & Graham, Artesia

Enclosures

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ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE

WHEREAS; I & W., Inc., has purchased from Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer the brine extraction well and associated facilities located in SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1984, Mr. Hegwer and the Water Quality Control Commission ("Commission") entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance whereby Mr. Hegwer was allowed to continue to operate said brine extraction well while proceeding with all diligence to prepare and secure an approved Discharge Plan; and

WHEREAS, no contamination of drinking water sources is believed to be occurring as a result of operating said brine well; and

WHEREAS, I & W, Inc., intends to operate said brine well in the same manner as Mr. Hegwer, and commits to the Commission to proceed with all diligence to prepare and secure an approved Discharge Plan; and

WHEREAS, I & W, Inc., as a condition of the transfer of ownership of the brine well, has adopted the proposed discharge plan submitted by Mr. Hegwer to the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) on September 27, 1984, five months before it was required under the terms of his Assurance, such that the period during which I & W, Inc., is in operation without an approved discharge plan will be less than that time granted to Mr. Hegwer under his Assurance; and, as an indication of their commitment to comply with Commission regulations, I & W, Inc., has purchased a plugging and abandonment bond in the amount of Five Thousand and No/100------(\$5,000.00 dollars): THEREFORE, the Commission and I & W, Inc., deem it appropriate to enter into this Assurance of Discontinuance.

I & W, Inc., assure the Commission the follows:

1. <u>ASSURANCE</u>: I & W, Inc., shall undertake to secure an approved discharge plan according to the scheduled set forth in paragraph 2. When an approved discharge plan is secured, I & W, Inc., shall operate consistent with the terms of said discharge plan.

2. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE:

A. The EID shall provide comments to I & W, Inc., on the discharge plan submitted by Mr. Hegwer

on or before November 27, 1984.

B. I & W, Inc., shall respond to EID's comments on or before February 27, 1985.

C. EID shall complete review of materials submitted under Paragraph 2.B and shall provide comments on same to I & W, Inc., on or before April 27, 1985.

D. I & W, Inc., shall respond to EID's comments submitted under Paragraph 2.C.

on or before June 27, 1985.

E. EID Director's approval or disapproval of the Discharge Plan Application begun by Mr. Hegwer and completed by I & W, Inc.; expiration date of this Assurance to be concurrent with the EID Director's approval/disapproval, promulgated

on or before August 27, 1985.

If a public hearing is scheduled by the EID Director pursuant to Section 3-108 of the Commission's Regulations, all deadlines in Paragraph 2.D through 2.E shall be 45 days later.

3. <u>MUTUAL COOPERATION</u>: I & W, Inc., and the EID shall mutually cooperate in accomplishing on a timely basis the matters contemplated by the

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Assurance. In this respect, direct communication among I & W, Inc., and EID personnel is encouraged.

4. <u>EXTENSIONS FOR GOOD CAUSE</u>: It is expressly agreed and understood by the parties hereto that events not reasonably foreseeable on the date of execution of this Assurance may occur which will make it impossible or extremely difficult for I & W, Inc., to comply in a timely fashion with thos compliance dates set forth in numbered paragraph 2. In the event such unforeseen events do occur, I & W, Inc., may apply to the Commission for an extension for an additional reasonable period of time to comply with such tasks in numbered paragraph 2. The additional reasonable period of time, if granted, shall in all cases be governed by the relevant circumstances.

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Failure of I & W, Inc., to comply with any condition of this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be actionable as a violation of the Water Quality Act and of this Assurance under sections 74-6-5 & 10 N.M.S.A. 1978, as applicable.

Nothing in this Assurance of Discontinuance shall relieve I & W, Inc., from this responsibility for complying with all the provisions of the Water Quality Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder or any other provision of law except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

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Signed	and	acknowledged	this	20	day	of	Nov,	1984.
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I & W, Inc.

By: Case, ice-President Jack

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) ss. COUNTY OF)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{20^{7H}}{MOVEMBER}$, 1984, by Jack Case, Vice-President of I & W, Inc., a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

Jandie Bracks Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

10/19/21

APPROVED:

WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

Denise Fort, Chairman

Water Quality Control Commission

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) ss. COUNTY OF SANTA FE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2/St day of November, 1984 by Denise Fort, Chairman of the Water Quality Control Commission, on behalf of the Water Quality Control Commission.

Sandoval

My Commission Expires:

11-1-88

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October 30, 1984

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING • RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

& ASSOCIATES

State of New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division

We request a copy of Discharge Plan 360 for Brine 529 Station.

LEE WILSON

Please bill us for the copying costs.

Thank you,

Carole Cristiano

Copier a picked company

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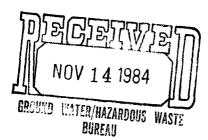
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ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW 212 SOUTH FOURTH STREET POST OFFICE DRAWER Z ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO 88211-0657 (505) 746-9881

November 12, 1984



WILLIAM M. SIEGENTHALER

OF COUNSEL

Mrs. Paige Morgan Environmental Improvement Division Water Quality Control Commission P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

> Re: I & W, Inc., a New Mexico corporation Assurance of Discontinuance

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

On October 31, 1984, I forwarded to you I & W's Assurance of Discontinuance with the request that we be placed on the Water Quality Control Commission agenda on November 20th. I have not received word from you and I am assuming that we are on the agenda, but I would appreciate a notice and some information as to where the meeting will take place.

Thank you very much. Best regards.

Sincerely, SIEGEN HALER &

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

CONSTITUENT AGENCIES:

Environmental Improvement Division State Engineer & Interstate Stream Commission Game and Fish Department Oil Conservation Division Department of Agriculture State Park & Recreation Division Soil and Water Conservation Division Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources Member-at-Large

MEMORANDUM

November 6, 1984

TO: NM Water Quality Control Commission Members

- FROM: Denise Fort, Chairperson, Water Quality Control Commission
- SUBJ: Proposed Agenda* for November 20, 1984, Water Quality Control Commission Meeting, Room 323, Capitol Building, Santa Fe, NM at 9 a.m.

- 1. Approval of Agenda.
- 2. Review and approval of the minutes of October 9, 1984 and October 17, 1984 Water Quality Control Commission meeting.
- 3. Discussion and action on proposed modifications to the Assurance of Discontinuance with Climax Chemical Company.
- 4. Discussion and action on a proposed Assurance of Discontinuance for I. and W. Inc. regarding their brine disposal well.

Note: The Commission had approved an Assurance with Ernie Hegwer for the same facility, and Mr. Hegwer has sold the facility to I. and W. Inc. which has requested changes to the existing assurance.

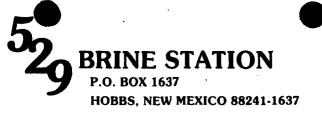
5. Discussion and action on proposed amendments to the salinity section (Section 1-102.K.) of the "Water Quality Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Streams in New Mexico."

6. Report on litigation.

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*The Commission is not confined to the items listed on the agenda. Other items may be considered that are not listed on the agenda.

ERNIE L. HEGWER OWNER - OPERATOR



(505) 392-3571 HOBBS

(505) 676-2737 MALJAMAR

November 1, 1984

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Mr. Thomas D. Golden Chief, Mining Unit United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 1449 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1449

Dear Mr. Golden:

On October 30, 1984 Ernie L. Hegwer sold and transferred to I & W, Inc. Sodium Lease No. NM 53332. I & W Inc. desires to become operator of the mining operation relieving Ernie L. Hegwer as operator. Please advise I & W Inc. of the proper proceedure to become operator of the mining operation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

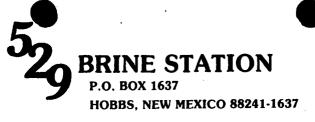
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CC: I & W Inc. P.O. Box 176 Artesia, NM 88210

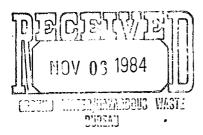
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November 1, 1984



Mr. George Graham Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer Z Artesia, New Mexico 88211-0657

Re: Sale of 529 Brine

Dear George:

Find enclosed request to the B.L.M. for change of operator on the 529 Brine Station.

Also, I called Paige Morgan with the EID in Santa Fe and she advised me that a letter from you requesting a hearing before the Commissioners to obtain an Assurance of Discontinuance which would supersede mine would be the proper procedure for I & W to follow.

Please advise if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ernie L. Heguer

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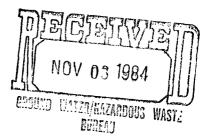
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WILLIAM M. SIEGENTHALER OF COUNSEL

October 31, 1984



Mrs. Paige Morgan Environmental Improvement Division Water Quality Control Commission P. O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

> Re: I & W, Inc., a New Mexico corporation Assurance of Discontinuance

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

In accord with your letter dated October 26, 1984, I have drafted an Assurance of Discontinuance which I believe meets with your requirements. It has been executed by Mr. Jack Case on behalf of the corporation.

Please place I & W on the Water Quality Control Commission agenda for November 20th.

Thank you very much. Best regards.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE

WHEREAS, I & W., Inc., intends to purchase from Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer the brine extraction well and associated facilities located in SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1984, Mr. Hegwer and the Water Quality Control Commission ("Commission") entered into an Assurance of Discontinuance whereby Mr. Hegwer was allowed to continue to operate said brine extraction well while proceeding with all diligence to prepare and secure an approved Discharge Plan; and

WHEREAS, no contamination of drinking water sources is believed to be occurring as a result of operating said brine well; and

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WHEREAS, I & W, Inc., as a condition of the transfer of ownership of the brine well, will become proprietor of the proposed discharge plan submitted by Mr. Hegwer to the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) on September 27, 1984, five months before it was required under the terms of his Assurance, such that the period during which I & W, Inc., is in operation without an approved discharge plan will be less than that time granted to Mr. Hegwer under his Assurance; and, as an indication of their commitment to complying with Commission regulations, I & W, Inc., has purchased a plugging and abandonment bond in the amount of Five Thousand and No/100-----

THEREFORE, the Commission and I & W, Inc., deem it appropriate to enter into this Assurance of Discontinuance.

I & W, Inc., assure the Commission as follows:

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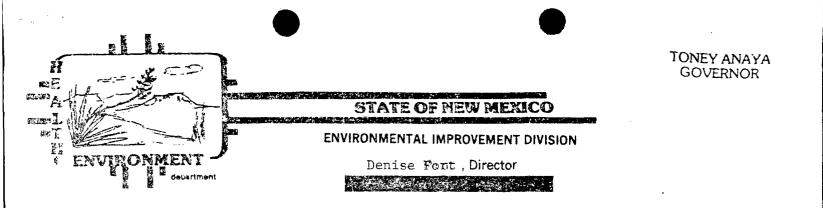
Signed and acknowledged this <u>31st</u> day of <u>Ceteber</u>, 1984.

I & W, Inc. By: Ck Case, Vice-President

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)) ss. COUNTY OF EDDY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\underbrace{\exists lst}_{of I \& W, Inc., a New Mexico corporation, on behalf of said corporation.$

Vicke VI Jergen Notary Public



October 26, 1984

George Graham, Attorney Seigenthaler & Graham P.O. Drawer Z Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Graham,

Enclosed you will find a draft of an Assurance for your client, I.& W., Inc.. Please let me know if you see any problems with it. It needs to be redrafted, signed by your client before a notary, and returned to me by November 6, 1984, in order to be placed on the agenda for the meeting of the Water Quality Control Commission on November 20th.

Sincerely,

Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist

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Locatic:(s) of existing or proposed wells to be used for monitoring ground water quality. Specify below or locate on map. 10.

	Township Range Section 2 of 2 of 2
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1.	Geologic description of discharge site. If drillers log(s) are available, please attach.
	Soil (sand, clay, loam, caliche, etc.)
	Name of aquifer
	Aquifer material (e.g. alluvium, sandstone, volcanic, etc.)
	Depti to rock at base of alluvium (if available)
2.	Copies of plans and specifications for sewerage and flow systems including materials provided by the manufacturer must be submitted to the EID District Engineer and to the Ground Water Section of the EID Ground Water and Hazardous Waste Bureau.
13.	What conditions naturally exist, or what actions will the discharger take to assure that New Mexico ground water standards are not going to be exceeded at any place of present or foreseeable future use as a result of your operation? Use separate attachments when necessary.
	a. Specific hydrologic, geologic and/or agricultural information?
	b. Minimizing discharge (e.g. synthetically lined ponds with leak detection system)?
	c. Ground water monitoring program with contingency plan should ground water standards be threatened?
	NOTE: To demonstrate that ground water standards are not going to be violated, additional information may be requested of the discharger.
and	ertify that I am familiar with the information contained in the application that to the best of my knowledge and belief such information is true,
com	plete ard accurate.
Sig	nature Date
Pri	nted Name of Person Signing Title

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5. Quality

Concentrations, in milligrams per liter (mg/l), of any contaminants listed in Section 3-103, total nitrogen, and any toxic pollutants as defined in Subsection 1-101.U.U. of the regulations that may be present in the discharge.

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(SKIP "MEETINGS" PARAGRAPH)

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7. NO ADMISSION: COPY HEGWER ASSURANCE, W/ APPROPRIATE CHANGES

DISCHARGE PLAN APPLICATION - Part A

Name of discharger or legally responsible perso	on:
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Local representative or contact person if diffe	erent from above:
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10/23/84 Make to file. lifter discussion of Maxine Goad, Louis Rose, Tom Drypolcher, & Barbara Stephenson (att to Water Qual. Confiol. (omm.), if was decided to allow The new owners to continue operations under an assurance. I draffed the assurance (enclosed). (on the argument that we didn't think there adouted be any ground water contamination under Acquer's operation, so why not allow his successor an assuance, too) - subsequently heard from Fraham Anat the deal had fallen Ahrough and that they'd be lack in Youch if they needed to, later. - also heard from Deblie Vister, sec'e to steve Carter & Sons with whom Hequie used to be affiliated. She asked when the well was shut down had EID required Abubdown? She also reported that Carter & Son man

le inferested in purchasing, the well; and indicated that Heaven is not at present sole owner of The well, that Baber Well Sente owns 25%. A gave Seblire Araham's number and fold her he had a client who was also inferented in Chunging the well. D. Lester's no: 392-3571. Arabam Cafer indicated the well was shut down only due to pump Uniting Gailine. Las Marcan

- On 10/25, called to say deal was on again



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020 Denise Fort, Director

October 19, 1984

George Graham, Attorney Siegenthaler & Graham PO Drawer Z Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Graham:

As I promised, I am sending you an outline to help you interpret the Water Quality Control Commission regulations from the standpoint of what's required of a brine well.

I am also enclosing a copy of what you will perceive is a very rough draft of a flow-chart describing the process by which an approved discharge plan can be obtained for an in situ extraction well (of which a brine well is an example). An approved discharge plan is equivalent to a permit to operate. By inheriting the draft of a discharge plan for this existing facility from Mr. Hegwer, you are on a somewhat different track than is mapped out in either of the diagrams, but perhaps this information will be useful in attaining an understanding of the regulations.

I will be in touch with Mr. Hegwer to request that he transfer his draft discharge plan DP-360 to the new owner of the 529 Brine Station, and to explain how he will be released from his Assurance of Discontinuance.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely, ant Morgan

Paige Grant Morgan Water Resource Specialist

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INFORMATION SHEET TO ACCOMPANY BRINE EXTRACTION WELL OUTLINE

The purpose of a discharge plan is to provide the technical staff of the regulating agency (in this case, EID) with sufficient information about your operation to demonstrate that your activities will not degrade the quality of ground water that contains less than 10,000 mg/l of total dissolved solids.

Please note that the word "discharge" covers inadvertent as well as intentional discharge - i.e., leaks and spills. It is necessary in your discharge plan to anticipate where any leaks or spills might occur, to indicate how you will guard against such accidents, and to develop a monitoring system to warn you when they have occurred.

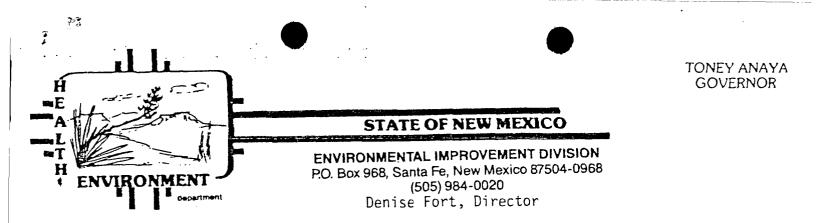
In the event of a leak, spill, casing rupture, or any type of accidental discharge of a water contaminant (as defined in Section 1-101.BBB of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations) you are required to notify the Ground Water and Hazardous Waste Bureau of EID and take whatever measures are necessary to avoid contamination of surface water or ground water with TDS less than 10,000 mg/1. Similarly, if you plan any significant change in your operation once your discharge plan is approved, you are required to notify this agency, and have the modification approved prior to its implementation.

The following outline condenses the requirements stated in the WQCC Regulations for operations like yours, and sets up a logical sequence in which to present the information required in your discharge plan. Using this format is optional. The final reference for what must be contained in your discharge plan is the WQCC Regulations. The codes in bold type in the outline refer to Sections of the WQCC regulations, for your convenience.

You would be well advised to consider retaining the services of a consulting hydrogeologist who can prepare the technical elements of your discharge plan, rather than investing the time that would be required for you to learn how to put together this technical material yourself.

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October 17, 1984

Ernie L. Hegwer BRINE 529 STATION P.O. Box 1637 Hobbs, NM 88240

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Dear Mr. Hegwer:

Enclosed is a copy of the public notice pertaining to your proposed discharge which was issued by this division pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, Section 3-108.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address and telephone number (ext. 279).

Sincerely,

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Maxine S. Goad Program Manager Ground Water Section

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TO BE PUBLISHED ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 25, 1984

PUBLIC NOTICE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations, the following proposed discharge plans have been submitted for approval to the Director of the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division, P.O. Box 968, Crown Bldg., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968; telephone (505) 984-0020.

(DP-100) BOKUM RESOURCES CORPORATION, P.O. Box 13958, Albuquerque, NM 87192, proposes to modify its discharge plan (DP-100) for its proposed discharge of uranium mill effluent to its Marquez Uranium Mill tailings disposal site located in T13N, R4W approximately one mile east of the village of Marquez in Sandoval County, NM. The approved discharge plan which is currently being evaluated for renewal is for approximately 2,200 tons per day of tailings soilds and 2,700 tons per day of tailings liquid to be transported by pipeline and deposited in unlined trenches excavated into weathered and unweathered shale. Free water which accumulates in the trenches is to be pumped to a series of excavated evaporation ponds lined with compacted weathered shale. The proposed modifications are (1) an extension of time for submission of the reclamation plan for the Canon de Marquez and (2) a change in the method of estimating the depth of diversion channel flow. The ground water most likely to be affected by the tailings disposal is that in the shallow alluvium of adjacent watercourses, and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 2,000 mg/1. The company estimates that the depth to ground water from the base of the excavated trenches is greater than 300 feet and that the minimum distance from the base of the excavated evaportation ponds to the nearest ground water is greater than 100 feet. This project is currently inactive and it is not known when it might become active.

(DP-360) BRINE 529 STATION, Ernie L. Hegwer, P.O. Box 1637, Hobbs, NM 88240. A discharge plan has been submitted for this existing brine well and associated facilities which are located in the SW/4 of SE/4, Section 30, T17S, R32E in Lea County, New Mexico. Brine is produced by injecting fresh water, purchased from the Double Eagle Corporation, into salt beds 1100' to 1300' below the land surface and returning brine to the surface. Production averages 286 Bbls (Barrels) per day and ranges from 1,000 to 18,340 Bbls of brine per month. Chloride concentrations of the brine are 97,000 to 204,000 mg/l. Brine is stored in three steel tanks with a total capacity of 3,000 Bbls from which it is pumped to trucks for sale. Groundwater mostly likely to be affected by this operation is contained within the Santa Rosa sandstone at a depth of 450 to 600 feet. This water has TDS concentrations ranging from 426 to 3680 mg/l.

(DP-359) CHAPARRAL ENERGY, Gary J. Bunger, President, P.O. Box 1942, Clovis, NM 88101 proposes to discharge 70,000 gallons per day of thin stillage and 5,000 gallons per day of cooling and washwater from an ethanol production facility into an anaerobic methane digestor followed by clay lined holding ponds. Effluent from the holding ponds will be sold for cattle feed when a market exists. Otherwise, the effluent will either be used to irrigate alfalfa or discharged into an evaporation pond. The ethanol facility is located 6 miles east of Clovis in Section 18, T2N, **ERNIE L. HEGWER** OWNER - OPERATOR

BRINE STATION P.O. BOX 1637 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1637

(505) 392-3571 HOBBS

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September 25, 1984

1984 CROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

Ms. Paige Grant Enviromental Improvement Division P.O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

Dear Ms. Grant:

I am enclosing for your approval the discharge plan submittal for the Brine 529 facility. Our submittal was prepared according to the draft that we received from your office.

We hope you will find this report in order and complete.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in regard to this report.

Sincerely, Ernie L. Heg ELH/sh

Enclosures

DISCHARGE PLAN SUBMITTAL DP-360

Brine Extraction Facilities

BRINE 529 STATION

I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- A. Ernie L. Hegwer, P.O. Box 1637 Hobbs, NM 88240 is the responsible party for Brine 529 Station located in:
- B. Lea County, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 30.
- C. Water is purchased from the Double Eagle Corporation and is injected down the casing washing through the salt zone returning brine to the surface where it is stored in tanks for later loading into transport trucks.
- D. This well was constructed during November 1982 and injection was started December 1, 1982. A history of the injection and production is as follows:

DATE	PRODUCTION	INJECTION
Dec 82	1,000	2,330
Jan 83	3,000	3,300
Feb 83	7,430	3,950
Mar 83	4,640 7,950	4,270 5,710
Apr 83	3,210	7,430
May 83 Jun 83	5,020	4,070
Jul 83	1,980	3,200
Aug 83	5,560	2,970
Sep 83	15,420	17,450
Oct 83	10,890	8,766
Nov 83	18,340	17,890
Dec 83	7,540	10,340
Totals	91,980	91,676
Jan 84	13,550	10,046
Feb 84	1,220	1,910
Mar 84	7,985	1,125
Apr 84	5,140	401
May 84	5,615	18
Jun 84	9,208	189
Jul 84	7,000	237
Aug 84	2,610	218
Totals	52,328	14,144

The injection meter from the Double Eagle Corporation is not functioning properly. They have been notified to correct this problem.

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II. DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY

- A. Surface Facilities
 - There is one (1) 1500 Bbl. 26' x 16' 1/4" steel tank and two (2) 750 Bbl. 18' x 16' 1/4" steel tanks on the surface of this facility. See Attachment No. 3.
 - 2. There is 40' of 2-3/8" J55 tubing carrying brine from the well to the tanks.
 - The average daily discharge from the tanks is based on the average of the previous 12 months and is 286 Bbls. per day.
 - 4. There are no pond liners used at this facility.
- B. Underground Facilities
 - See Attachment No. 1. Schematic Drawing Down Hole View for the depth, diameter, production and protection casing and tubing specs of the well.
 - 2. Well Completion Data is as follows:
 - a. Rig up Baber Well Service, drill out cement plugs to 950'.
 - b. Pressure 8-5/8" casing to 1000#, hold pressure for 30 minutes. No loss of pressure.
 - c. Perforate 8-5/8" @ 900', pump 500 sacks of Class
 C cement through perforations with full returns to surface.
 - d. Cement, set four days.
 - e. Drill out cement to 2025', tag cement plug.
 - f. Pressure 8-5/8" casing to 1000#, hold for 30 minutes. No loss of pressure.
 - g. Perforate 8-5/8" casing from 1100' to 1300'
 (Salt Zone)
 - h. Run tubing, 1and tubing @ 1300'. Prepare to begin operation. See Attachment No. 1.
 - 3. Casing Program
 - a. See Attachment No. 1.
 - b. 302' of 48# per foot 13-3/8" casing is cemented from bottom depth to surface with 300 sacks of Class C cement.

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Casing Program Continued

- c. 900' of 32# per foot 8-5/8" casing is cemented from bottom depth to surface with 500 sacks of Class C cement.
- d. Salt zone is open from 1100' from surface to 1300'. See Attachment No. 4.
- e. Surface water is protected by two strings of casing, both cemented to surface.
- f. Deterioration or errosion is monitored by meter injection of fresh water at surface and meter brine returns at surface.
- 4. Logging Proceedures
 - a. See Attachment No. 4.
- 5. Deviation Checks
 - a. See Attachment No. 11.
- 6. Stimulation Program N/A
- 7. Maximum injection pressure : 160# Average injection pressure : 160# Injection volume: 1-1/2 Bbls. per minute. Fresh water is pumped down the annulus and is returned via the central tubing at 15# at 1-1/2 Bbl. per minute.
- 8. This brine well was a reentry of an existing well.

III. SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Soils N/A
- B. Geology
 - 1. See Attachment No. 4 Drilling Log See Attachment No. 5 - State Engineer's Report. Strata immediatley above the salt beds from 200' to 550' is clay red beds and stringers of anhydrite. The strata immediately below the salt beds consists of anhydrite and dolomite stringers which are nonpermeable.
 - There are no known faults in this area, or are there any known condits or barriers to ground water flow. See Attachment No. 6 - Logs of offset wells.

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- C. Hydrology
 - Refer to Attachment No. 5 State Engineer's Report in reference to this section.

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Hydrology Continued

- 2. See Attachment No. 9 which shows the location of all producing wells, injection wells, abandoned wells, and dry holes. See Attachment No. 8 - Topo Map which shows all surface bodies of water, springs, mines, quarries, residences and roads.
- 3. There is no flooding potential on this site.
- See Attachment No. 5 State Engineer's Report for the depth to and quality of ground water most likely to be affected by spills/leaks.
- 5. The water used for injection in this facility is purchased from the Double Eagle Corporation. This is the same water that goes to the City of Carlsbad for their use.
- 6. See Attachment No. 7 for the chemical analysis of the brine.

IV. PROCEDURES TO PROTECT GROUND WATER QUALITY

- A. During Operation
 - 1. Refer to Attachment No. 5 State Engineer's Report.
 - 2. N/A
 - 3. Mechanical integrity testing:
 - a. Pressure tested casing to 1000#.
 - Monitor annulus pressure going down and monitor tubing pressure coming out with visible pressure gauges.
 - 4. See Attachment No. 2 Ground View of Well Head.
 - 5. The fresh water is monitored from the sales meter and the brine water is monitored through flow meters thus recording daily fluid volumes.
 - 6. Fresh water samples can be obtained from the injection side of the well head, while brine samples can be obtained from the discharge side of the well. See Attachment No. 2 - Ground View of Well Head.
 - Leak detection systems are not applicable at this facility.
 - 8. Refer to Attachment No. 5 State Engineer's Report.

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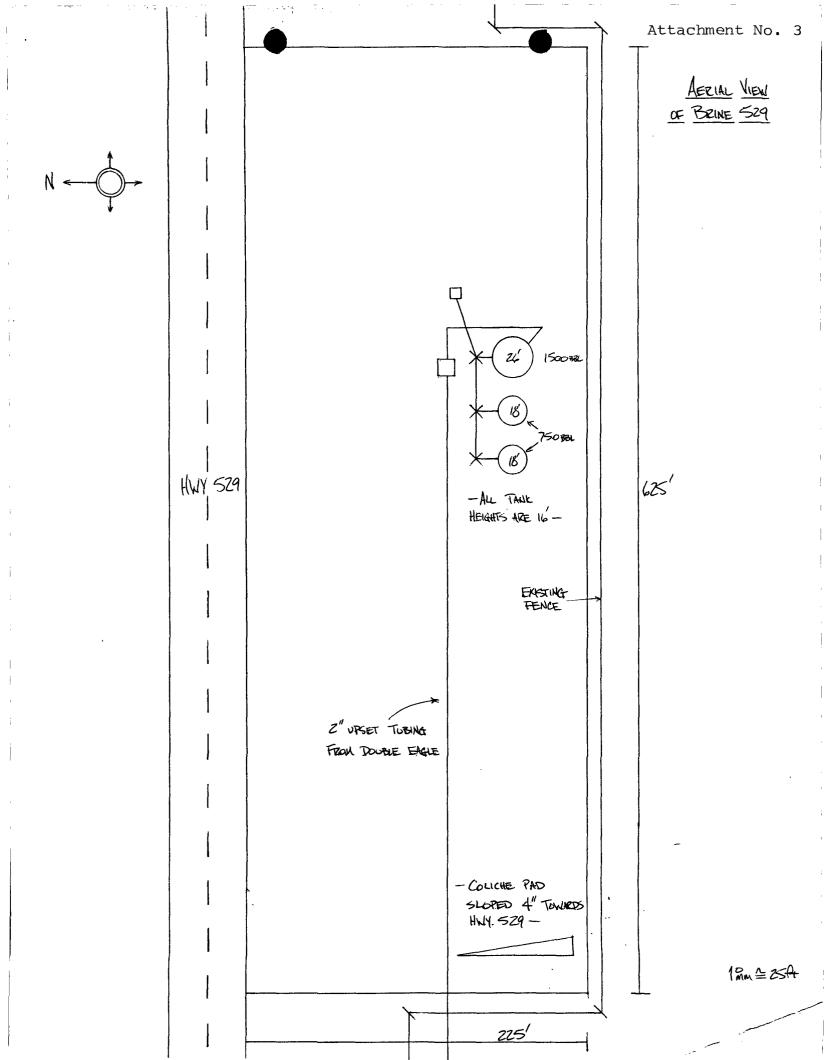
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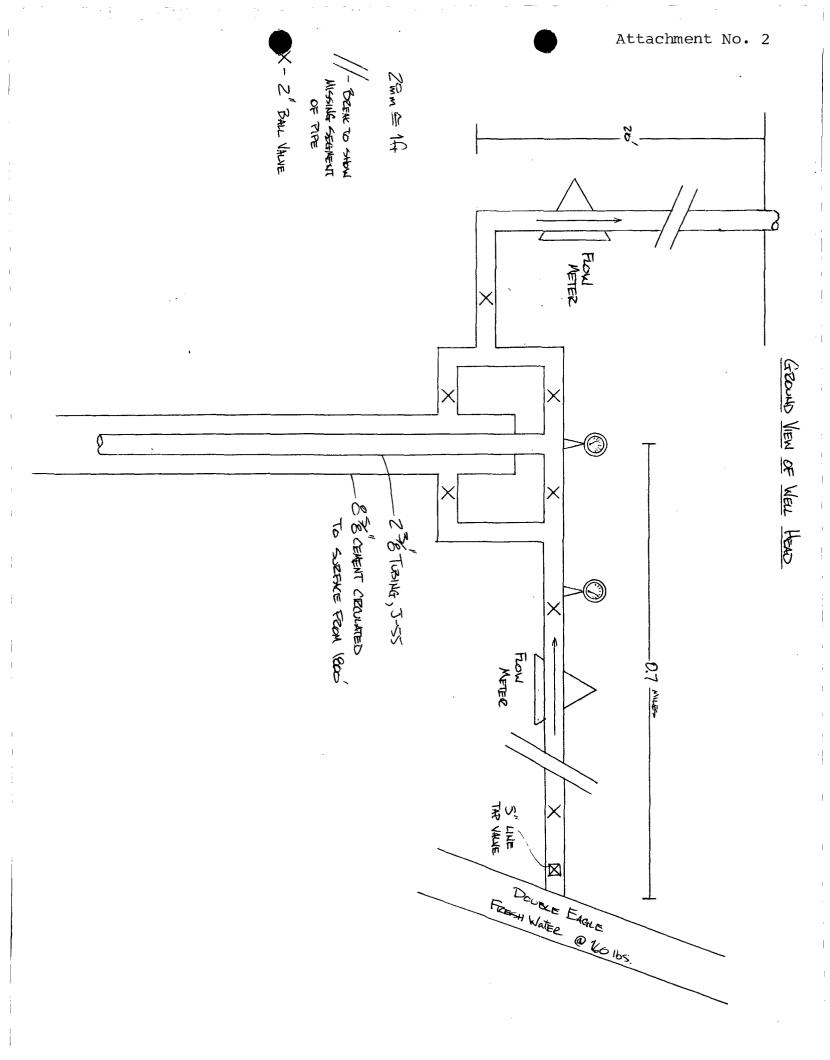
- 9. By design, it is almost impossible for leakage to occur during loading. A four foot riser with a check system on the suction side of the line is used to load the trucks. Trucks are self loading, no pumps or electricity are located at the facility.
- 10. Contingency Plans:
 - a. In the event of leakage or spills from the surface facility the well would be shut down and the leaks repaired. Vacuum trucks are easily accessible in the event of spills or leaks.
 - b. The ground water is protected by two strings of cemented casing. However, if contamination should occur, operations would be shut down and the proper authorities contacted.
- B. Post-operational commitments required prior to plan approval.
 - 1. Plugging & Abandonment
 - a. In the event the well was to be plugged, an Intention to Plug & Abandoned would be filed with Santa Fe for approval.
 - b. Surety Bond issued by the United Pacific Insurance Company through Daniels Insurance, Hobbs, NM is on file with the State of New Mexico. See Attachment No. 10.

V. SIGN-OFF REQUIREMENT

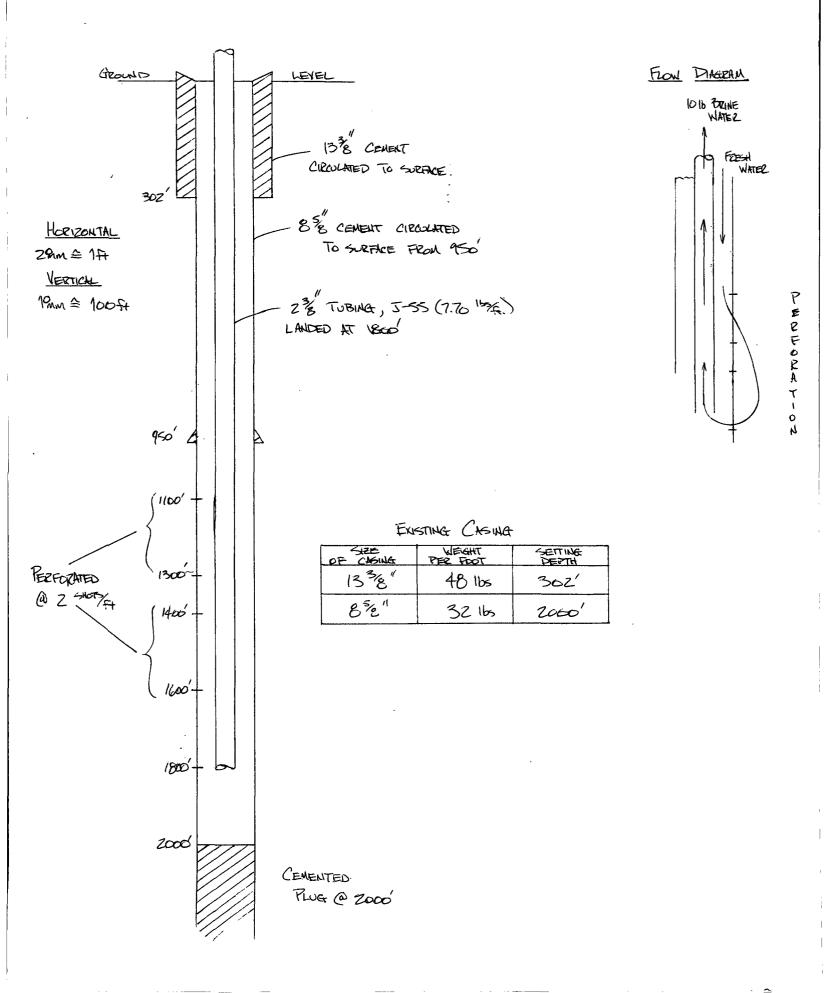
I, Ernie L. Hegwer, responsible person for the Brine 529 Station, under penalty of law, certify that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that the information is true, accurate, and complete.

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DOWN HOLE VIEW - BRINE 529





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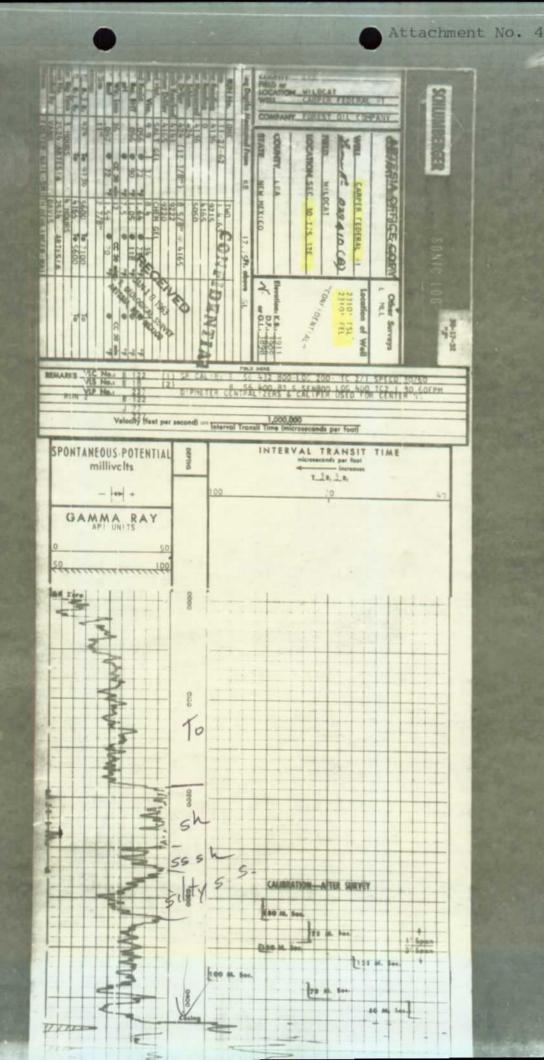
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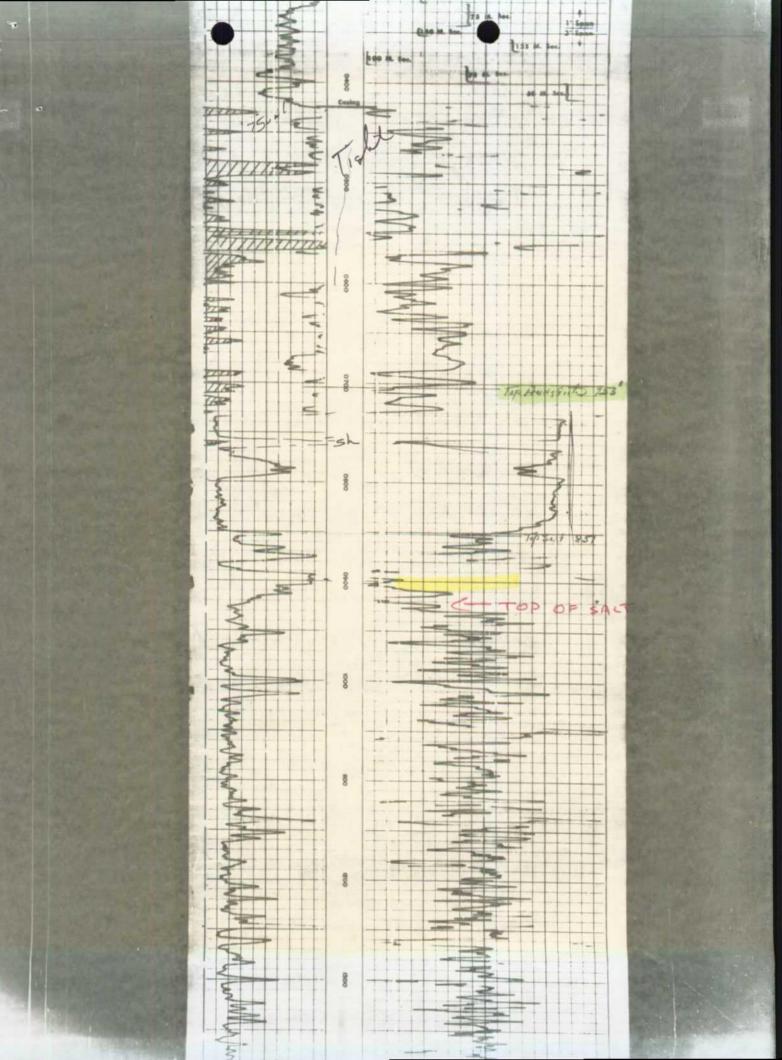
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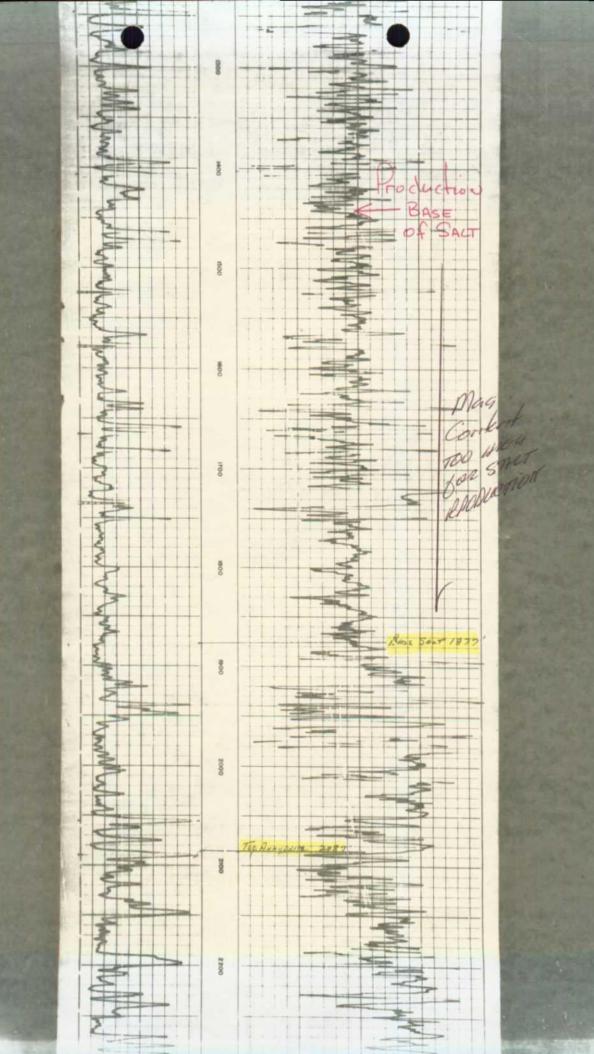
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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May 22, 1984

S.E. REYNOLDS STATE ENGINEER

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DISTRICT 2 909 EAST 2ND ST. P.O. BOX 1717 ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO 88201

Mr. Heggwer Box 24 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Dear Sir:

In reply to your telephone call of May 22, 1984, please be advised that your brine prodution well located in the SW4SE4 of Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East is located in a section which contains no water wells. The alluvium in this section is only about 60 feet thick and is dry. The top of the Triassic formation is at approximately 60 feet and the base is around 1000 feet below land surface. Although no water wells are in this section, it is likely that a limited supply of fresh water ' could be obtained from this formation.

The closest water wells to your well would be wells in Sections 1 and 12 of Township 18 South, Range 31 East, which produce water from the Santa Rosa sections of the Triassic. These wells are about 600 feet deep and the water level is 450 feet below land surface. There is also a well in Section 7 of Township 18 South, Range 32 East which produces from the alluvium. This well is about 100 feet deep and the static water level is 83 feet below land surface. The only other water wells in the area are located about 7 miles NE in Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, and 12 of Township 17 South, Range 32 East. All of these wells are producing from the Ogallala formation. These wells range in depth from 140 feet to 270 feet and the static water level varies from 50 feet to 230 feet.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call me.

Yours truly, /James I. Wright Field Engineer

JIW/tmg cc M.B. Compton

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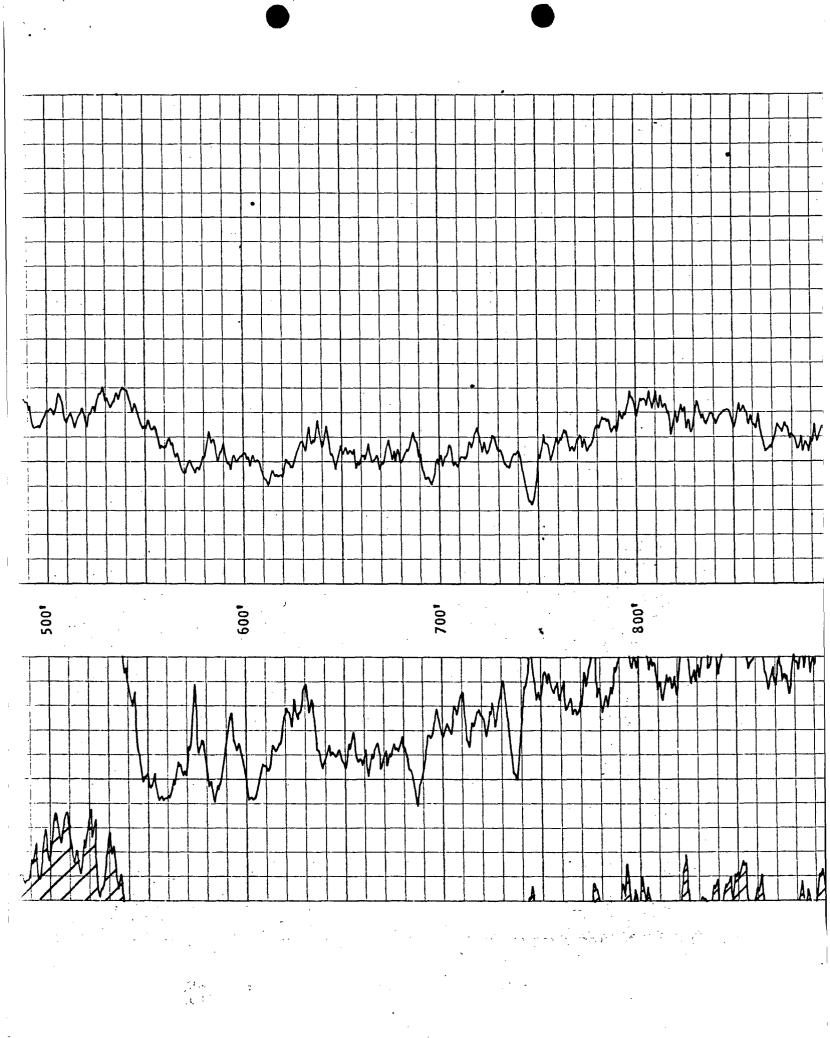
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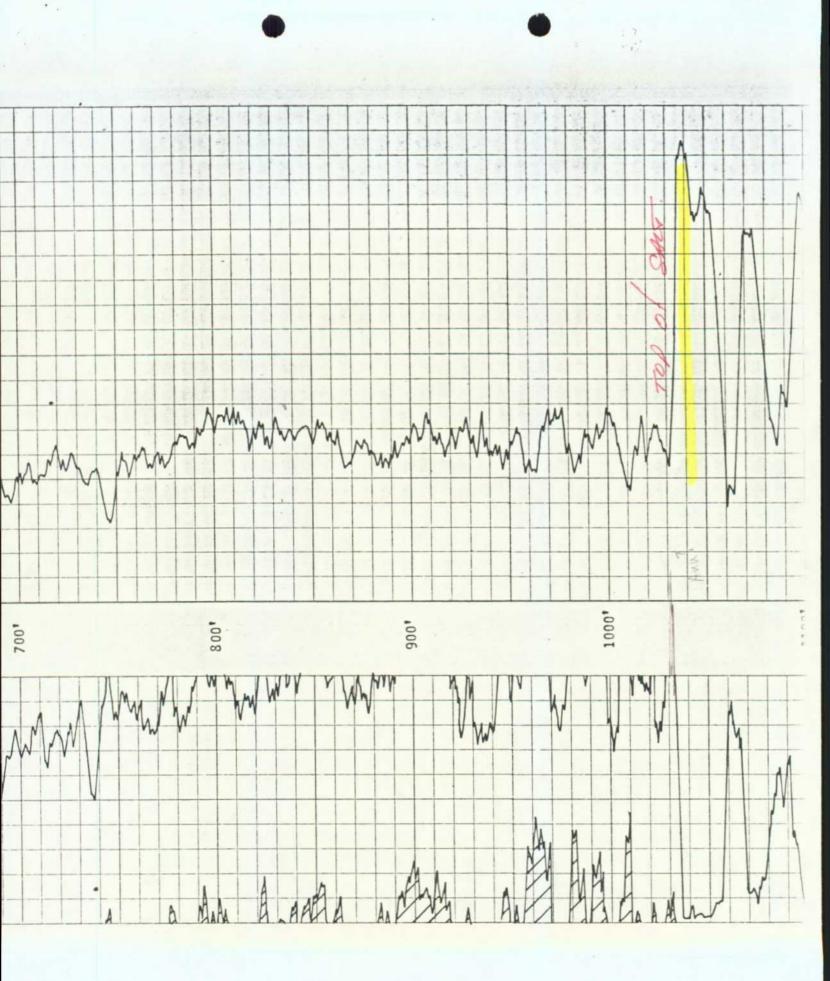
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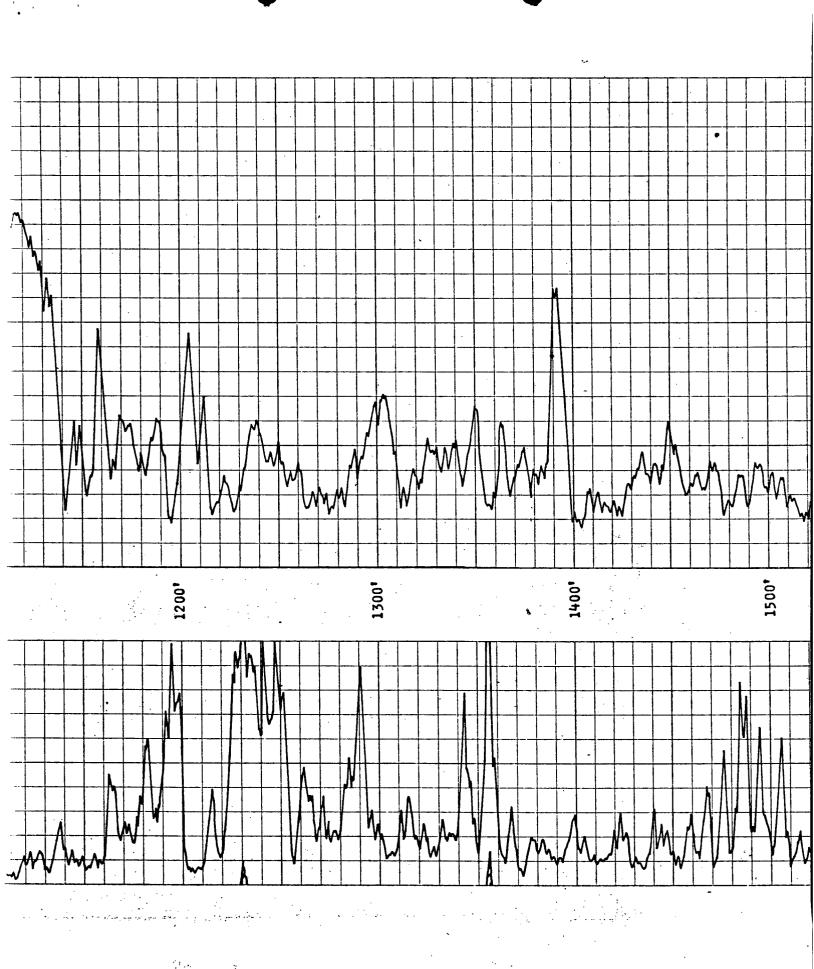
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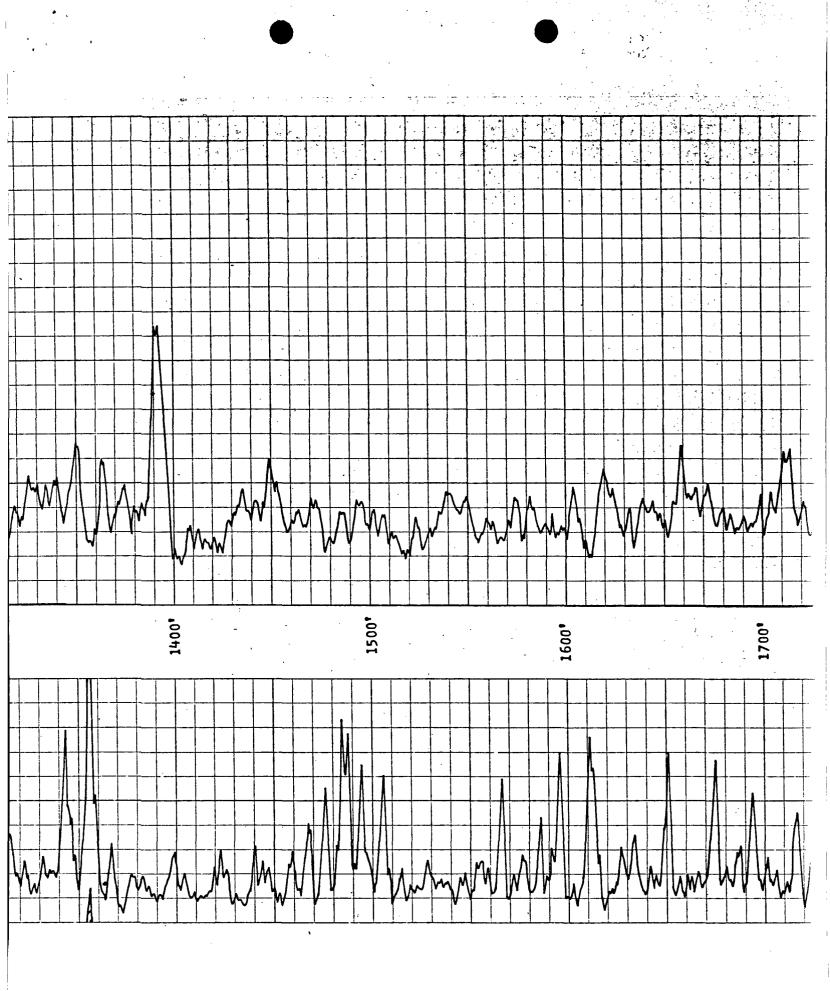


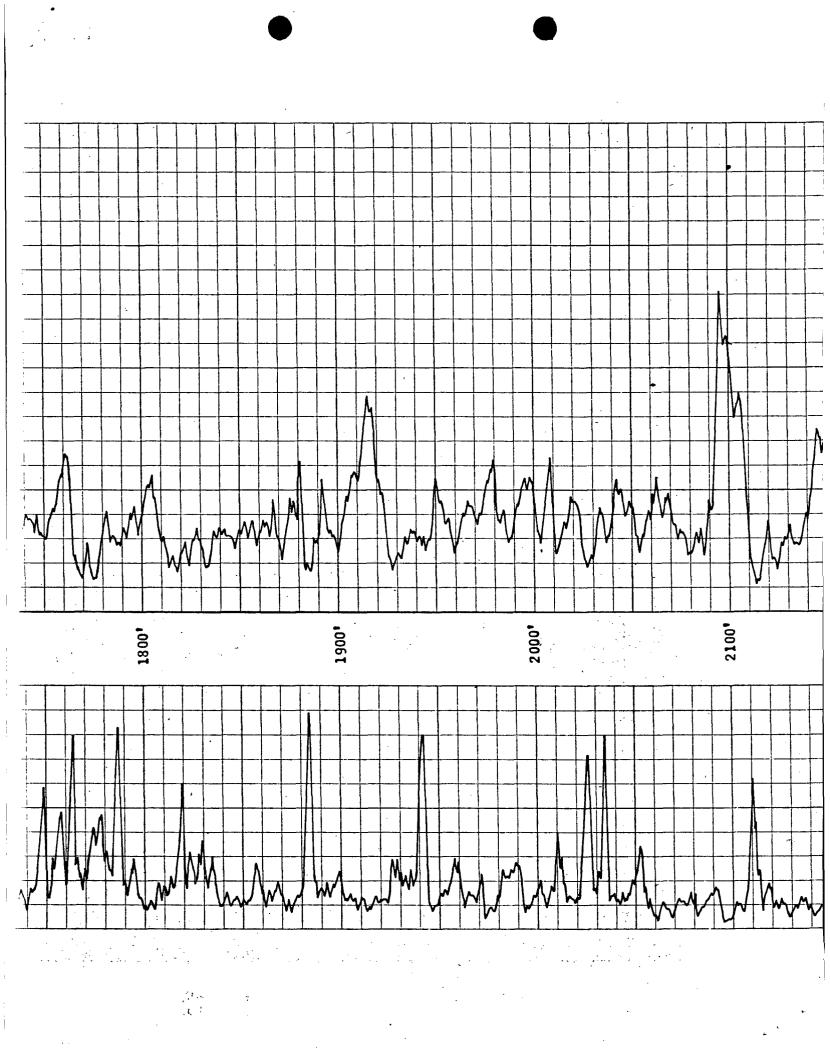


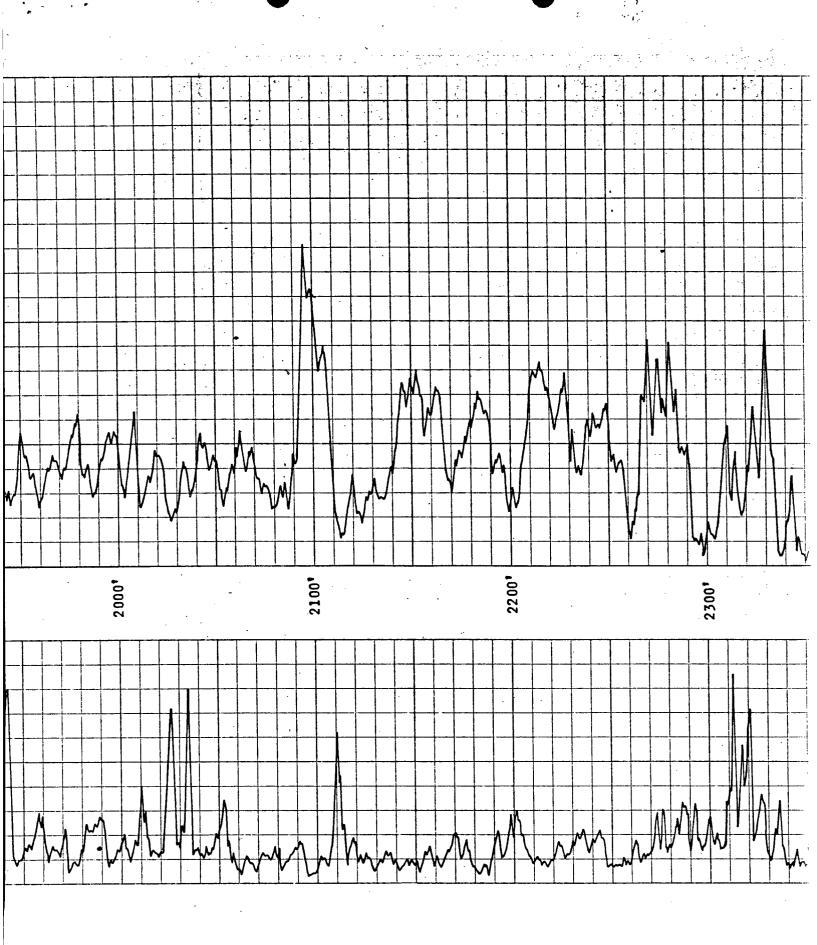


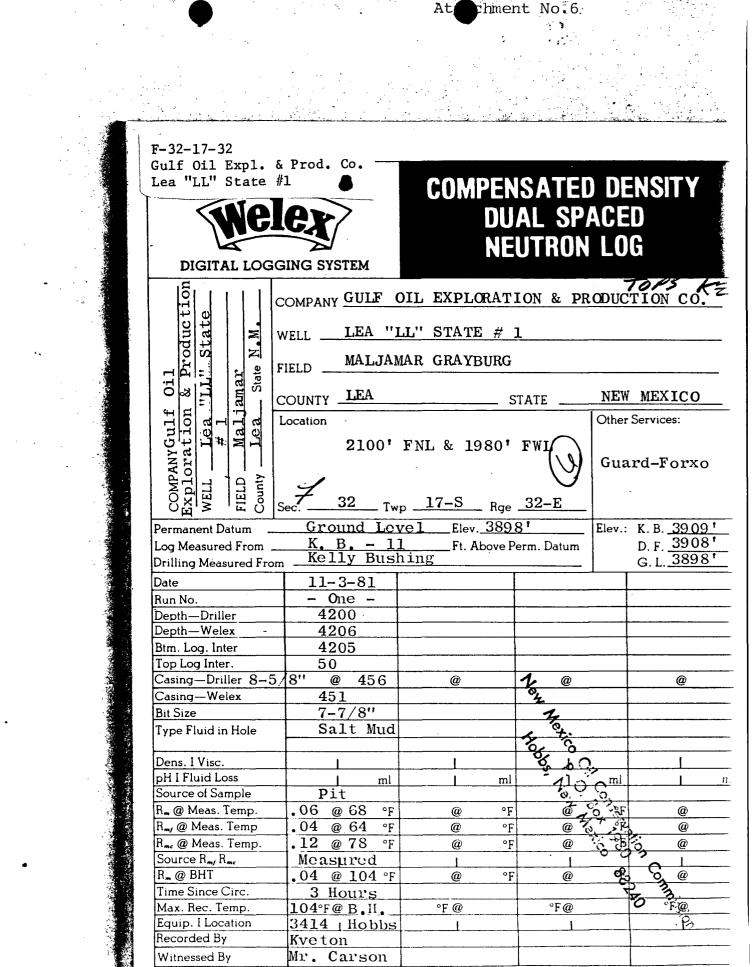
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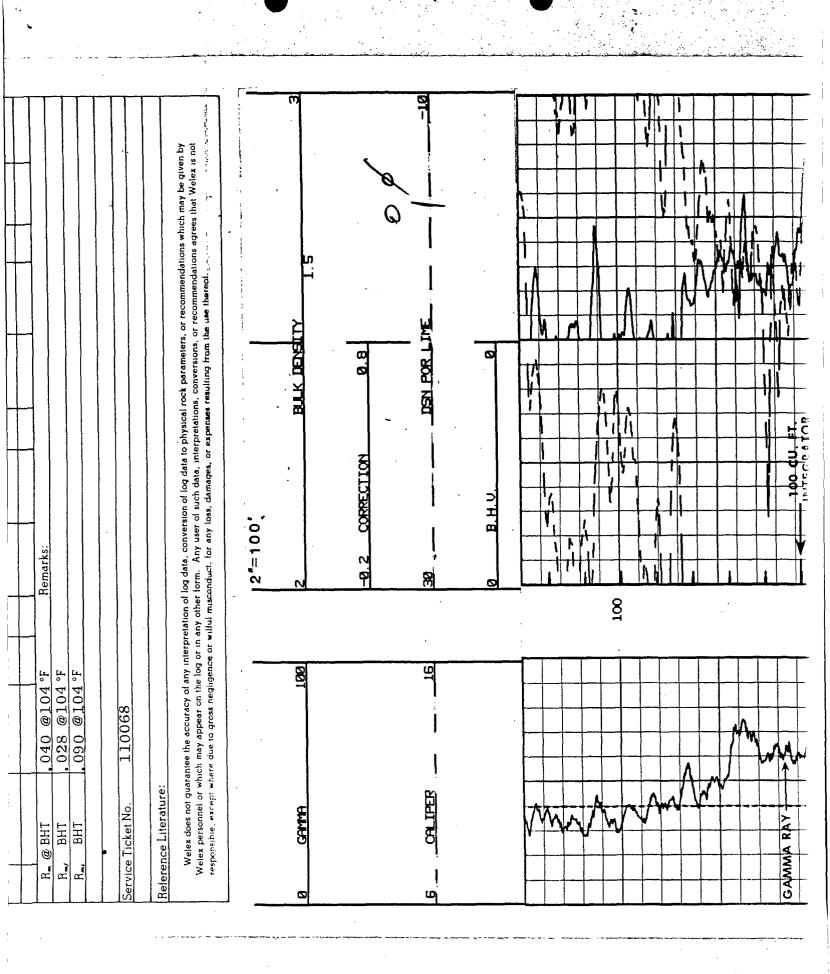


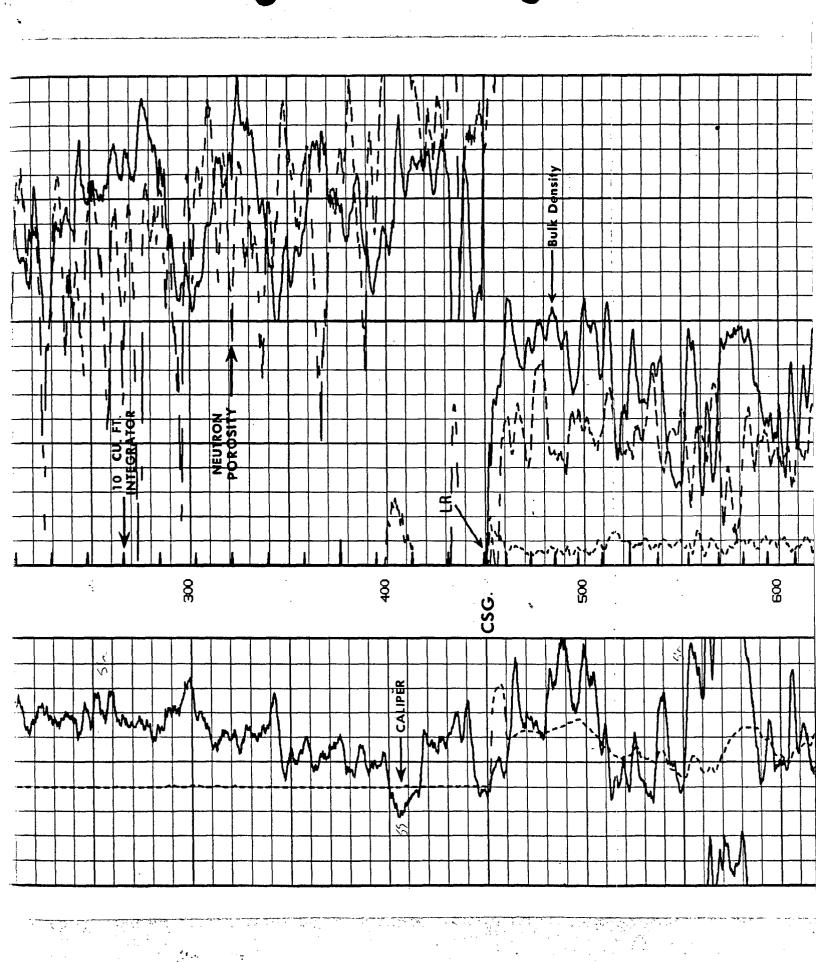
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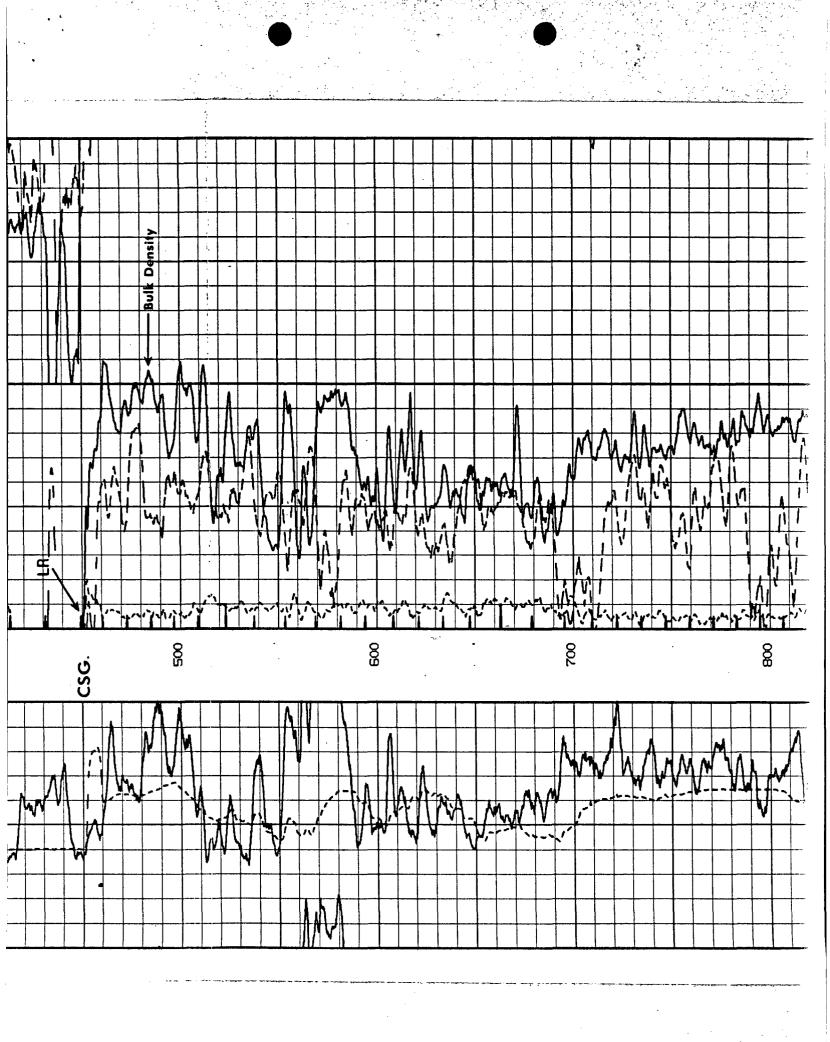
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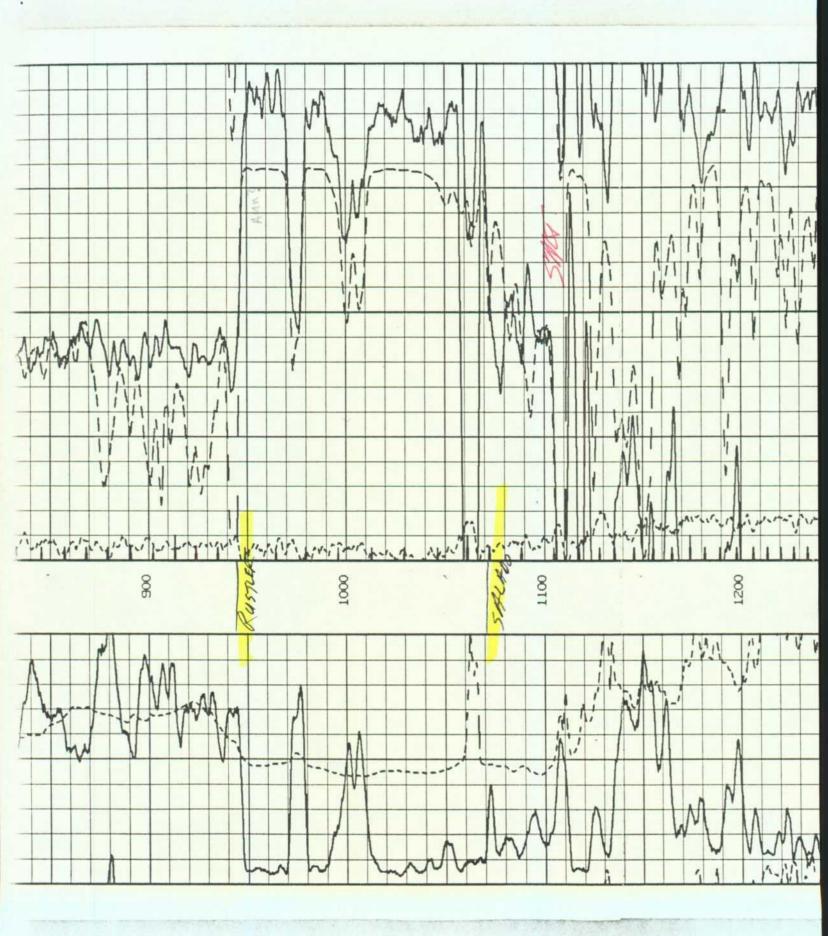
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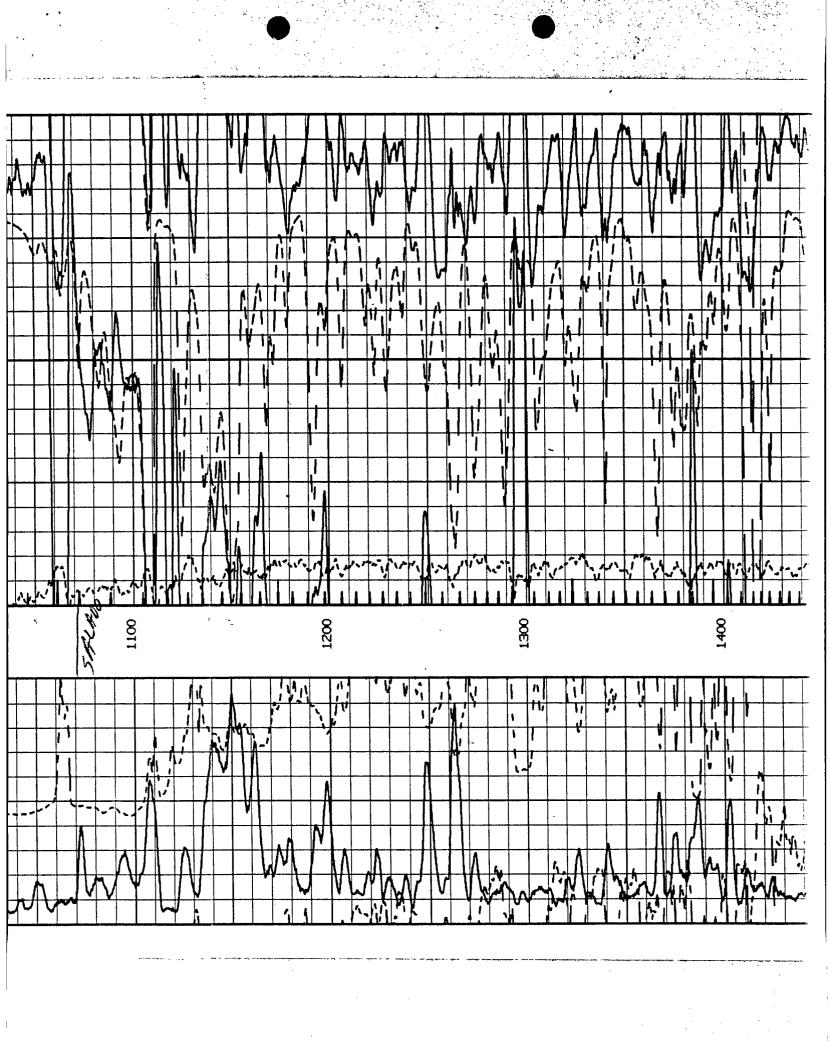


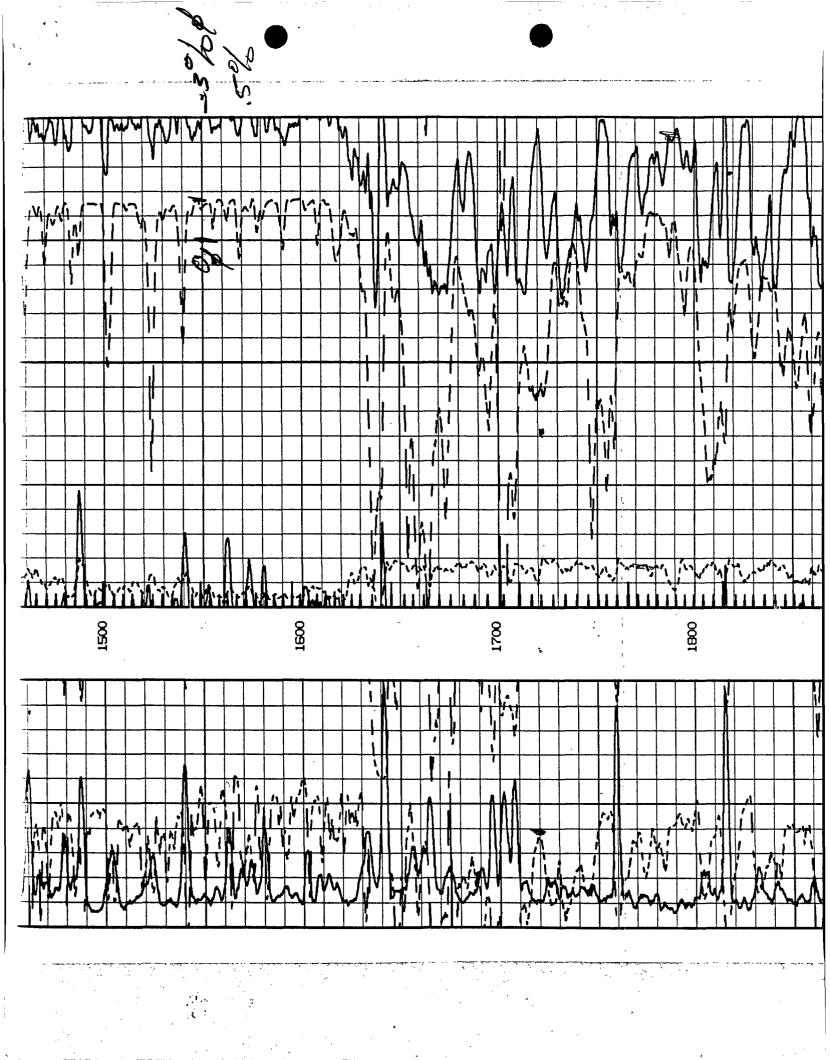
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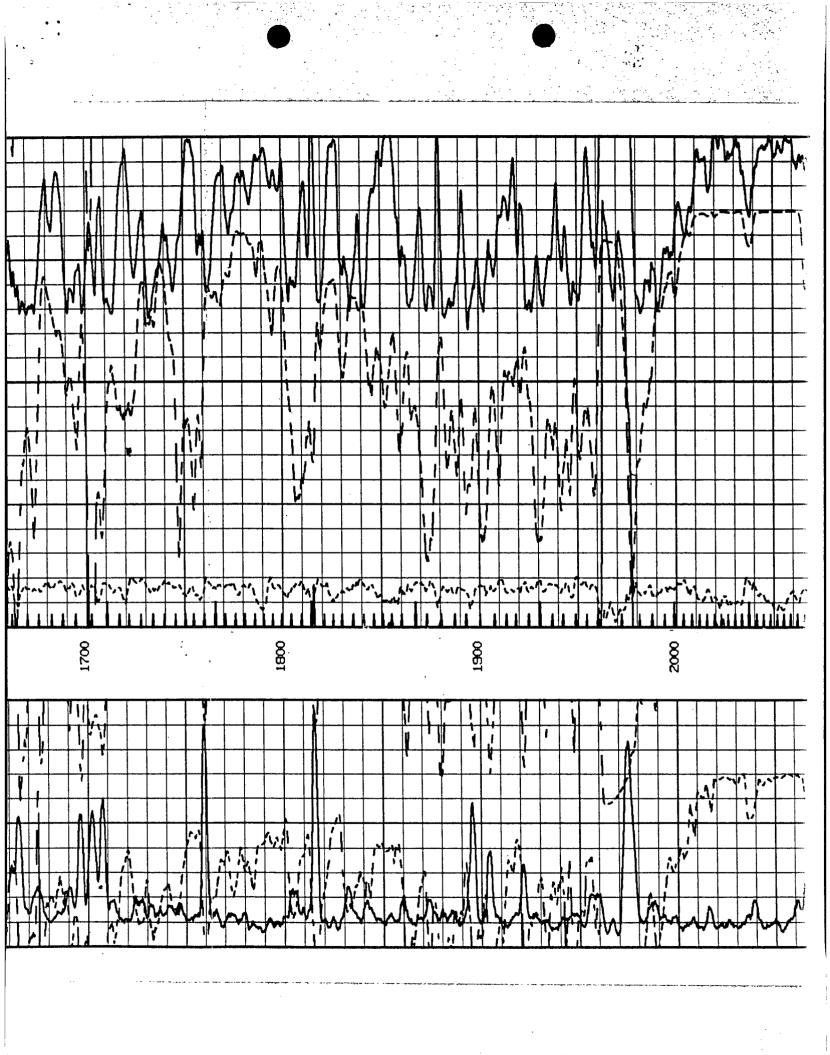


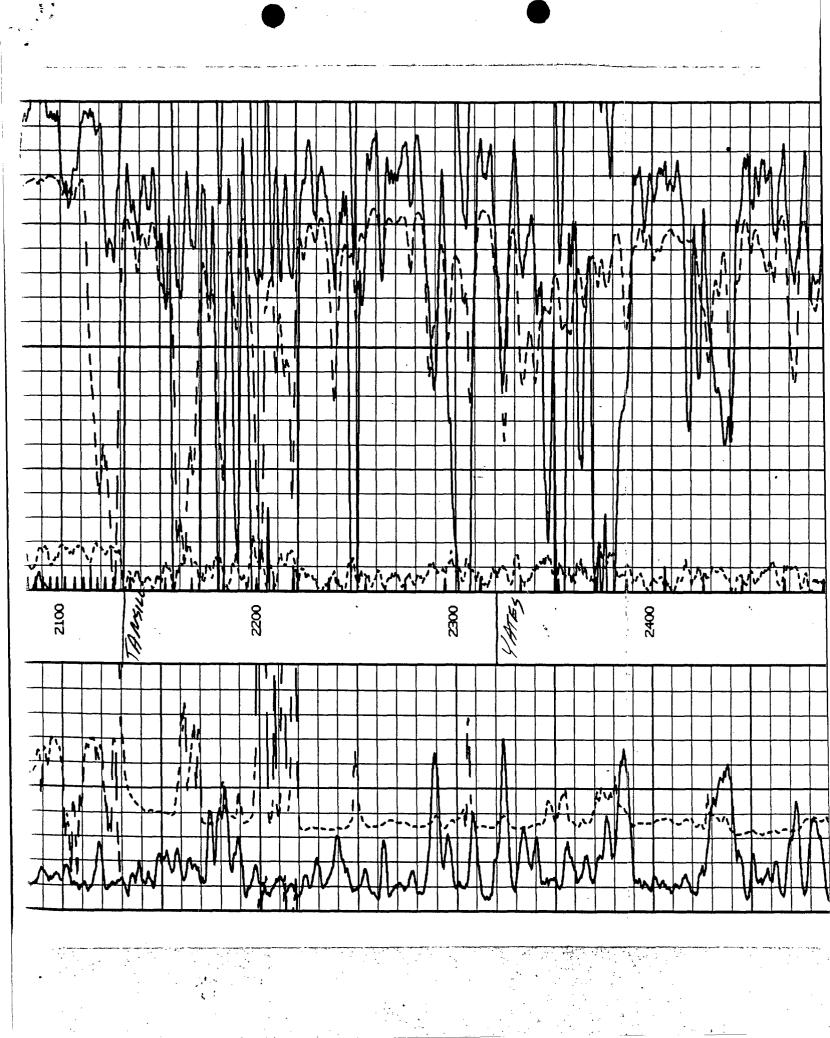


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Submitted by		Date	e Rec. 8-2-84
Well No. "529" Brin	e Station_Depth	Forr	nation
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Resistivity			······
Specific Gravity	1.216		
рН	6.0		
Calcium (Ca)	1,700		*MPL
Magnesium (Mg)	8,760		
Chlorides (Cl)	204,000		•
Sulfates (SO ₄)	5,470		
Bicarbonates (HCO ₃)	85 :		·
Soluble Iron (Fe)	None		
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Resistivity	0.065 @ 74°F	
Specific Gravity	1.108	
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Calcium (Ca)	600	*N
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Chlorides (Cl)	97,000	
Sulfates (SO4)	3,650	·
Bicarbonates (HCO ₃)	120	
Soluble Iron (Fe)	Nil	
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Resistivity	0.060 @ 70°F.		
Specific Gravity	1.141		
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Calcium (Ca)	•		*MPL
Magnesium (Mg)	5,220		
Chlorides (CI)	130,000		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sulfates (SO4)	5,600	•	
Bicarbonates (HCO ₃)	120	·	
Soluble Iron (Fe)	Nil		
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Respectfully submitted,

Analyst: Brewer

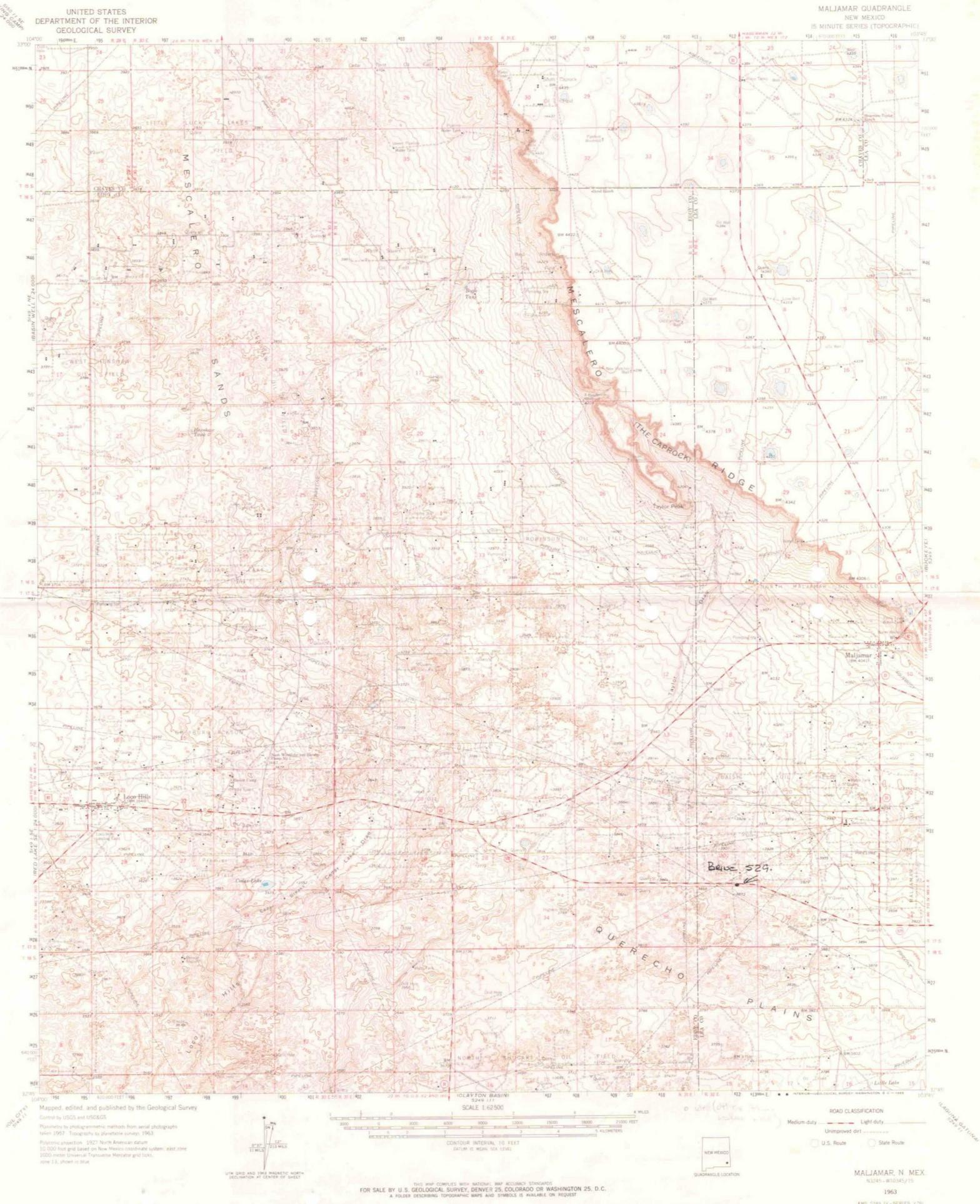
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✤ Dry Holes Producing Oil Wells Abandoned Wells Attachment No. 9 Injection Wells Map indicates highway

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Attachment No. 10

TO BE ATTACHED TO AND FORM PART OF BOND NUMBER U28 36 13
ISSUED BY THE <u>United Pacific Insurance Company</u> ON BEHALF OF
Ernie L. Hegwer
FOR Bond Under Permit to Prospect for Sodium Deposits
IN FAVOR OF the United States of America, Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Land Management
IN THE AMOUNT OF Five thousand and no/100
DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)
DATED August 30, 1982

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT effective the <u>lst</u> day of <u>November</u>, 19<u>83</u>, the United Pacific Insurance Company agrees to remain bound to the terms and conditions of this preference right lease as set forth in the aforementioned bond.

EXCEPT AS HEREIN specifically modified, the conditions, provisions, and limitations of said bond shall continue unchanged.

Signed, sealed, and dated this <u>lst</u> day of <u>November</u>, 19 83 .

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 23, 1984

Ernie Hegwer 529 Brine Station P.O. Box 1637 Hobbs, NM 88241-1637

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

Enclosed is the draft outline for a brine extraction well discharge plan, which I promised you during our telephone conversation this morning. I hope it is useful in putting together the discharge plan for your facility.

I appreciate your decision to prepare a complete discharge plan for us to review no later than October of this year, rather than submitting your plan in stages as specified in your Assurance of Discontinuance. I will review your submittal as promptly as possible, but in any case you will have my comments no later than 60 days from the day we receive your submittal. After receipt of my comments you should make any necessary changes in your discharge plan and return it to us by July 2, 1985 (the date specified in your Assurance for that submittal). Within sixty days of your sending in the final version of your discharge plan, you will be notified by the Director of EID that your discharge plan has been approved or disapproved. Since you will have ample time to make any necessary changes in your discharge plan before it is submitted for the Director's decision, I see no reason why your final submittal would not be approved.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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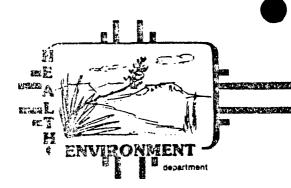
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cc: John Guinn, EID District IV, Manager

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March 30, 1984

Mr. Ernie Hegwer 529 Brine Station P.O. Box 1637 Hobbs, NM 88241-1637

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

Enclosed please find a copy of my memo to the Water Quality Control Commission with which I submitted your Assurance of Discontinuance.

You may bring your revised Assurance to the Commission meeting on April 10th. The Assurance need not be signed or notarized until it is approved by the Commission. Then our notary public at EID can notarize both your signature and the Commission Chairman's.

I appreciate the efforts of your secretary, Debbie Lister, in helping me make the necessary last-minute changes in your Assurance so that it could be submitted in time for the April 10th Commission meeting. I look forward to meeting you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paige Grant Hydrologist Ground Water Section

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ERNIE L. HEGWER OWNER - OPERATOR



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GROUND WATER/HAZARDOUS WASTE BUREAU

March 27, 1984

Ms. Paige Grant Environmental Improvement Division P.O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

Dear Ms. Grant:

Enclosed please find the revised copy of the Assurance of Discontinuance. Hopefully, all necessary changes have been made that will improve the probability of its being approved by the Commission.

I have informed Mr. Hegwer that the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) meeting is rescheduled for April 10, 1984. If there are any other changes prior to this date, please notify me at the above Hobbs number.

I appreciate all your assistance and time you have spent on our case. If I can supply further information please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE

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WHEREAS, there are no nearby and adjacent water wells to supply the brine well, so that Mr. Hegwer is having to pipe city water in from Carlsbad, New Mexico; and pressure tests have been made to indicate good casing integrity in the well, such that no contamination of drinking water sources is believed to be occurring as a result of Mr. Hegwer's operation; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission and Mr. Hegwer deem it appropriate to enter into this Assurance of Discontinuance.

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5. <u>EXTENSIONS FOR GOOD CAUSE</u>: It is expressly agreed and understood by the parties hereto that events not reasonably foreseeable on the date of execution of this Assurance may occur which will make it impossible or extremely difficult for Mr. Hegwer to comply in a timely fashion with those compliance dates set forth in numbered paragraph 2. In the event such unforeseen events do occur, Mr. Hegwer may apply to the Commission for an extension for an additional reasonable period of time to comply with such tasks in numbered paragraph 2. The additional reasonable period of time, if granted, shall in all cases be governed by the relevant circumstances.

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Signed and acknowledged this 27 day of March ,1984.

ERNIE L. HEGWER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

COUNTY OF LEA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{274^{h}}{March}$ day of March, 1984, by Ernie L. Hegwer.

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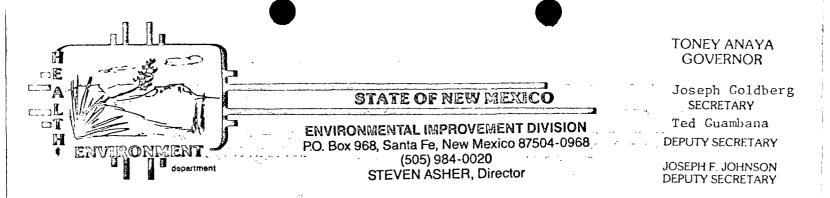
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Quality Control Commissioners

FROM: Paige Grant, Water Resource Specialist, EID Ground Water Section APL

SUBJ: Assurances of Discontinuance from three brine well owner/operators

DATE: March 27, 1984

Attached hereto are three proposed Assurances of Discontinuance relating to brine in situ extraction facilities. Please note that they are based on the same format (form enclosed) and are very similar to each other, with the principal differences being in names, locations, and dates in the schedule of compliance. The Quality Brine Assurance is to be reviewed as it stands. The Assurance of C.W. Trainer and of Ernie Hegwer are changed from the attached drafts, as noted below:

C.W. Trainer Assurance of Discontinuance: the third "Whereas" is changed to read as follows:

WHEREAS, recent pressure tests of the brine well indicate good casing integrity, and all brine at the facility is discharged into lined pits, such that no contamination of drinking water sources is believed to have occurred due to operations at the C.W. Trainer facility; (and...)

Ernie Hegwer Assurance of Discontinuance: the third "Whereas" is changed to read as follows:

WHEREAS, there are no nearby and adjacent water wells to supply the brine well, so that Mr. Hegwer is having to pipe city water in from Carlsbad, New Mexico; and pressure tests have been made to indicate good casing integrity in the well, such that no contamination of drinking water sources is believed to be occurring as a result of Mr. Hegwer's operation; ... (and...)

In addition, Mr. Hegwer plans to amend the language of numbered paragraph 5, the "Good Cause" clause, to the language in the enclosed "Assurance" form. Both Mr. Trainer and Mr. Hegwer will have final drafts of their Assurances of Discontinuance incorporating these changes when they appear before the Commission on April 10th.

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Enclosures



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February 20, 1984

ERNIE L. HEGWER OWNER - OPERATOR

> State of New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division P.O. Box 968 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 Attention: Paige Grant Hydrologist Ground Water Section

Dear Ms. Grant:

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Very truly yours,

529 BRINE STATION

Ernie L. Hegwer

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Ernie L. Hegwer

STATE OF NEW MEXICO) : SS COUNTY OF LEA)

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> JOSEPH F. JOHNSON DEPUTY SECRETARY

March 13, 1984

Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer 529 Brine Station P.O. Box 1637 Hobbs, NM 88241-1637

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

As I relayed to you by telephone the afternoon of February 27th, the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) meeting scheduled for March 13th, at which your Assurance of Discontinuance was to be submitted, has been cancelled. The date conflicted with the special session of the Legislature, which Commissioners are sometimes compelled to attend on short notice. The items scheduled for the agenda of the March 13th meeting will be moved to the WQCC meeting of April 10th.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968

(505) 984-0020

STEVEN ASHER, Director

While I sincerely hope that this change in schedule has not inconvenienced you, the postponement will give you time to change the wording of your Assurance (as discussed below), to improve the probability of its being approved by the Commission:

- 1. During our telephone conversation of February 21st, we agreed that the third "Whereas" on the first page of your Assurance, which you copied directly from the sample Assurance I sent you, does not make sense in your case. You have informed me that there are no "nearby and adjacent" water wells by your brine well - therefore, there could not have been water quality analyses of such wells to demonstrate that your operation is not contaminating ground water in the area. You need to present other information in this "Whereas" to show that your brine well is not causing deterioration in the quality of ground water in the neighborhood. In my opinion, the strongest evidence you can offer is to point out that there is no shallow, good quality ground water in the area - if there were, you would have put in a water well near your brine well, rather than having to pipe city water in from Carlsbad. You might also want to add that pressure tests have indicated that you have good casing integrity in your well - and then be prepared to answer questions about that statement, if necessary, at the April 10th WQCC meeting.
- 2. If you can demonstrate conclusively that your brine extraction well does not penetrate, inject into or above an aquifer having less than 10,000 mg/1 total dissolved solids (TDS), the discharge plan required of you will be much less extensive than what I have previously discussed with you: you will not need to address Part 5 of the WQCC Regulations, but only Part 3, which allows for

Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer

greater flexibility in reviewing your discharge plan. Since you have installed above-ground tanks rather than ponds, the concerns we would have regarding your suface facilities would be minimal, and as far as your injection activities are concerned, we would be interested primarily in the mechanical integrity of your well.

Conclusive evidence that there are no protected aquifers (those containing less than 10,000 mg/l TDS) intercepted by or underlying your well would constitute some combination of the following:

- (a) a drilling log for your well;
- (b) an interpreted resistivity or other geophysical log, together with a water quality analysis of the water from any saturated zone(s) indicated by the log;
- (c) a hydrogeologic report giving evidence for the statement that there is no protected ground water in the formation intercepted by or underlying your well.

If you can provide such evidence by the April 10th WQCC meeting, let me know so that we can rewrite your Assurance accordingly.

3. At the last WQCC meeting, one of the Commissioners questioned the adequacy of the "good cause" language in the Assurance (numbered paragraph 5). I recently put together a fill-in-the-blanks form for an Assurance of Discontinuance (copy enclosed), including some changes in the "good cause" clause suggested by our EID attorney, which I cleared with the Commissioner in question. We expect the rest of the Commissioners to concur with the change at the April 10th meeting. Since you need to rework your third "Whereas" in any case, I recommend that you incorporate the new language on "good cause" into your revised Assurance.

Items for the agenda of the April 10th WQCC meeting must be in to me by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 26th.

I see no reason to alter the schedule of compliance in your original Assurance, unless you can provide evidence that your well does not penetrate or inject into or above a protected aquifer. In that case, you would be exempt from complying with Part 5 of the regulations, and your schedule of compliance would be much shorter. Please note that you would still be required to prepare a discharge plan addressing the provisions of Part 3 of the regulations.

The discharge plan outline which I mentioned to you should be through the review process before long. I will send you a copy as soon as it is available.

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Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer

If I can help to clarify what is required in the Assurance or the discharge plan, or to explain any other aspect of the WQCC Regulations, please give me a call at the address and telephone number (ext. 285) listed on the first page.

Sincerely,

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Paige Grant Hydrologist Ground Water Section

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Enclosure

cc: John Guinn, EID District IV, Manager

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ERNIE L. HEGWER OWNER - OPERATOR BRINE STATION P.O. BOX 1637 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1637

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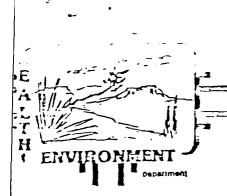
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> JOSEPH F. JOHNSON DEPUTY SECRETARY

February 15, 1984

Ernie Hegwer 518 E. Zia Dr. Hobbs, NM 88240

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

After we were put off during our telephone conversation this morning, I tried repeatedly to call your office, but was unable to get through.

I enclose a copy of the Assurance of Discontinuance which was submitted by KTS and approved by the Water Quality Control Commission. I have made those changes that I think are appropriate in your case. Since you have already submitted some of the materials required (for instance, the plans and most of the specs for your well), I see no reason to go through as many stages in submitting your discharge plan as were set up for KTS.

Most of what you will need to put together for your plan is the information on geology and hydrology of the site. You may want to consider hiring a professional to prepare this portion of the report. Much of the rest of what is required you can probably do yourself, or have already submitted.

The outline of a brine well discharge plan which I mentioned over the telephone, is still in draft form. I hope it will be in final form very soon, and I will provide you with a copy as soon as it is. In the meantime, if you have questions on what is required by the regulations, I can explain to you by telephone what is called for. If you or your representative will be attending the Water Quality Control Commission meeting on March 13th, perhaps we could sit down there to go over the requirements of a discharge plan.

I asked the head of our Ground WaterSection, Ms. Maxine S. Goad, whether it was required that a person who has submitted an Assurance to the commission be present when it is under consideration. She said that it is not required, but is highly recommended, since the commission often has questions or changes to propose on the Assurance. Further, she said that there had never been a case when an Assurance was before the commission when a representative of the company submitting the Assurance was not in attendance. At the very least, it is taken as a gesture of good faith on the part of the company submitting the Assurance, Ernie Hegwer

that they intend to comply with the commission regulations regarding their operation.

As I told you over the telephone, your Assurance must be in to me by the afternoon of Monday, February 27, 1984, in order to be entered on the agenda of the March 13, 1984, Water Quality Control Commission meeting. If you do not submit an Assurance at that time, you run the risk of having legal enforcement action taken against you for wilful non-compliance. I hope that we may obtain your voluntary compliance, instead.

Please be in touch with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Guinn, EID District IV, Manager EID Field Office, Hobbs Joe Ramey, Oil Conservation Division

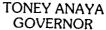
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but that still wouldn't eliminate the need for him to do a discharge plan. Agreements: N Yold him N'd restert This file and get back to him with what exactly he'd need in a d.p. and What needed to go in his Assurance. Agreed to call \$15 8:00.





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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION P.O. Box 968, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-0968 (505) 984-0020

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Steven Asher, Director

February 10, 1984

Ernie Hegwer P.O. Box 24 Hobbs, NM 88240

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

In September of 1983, responsibility for regulating brine extraction wells in New Mexico was passed from the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) of the Energy and Minerals Department, to the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) of the Health and Environment Department.

In sorting out the information we received from OCD subsequent to this administrative change, I have noted a number of irregularities in your file.

- 1. You may not have received official notice of the discharge plan requirement. The original copy of said notice (dated December 21, 1982) was in your file; I am enclosing it with this letter.
- 2. Whether or not you were properly notified by letter of the discharge plan requirement, you were apparently aware of the requirement: there is a submittal from you in the file, dated December 22, 1982, which you offered to Mr. Oscar Simpson of OCD as a discharge plan.
- 3. According to notes in Mr. Simpson's handwriting, you had a number of phone conversations with Mr. Simpson after he received your submittal, in which he indicated that your submittal was inadequate to meet the requirements of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Regulations. He further notes that he inspected your facility on July 23, 1983, and that it was not operating at that time. There is also a note that Mr. Simpson called you on August 15, 1983, and was told that your secretary sent "material to BLM in July and did not send OCD the information." The "material" referred to may be your application to BLM for a sodium preference right lease, a copy of which was received by EID on August 22, This document, in addition to the letter you sent to OCD in 1983. December 1982, offers some of the information required in a discharge plan; but the information is still far from complete, and is not approvable as a discharge plan as it stands.

Ernie Hegwer February 10, 1984 Page 2

Please contact me immediately so that we can begin the process of bringing your facility into compliance with the WQCC Regulations of the state of New Mexico (copy enclosed). If you are not operating at this time but plan to begin production at some time in the future, you must have a discharge plan that covers those points listed in Part 3 and Part 5 of the WQCC Regulations. I would be glad to discuss the regulations with you, to explain what is required and why. However, some of the information which must be presented in a discharge plan in order to allow the reviewer to evaluate the potential for damage to ground water, is of a highly technical nature. It is suggested that you hire a consultant hydrogeologist who is familiar with the underground injection control program, to help you prepare your discharge plan. I would be glad to provide you with a list of competent consultants in this field, if you wish.

If you plan to abandon your injection well permanently, it must be satisfactorily plugged prior to abandonment.

If you are currently in production, you are operating in violation of the laws of New Mexico. However, if you can demonstrate to the Water Quality Control Commission that your operation does not pose an imminent threat to ground water quality, and that you will submit a complete discharge plan within a specified period of time, the Commission may allow you to operate under an Assurance of Discontinuance. An example of such an Assurance, which was granted to the applicant by the Commission, is enclosed. If you wish to go this route you must prepare an Assurance for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting in early March. I would be happy to work with you to define the terms of the Assurance.

We hope to obtain your voluntary compliance with the WQCC Regulations. I can be reached at the above address and telephone number (ext. 285). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Paige Grant Hydrologist Ground Water Section

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Enclosure: WQCC Regulations

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ERNIE L. HEGWER OWNER - OPERATOR

(505) 392-3571 HOBBS

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EID: WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

June 14, 1983

Bureau of Land Management Division of Land and Minerals Program Management & Land Office P.O. Box 1449 Santa Fe, NM 87101

To Whom It May Concern:

As authoriaed by 43 CRF 3521.1-1, I do hereby make application for a sodium preference right lease on the lands covered by Sodium Prospecting Permit NM 53332, which was issued effective October 1, 1982, and encompasses T. 17 S., R. 32 E., N.M.P.M., Section 30: Lots 3,4, SE 1/4, E 1/2, W 1/2, totalling 321.93 acres.

BRINE STATION

HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1637

P.O. BOX 1637

In accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR 3521.1-1 (b), the following is submitted for the initial showing:

1. It is estimated that there is 320,000 tons per acre NaCl (sodium chloride, halite) present over all of the 321 acres covered by this application, of sufficient purity to make a satisfactory brine for use as a drilling medium by oil companies. (See Exhibit A)

2. See Exhibit B Analysis

3. We are circulating fresh water which is purchased from the City of Carlsbad through the salt zone formation 1000' to 1200'. The fresh water is circulated by an electric driven pump from the water source to the well and the brine is returned into a 1500 bbl. tank. (See Exhibit C)

The investment cost for this project is approximately \$70,000. It will cost \$.08 to produce a BBL. of brine, which is sold for \$.35 a BBL.

Bureau of Land Management

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June 14, 1983

As far as the environment is concerned, there is no danger to wildlife, fish, or other natural resources. There is also no danger of ground seepage, fire, soil erosion, or noise pollution. There is no hazard to public health or safety.

There is archeological clearance on this land, which is also used for grazing. The grazing rights belong to Williams Ranch.

Sincerely,

Ernie L. Hegwer

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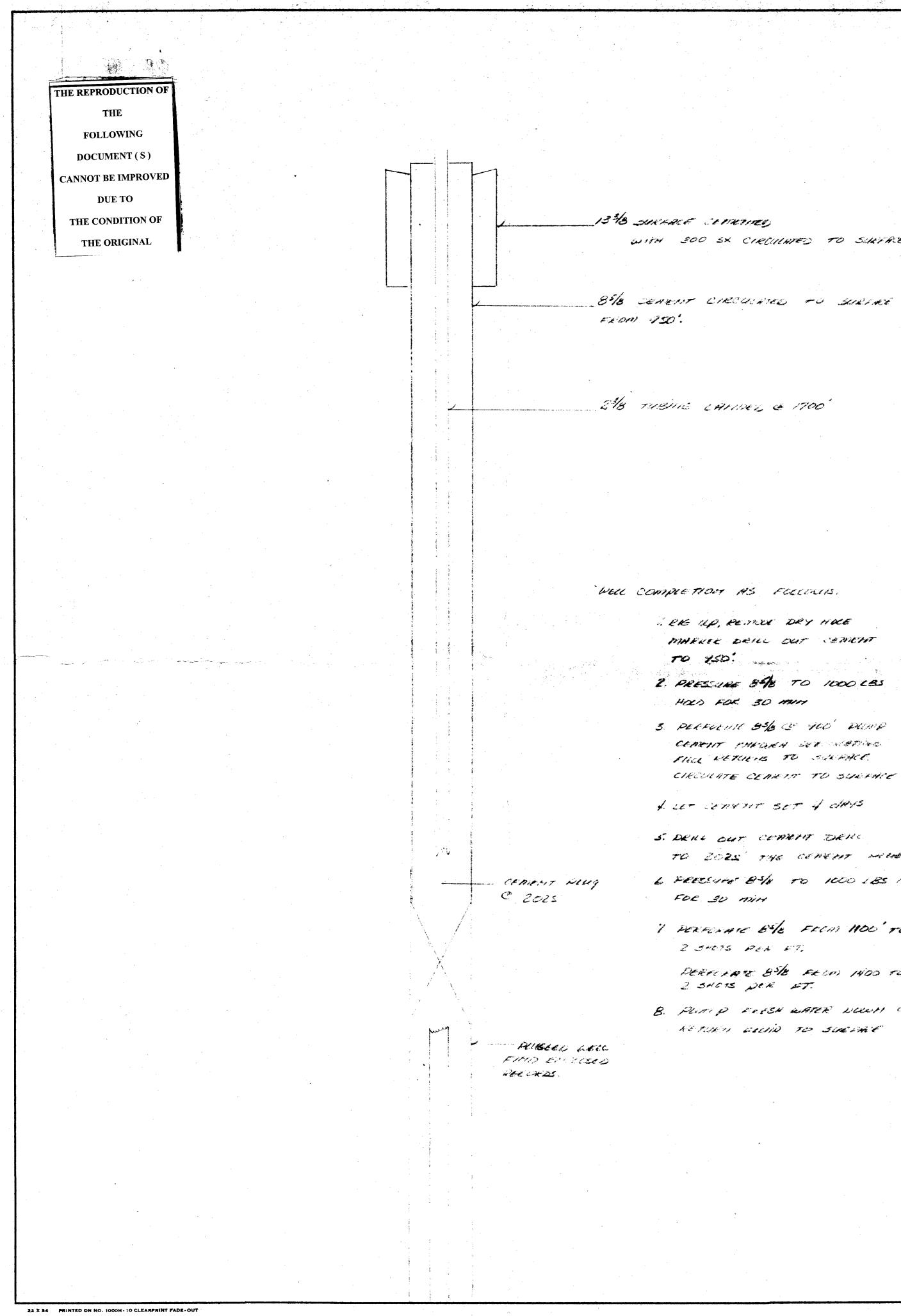
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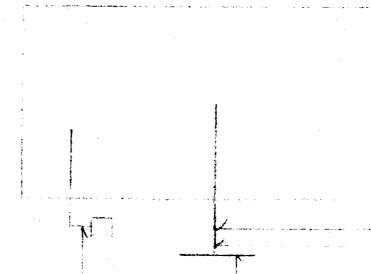


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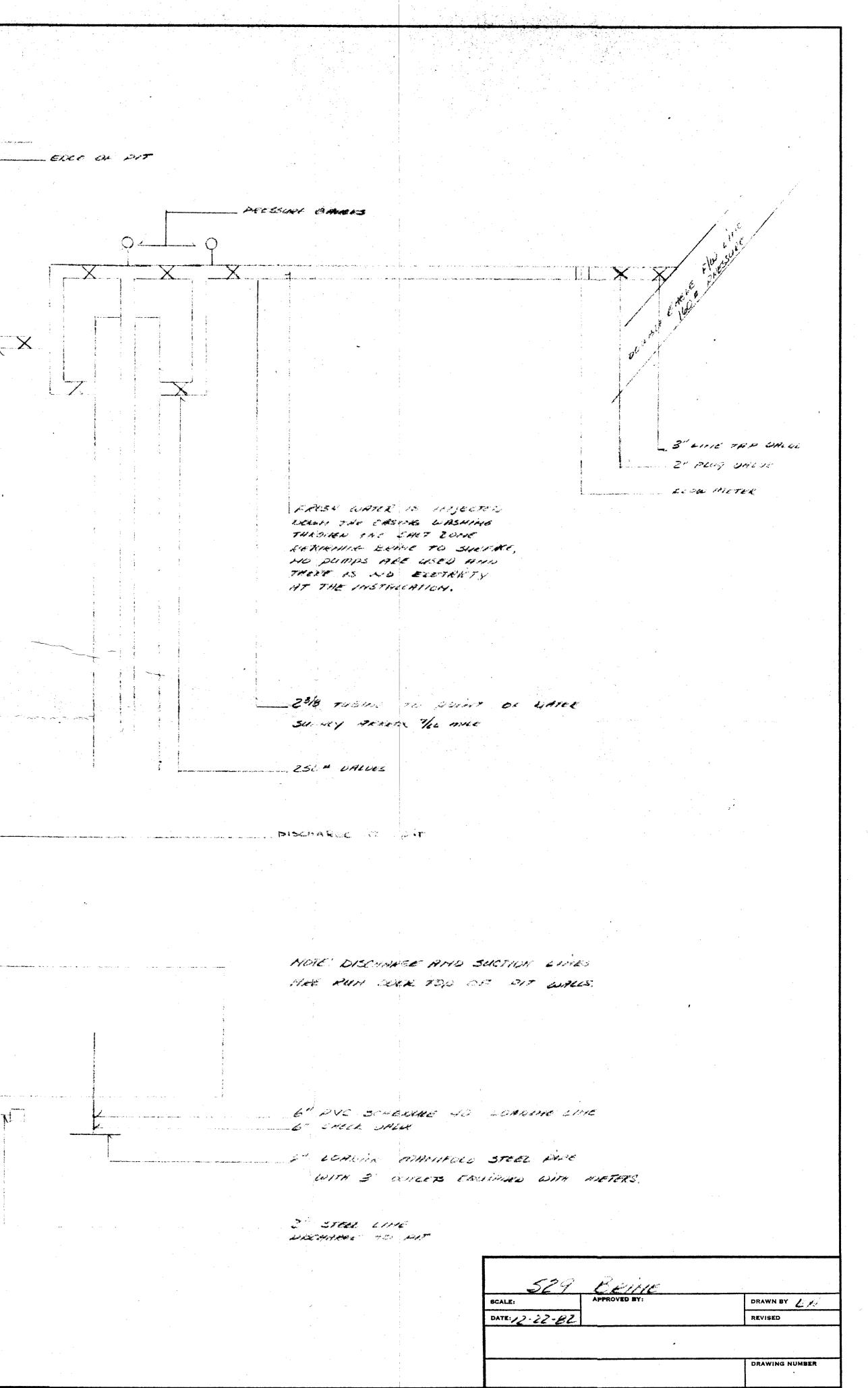
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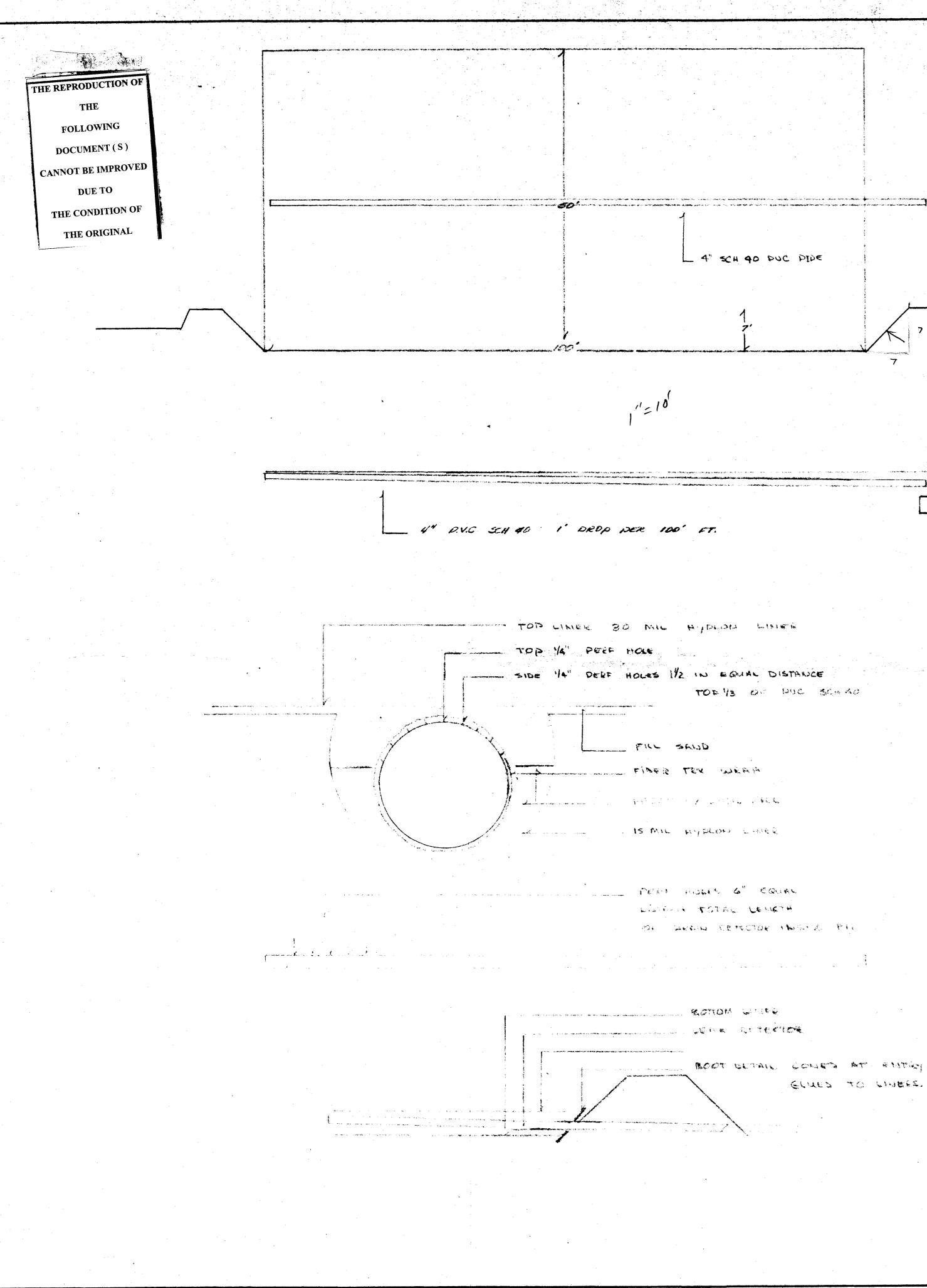
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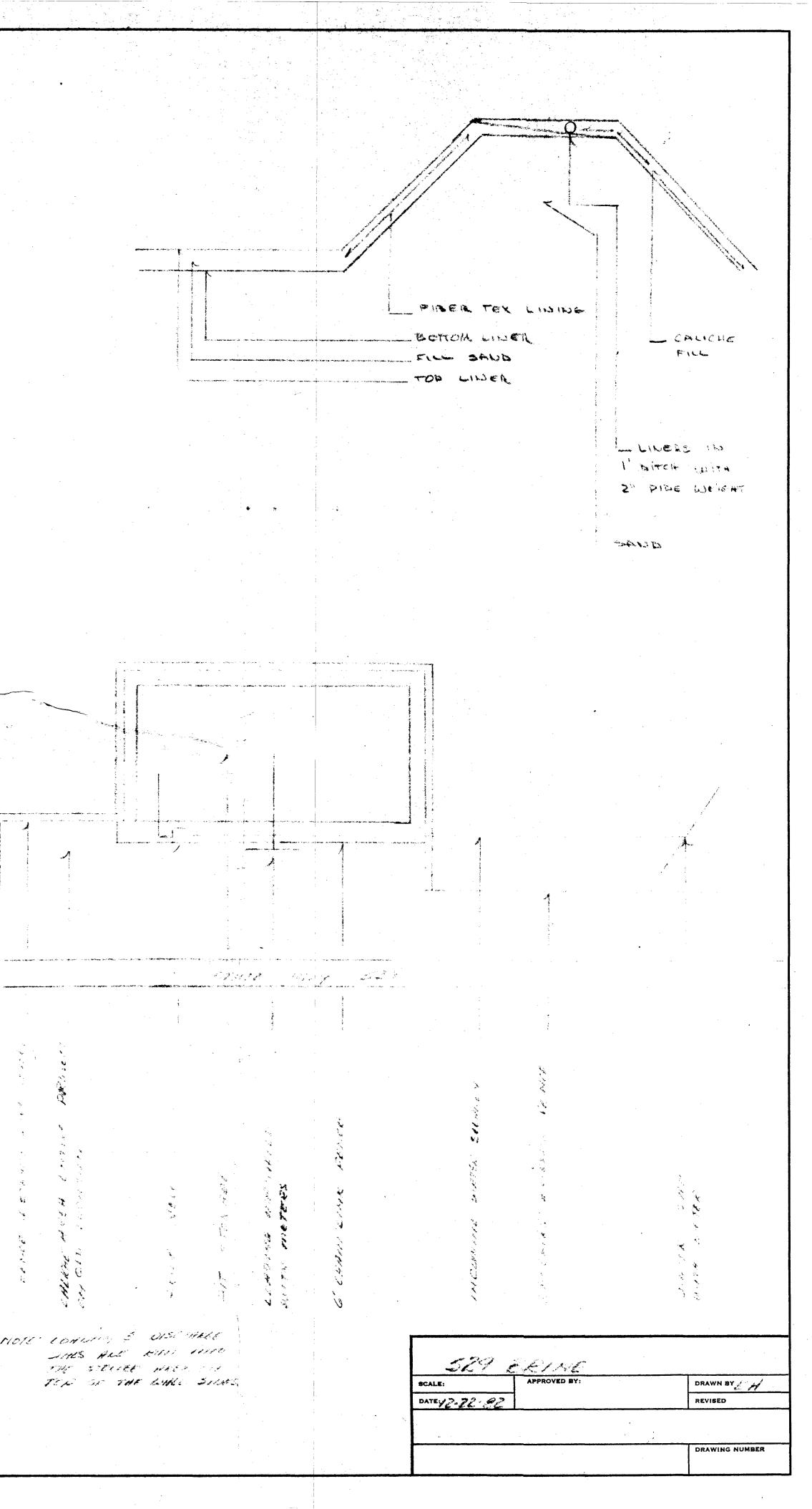
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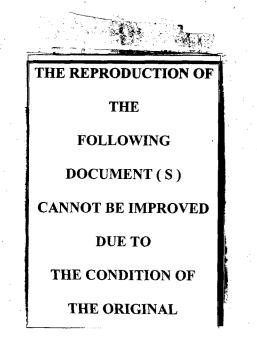
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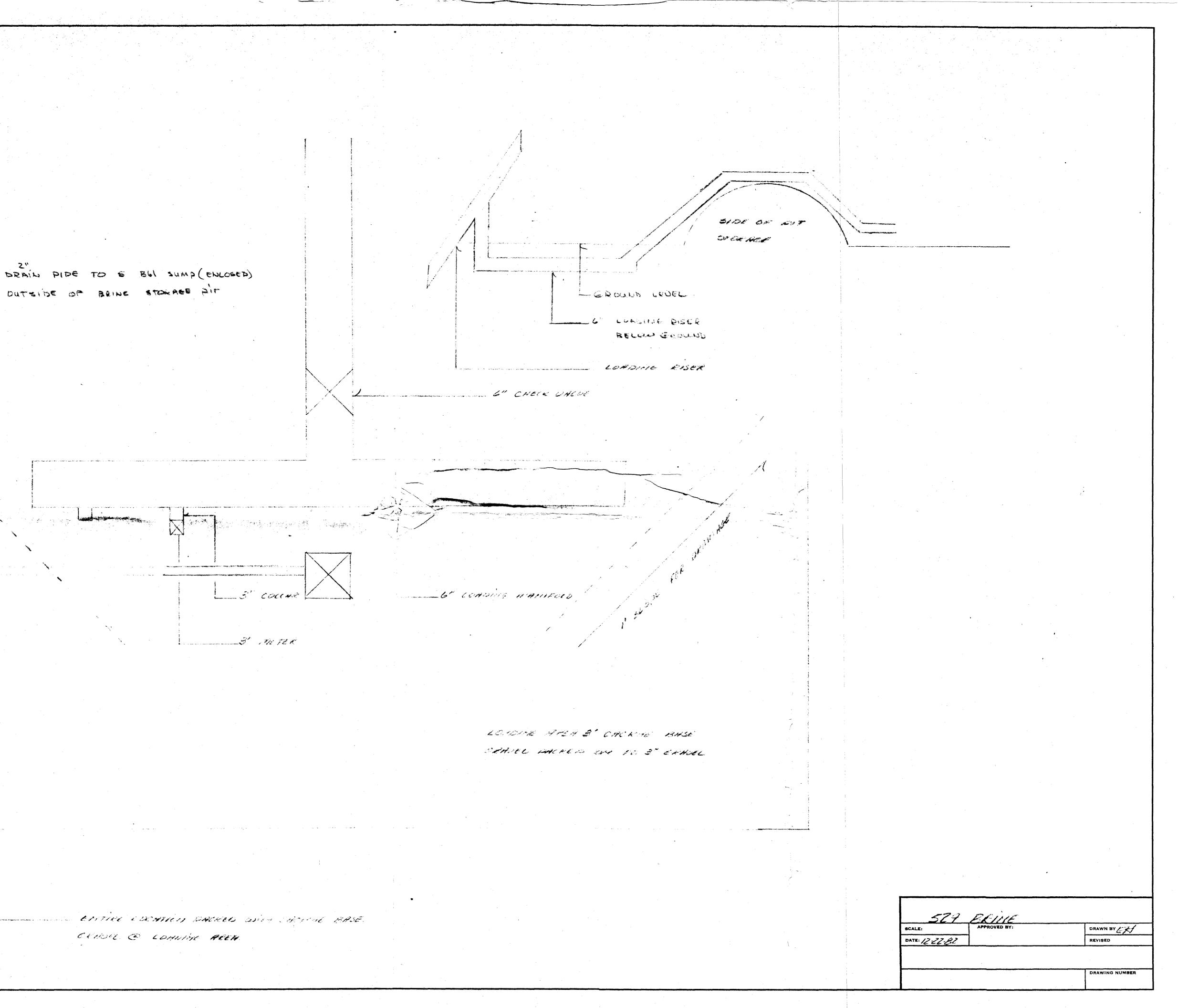




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Hobbs, New Mexico December 22, 1982 DEC 27 100 DEC 27 100 CONSERVATION DIVISION DANTA FE

Mr. Oscar Simpson, III Water Resource Specialist State Land Office Building Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Please find enclosed complete descriptive procedure plans, well completion schematic and other pertinent information required by the State Engineer for the operation of this brine well.

Also, find included copies of mining permits and other pertinent data as required by the U. S. G. S.

If we can be of further assistance to you, or if there is other aded ditional information required, please contact us at Post Office Box 24 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

ery truly yours, ERNIE HEGWER

P. O. Box 24 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

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Hobbs, New Mexico December 22, 1982

- Re: Discharge Plan for Brine Facility Located in Section 31, T-16-S, R-35-E, NMPM 30175 32 Z Lea County, New Mexico
- 2) Under Section No. of Section 3-106, Page 25
 - a) Wëll has currently been completed and no brine has been producted to establish quality on monthly basis production. We will include these figures as soon as production begins.
 - b) We are submitting an analysis of brine water production to your office.
 - c) Including detailed flow diagram.

Also, water supply information, storage, loading and reclamation for spills. Including photographs

3) Under Item 2 of Section 3-106, Page 25

Including topographic map of the U. S. G. S. and location of well.

- 4) Under Item 3 of Section 3-106, Page 25
- To the best of our knowledge, there is no ground water beneath our facility.
- 5) Under Item 4 of Section 3-106, Page 25

There is no flooding potential to our brine facility. Find included topographic maps .

6) Under Item No. 5 of Section 3-106, Page 25

Brine samples can be obtained at the well head or from the brine storage pit.

7) Under Item No. 6 of Section 3-106, Page 25

Find enclosed, well log describing formation underlying brine facility.

Find enclosed topographic map of salt from the OCD Hobbs District Office.

Page #2

- 8) Find enclosed a schematic which illustrates a leak detection system.
- 9) There are no fresh water wells within two miles radius of our facility.
- 10) Enclosed is well schematic drawing of brine well.
- 11) Our fresh water tap is metered for total barrels from Double Eagle Water Line from City of Carlsbad, which is located .7 miles west.

Sales meters will be installed at the loading manifold. An accurate accounting procedure, accompanied by meter readings monthly and all other operating information records will be kept at our office.

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(\$5,000.00), lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the United States, for the use and benefit of (1) the United States and (2) any owner of a portion of the land subject to the coverage of this bond, who has a statutory right to compensation in connection with a reservation of the above mentioned deposits to the United States. For such payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, jointly and severally, by these presents.

The condition of the foregoing obligation is such that, whereas, by permit bearing the above serial number, the permittee has been granted the exclusive right to prospect for the above mentioned deposits on or under the land described in the permit; and whereas any owner of a portion of the land who has a statutory right to compensation as specified herein, is entitled to security for payment of certain damages caused to the land by reason of prospecting for the above mentioned deposits.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said principal, his heirs, executors, administrators, or successors, shall fully comply with all of the terms and conditions of said permit or of any extension thereof authorized by law, use all reasonable precautions to prevent damage to the deposits, leave the premises in a safe condition upon the termination of said permit, and compensate the surface owner or claimant, if any, for damages to the land as by law required, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed on this 30th day of August

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* This form of bond may be used in connection with potassium permits, Act of February 7, 1927 (44 Stat. 1057, et seq.), as amended: coal, sodium, and phosphate permits, Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437, et seq.), as amended; and all such permits involving acquired lands, Act of August 7, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351), by inserting the particular mineral applicable in the space provided therefor. This form is for use where the permit covers either public lands or lands embraced in an entry or patent subject to a reservation of potassium, phosphate, or sodium deposits to the United States under the Act of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509; 30 U.S.C. 121-123); of coal pursuant to the Act of June 22, 1910 (36 Stat. 583; 30 U.S.C. 83-85), of coal in Alaska, pursuant to the Act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 415; 48 U.S.C. 376-377); or of sulphur pursuant to the Act of March 4, 1933 (47 Stat. 1570; 30 U.S.C. 124). If this bond is executed by a corporation, it must bear the corporate seal.

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Mr. Ernie L. Hegwer 518 Zia · Hobbs, NM 88240

Dear Mr. Hegwer:

Enclosed is sodium prospecting permit NM 53332 issued effective October 1, 1982.

The United Pacific Insurance Company Bond No. U28 36 13 issued August 30, 1982, in the amount of \$5,000.00 as surety and Ernie L. Hegwer as principal is hereby accepted.

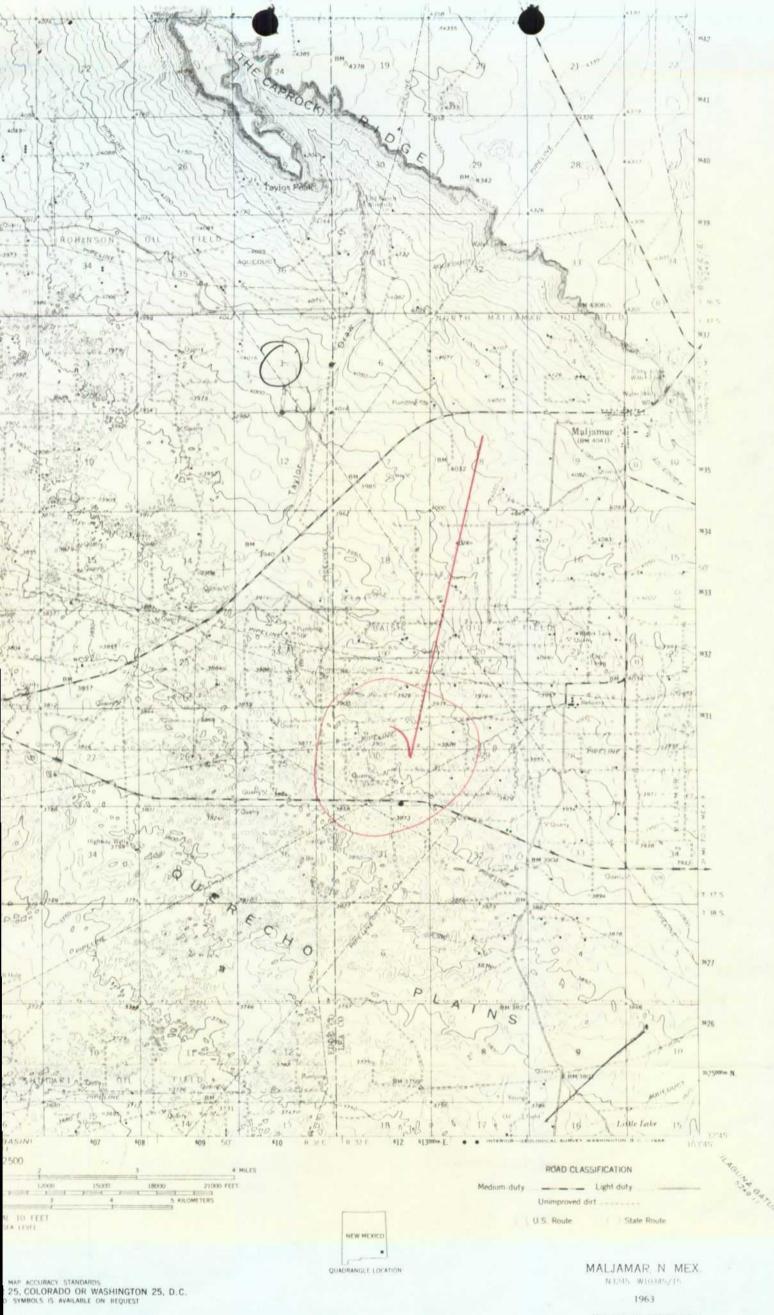
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Acting Chief, Mining Unit

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Enclosure Sodium Prospecting Permit w/stips.

cc: United Pacific Insurance Company wo/encl. c/o Daniels Insurance, Inc. P. O. Box 1258 Hobbs, NM 88240



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Ernie Hagwire P.O. Box 24 Hobbs, NM 88240

> RE: Request for Discharge Plan for Brine Facility in Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) regulations, you are hereby notified that the filing of a discharge plan for your brine well is required.

On September 20, 1982, Part 5, <u>Water Quality Control -- Underground Injection</u>, pages 41-70, a new section to the WQCC regulations became effective.

The Oil Conservation Division classifies your type of operation as an in situ extraction process whereby injection well(s) are used for mineral (salt) extraction. Please refer to the definition of "in situ extraction well" in Section 1-101. cc. page 4 of the regulations.

On pages 24 and 25 of the Water Quality Control Commission regulations (WQCC) in Section 3-106 (c) there are eight questions that must be addressed and incorporated in your discharge plan. Please follow the outline by supplying a descriptive and detailed narrative for each of these items. I have enclosed examples of questions from the OCD to other brine operators which only had to comply with Part 3. You will have to comply with Parts 3 and 5. The other operators only had to comply with Part 3 because their discharge plans can be approved before December 20, 1982. A 90-day grace period was given to existing operators in which to submit and have approved a discharge plan. This 90-day period allowed present operators to come under only Part 3 instead of both 3 and 5.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to call Oscar Simpson at (505) 827-5822. Mr. Simpson has been assigned responsibility for review of all discharge plans and can be very helpful with any filing you make.

Sincerely, Comey O.A.S.

Joe D. Ramey Division Director

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Enc. cc: Hobbs District Office



