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February 13, 1992

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Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Attention: William J. Lemay

Re: Lovington Paddock/San Andres
N/2 Section 6, T17S-R37E
Rebecca Caylor Property
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Greenhill Petroleum Corporation is the current Operator of the Lovington Paddock/San Andres Unit Area which includes the N/2 of Section 6, T17S-R37E. The surface owner of this property is Rebecca Caylor Rice. She is also the owner of a very small royalty interest.

Greenhill has experienced numerous problems with Mrs. Rice as have the previous Operators which were Texaco and Getty. The problems appear to be related to the amount of compensation for surface damages as a result of our operations on her property. A major hurdle is her demand for damages based on \$3000.00 per acre land valuation. Greenhill has offered her \$2000.00 per drillsite location which eventually comprises less than one acre. We consider this offer quite reasonable because other surface owners have agreed to \$1000.00 per location for fifty (50) plus well locations we have drilled in the area. It is hard for Greenhill to justify paying the \$3000.00 per acre for surface damages when the tax roll indicates an assessed land value of \$6.07 per acre. The County Agent informed me that land at an Estate Sale in this area could be purchased for \$100.00 per acre. Therefore, we believe the \$2000.00 per location we have offered is quite fair. We also have similar problems with Mrs. Rice covering all other types of surface damages which we do not have with other surface owners.

Greenhill has tried to cooperate with her and we feel that we have been a good Operator. It appears that her complaints are always centered around obtaining more money. Greenhill has forwarded two (2) settlement checks to Mrs. Rice's attorney with precise details of damages based on higher land values than are paid in surrounding areas. These have all been rejected in an effort to set a precedent for higher land value and damage claims.

Mr. William J. Lemay
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Please contact me in the event you need additional information relating to our operations on Mrs. Rice's property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Newport".

Michael J. Newport
Land Manager - Permian Basin

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cc: Jerry Sexton

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February 6, 1992

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DEPUTY SECRETARY

Mr. C. Robert Rice
1315 E. Bender, #10
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Dear Mr. Rice:

I have received your correspondence, postmarked January 21, 1992, stating your concerns about prevention and remediation of oil spills associated with the oil and gas industry. I am enclosing the response from Mr. William J. LeMay, Director, Oil Conservation Division, dated January 31, 1992, that addressed your concerns.

Let me assure you our Department and the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) share your concerns for protection of the environment. The OCD has and continues to work with the general public, environmental groups and industry to develop reasonable rules and regulations, pursuant to statutory requirements and limitations, to prevent ground water contamination and for timely remediation of ground water that is or may become contaminated by accidental spills or leaks.

I appreciate your response from my previous correspondence, and hope your concerns have or will be alleviated following the planned assessment by the OCD Environmental Bureau.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bill LeMay, Director of the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe.

Sincerely:

Anita Lockwood
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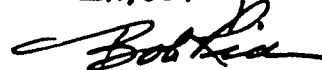


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TAKEN BY
RAY SMITH

January 20, 1992

Mr Bill LeMay
Director Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
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Where there is a spill and the oil is not removed decades later there are only a few annual weeds growing. no grass, large bare areas only.

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Enclosures: photos

Ms. Lockwoods May 24, 1991 letter

Photo copy to Ms Lockwood.

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Photos for White Rockwater
Texas Near Mexico Pipeline
50881 Peak on Jan 1990

Photos taken Jan 1992
2 years later.

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Texas New Mexico Pipeline
Leak 50 Bbl. Jan 1990

This photo taken
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT NO. P-327-278-283

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In addition to the Environmental Geologist, whose duties include the investigation of contamination complaints and evaluation of requirements for remediation of spill events, a taskforce has been created by the OCD to investigate and develop recommendations for rules and/or regulations that will upgrade and insure the integrity of New Mexico's aging infrastructure in the oil and gas industry.

Remediation of accidental spill events requires site specific investigation and actions. The individual OCD Districts require different methods and levels of remediation due to the geologic and hydrologic diversity of their districts. To assist the general public and the oil and gas industry in interpreting the OCD's requirements for prevention and remediation of spill events a statewide policy is being developed.

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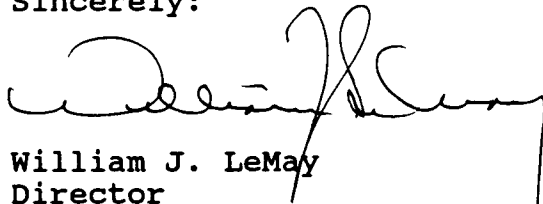
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Roger Anderson, Acting Environmental Bureau Chief, at the above address or at (505) 827-5812.

Sincerely:

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William J. LeMay
Director

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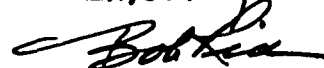


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Old Burning Pt
as of Jan. 1992



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Texas New Mexico Pipeline
50 B61 leak on Jan 1990

This photo taken
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D.F.A.		Tax. & Revenue		Other	Oil Conservation						

FROM:

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DISPOSITION:

- ☒ Please investigate review and prepare a reply for Governor's signature ☐ For your attention/information/handling
☐ Please answer, sending a copy of your letter to me ☐ For your comment and return
☐ Please see me on this ☐ For your files
☐ C Robert Rise

SUBJECT:

DATE REQUEST RECEIVED

4-8-91

DATE ASSIGNED

4-18-91

ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

INSTRUCTIONS:

ASSIGNEE COMMENTS:

Letter completed after return of NM/Tex Pipeline Company call to OGD, 5/17. District office report enclosed; photographs on file at OGD-Santa Fe

Response Prepared By:

David Boyer (x5812), OGD

Typed by:

Reviewed and Approved By:

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING OR CONVERSATION

☒ Telephone ☐ Personal

Time
10 AM

Date
5/17

Originating Party

Other Parties

David Boyer CC &

Bernie Lednicky 393-2135
Manager Texas-NM Pipeline

Subject Robert Rice Complaint

Discussion

I asked Mr. Lednicky whether he was familiar with the incident. He said he was and also was negotiating with Mr. Rice on other issues. Regarding the January 23, 1990, spill, he said the land was fertilized with poultry manure and seeded. Prior to that the only soil was mixed with clean soil and diked.

Conclusions or Agreements

I asked if he would be willing to work on a technical committee to study prevention and remediation issues. He agreed to do so.

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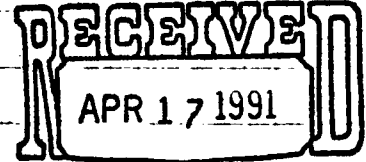
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District 1 - Spills

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ST. CORP. COMM.

PIPELINE DEPT.

I wish to call your attention to a problem we are having with Texas New Mexico Pipeline Company and my unsuccessful attempt to have this matter addressed. The parties responsible for these and other environment problems, created by oil company operations, have not to date taken care of same.

In January 1990, Texas New Mexico Pipeline had an oil leak in a 4 inch high pressure pipeline which completely covered approximately 1/2 acre of land. This land was completely oil covered and utterly destroyed. We requested Texas New Mexico Pipeline to haul off the oily soil and to replace it with clean soil. This the pipeline company refused to do. Your local E.I.D. recommended that the soil be removed and new soil installed and reseeded and reported same to local O.C.D., but as of this date 4/3/91, nothing has been accomplished. E.I.D. pointed out when they viewed this damage in 1990 they were concerned about cattle contamination and water

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contamination.

Decades ago one of the operators had a burning pit, right in the center of this property, and moved off leaving same. The very best we could ever do was to get one of the many subsequent operators to level off the pit. There is, however, a large black area of an acre or so of ugly land in the middle of the property where nothing will grow. I have had no success with D.C.O. in this matter.

On an adjacent property, there is an abandoned Tank Battery which will cost many thousands of dollars to remove. The original major oil operator is long gone, but the eyesore and environmental problem remains. On the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 6 remains a huge slush pit, 3 or 4 feet high, which was abandoned decades ago by another one of the majors. In the rare periods of wet weather, it has overflowed and caused problems. In no way could an individual landowner afford to remove such a problem. I also question the ability of the subsequent independent operators to remove same due to the high cost and their financial status. I have heard from reliable source this is true in other locations. When they move out

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the electric lines and poles are left, the cement platforms and anything of value that is less than cost to move it.

I have been told by the OCD there are no set of operating rules that the oil companies are forced to operate by.

The situation is developing similar to the rape of Eastern Pennsylvania by the Coal Barons. They took their money and ran. Now the state is trying to reclaim the land with a Surtax on every ton of coal produced. The burden of payment is on someone else.

I am sure that in most other areas of the United States a pipeline Company would be forced to clean-up and promptly. I do not understand why your New Mexico Office, in charge of such matters, will not accept responsibility.

Very truly yours

C. Robert Rice

Please read
See enclosure

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1315 E. Bender #10
Hobbs NM. 88240



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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

BRUCE KING
GOVERNOR

POST OFFICE BOX 1980
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April 23, 1991

Bill LeMay
Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

SUBJECT: LETTER TO GOVERNOR KING
FROM MR. RICE CONCERNING
OCD POLICY.

I am attaching pictures of the leak Mr. Rice refers to. The pictures show: 1&2) The area when the leak was found with oil still there. 3&4) The soil hauled in to cover the spill. 5) The spill area later on, with weeds growing.

To have the above pictures are not normal, but over the years all companies want us to verify any problems which occur on this lease. For this reason and to be able to show fairness by the Oil Conservation Division, this lease is inspected by the OCD more than any other lease in Lea County.

The clean up the Texas New Mexico Pipeline is normal and conforms to the standards we require. There are only (2) two places in Southeast New Mexico where this oily dirt can be removed to. It has been found that leaving the soils where the leak occurs does less environmental harm than any other disposal means that can be economically done at this time.

Mr. Rice's reference to the Environmental Improvement Division cannot be checked as everyone who was with the EID at that time has quit. Normally they call us to handle oilfield problems. I question whether Texas-New Mexico was told by the EID to remove the oily dirt.

The Penroc battery is a normal tank battery in which the operator installed a new separator and that is the tank Mr. Rice refers to for separating the gas & liquid.

Bill LeMay
April 23, 1991
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We have inspected it for safety and have also had an inspector from the EID look over the tank battery and they were satisfied with the situation. I believe the Sheriff's Department also looked into the problem and the last time I talked to them they were satisfied.

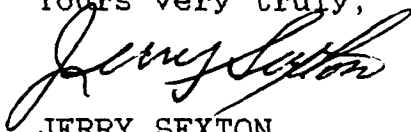
I have also had a complaint from the owner of Penroc about Mr. Rice contacting K & S Electric to have Penroc's electrical equipment removed. I considered this a legal problem and not one which the OCD had authority to do anything about.

To make a long story short the Hobbs OCD office has much pride in the way we treat people and that we are responsive to anyone's problem. Normally we can get most arguments somewhat settled between ranchers and the oil industry. Although either side may not like our ruling, they accept the OCD as being fair and consistent.

We have been working with the Rice's for some seven or eight years, but their respect has not changed, yet we will continue to work toward this goal.

A large file is maintained on the Rices' property if any additional information is requested let me know.

Yours very truly,

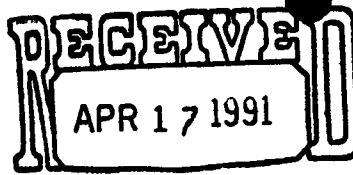


JERRY SEXTON
District Supervisor I

JS/sad

Enclosures - Pictures
Letter-needs no comment

✓ cc: Dave Boyer



ST. CORP. COMM.
PIPELINE DIV.

March 26 1991

Eddie Seay
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
District 1 - 1000 W. Broadway
Hobbs New Mexico 88240
Dear Eddie,

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The first is the refusal of the Texas New Mexico Pipeline Company to clean up their leak of January 1990. Unless they are made to haul off the oily soil and replace it with new soil, and there are places which accept this contaminated soil there will be a large black spot on the surface of the property hundreds of years from now. The situation will be the same as the acre or so black spot from an old burning pit which was abandoned right in the center of the property. Oil is

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These Companies are paid well for their services and should budget monies for these clean-ups. They should not be allowed to thrash the land the land then just move away. Also as the pipelines become older they will be subject to more and more leaks.

The Penroc tank battery is a potentially dangerous situation. It appears the separator is not working properly. The tank battery is located in the center of the property and some days the smell is so bad it makes you sick to be on the property. The location is such that all the other operators are forced to drive directly passed the battery to get to their locations. There has already been two men killed on the property from H_2S gas. There are complaints from the White Rock Estates and various persons from the odors on highway 18.

In order to make the gas acceptable to Phillips pipeline Penroc has installed a tank in the field which he uses

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There appears to be no guarantee that this present tank will not also freeze and is causing an additional hazard by not being in the fenced area of the tank battery. I can see no reason why Penroc can take additional property away from the landowner simply because Penroc does not wish to expend the resources to repair their separator.

I also do not believe that the tank Battery is equipped with a vapor recovery unit. The failure of the separator causes H_2S gas to be transported in the water to the salt water disposal which causes problems at that location. All in all

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Considering the very, very, dangerous situation in regards to H_2S gas I do not see why this operator Petroc has not been made to clean up their act. Someone in authority should address this situation before there is fatality number three or more.

In addition at the Petroc 4F well the well head collects contaminated water, which could be detrimental to livestock, wildlife, or surface water etc. This well should have been covered or filled in when the well was abandoned 2+ years ago. The well site should have been cleared of trash and debris.

Very truly yours
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February 7, 1989

Mrs. Rice
RD 3 Box 2254
Birdsboro, Pa. 19508

Mrs. Rice:

The Oil Conservation Division does not have any written rules & regulations which govern payment of damages by oilfield spills & leaks. Damage payments are to be worked out between landowner & operator.

In addition, there are no written rules for cleanup of spills and leaks. All cleanups from leaks and spills are determined by each appropriate District office and its field personnel.

Since no spill or leak is the same nor affects the area the same, written guidelines would not be appropriate. It is all determined on a leak by spill case.

All transmission lines and pipelines carrying oilfield production, by-products or oilfield waste is governed by OCD Rules & Regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eddie W. Seay".

Eddie W. Seay,
Field Representative Supervisor

EWS:jm

RD 3 Box 2254
Birdsboro, Pa 19508
January 27, 1989

Eddie W Seay
Oil Conservation Division
PO Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1980

Dear Eddie:

We really need to know two points of information in regards to New Mexico state rules and regulations. The first, are there any set rules and guidelines in regards to clean up of oil spills and damage due to oil field operations? The second, we need to know if the Oil Commission or any other state agency has guidelines that would govern payments for oil field damage? Do transmission pipelines come under same rules and regulations as pipelines used in oil field operations on fee property?

If there are regulations we need copy of same. If there are no regulations we need to know that also. Any charges for copy or books we will be happy to forward to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. Robert Rice
Rebecca Jane Caylor Rice

1-24-90

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE, BREAKS, SPILLS, LEAKS, AND BLOWOUTS

NAME OF OPERATOR TEXAS-NEW MEXICO PIPE LINE CO					ADDRESS Box 2528, Hobbs, N.M. 88240			
REPORT OF	FIRE	BREAK	SPILL	LEAK X	BLOWOUT	OTHER*		
TYPE OF FACILITY	DRUG WELL	PROD WELL	TANK BTTY	PIPE LINE X	GASO PLNT	OIL RFY	OTHER*	
NAME OF FACILITY 4" Gathering Line								
LOCATION OF FACILITY (QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION OR FOOTAGE DESCRIPTION) SE/4 NW/4					SEC. 6	TWP. 17	RGE. 37	COUNTY Lea
DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR PROMINENT LANDMARK					5 Miles South of Lovington			
DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURENCE Unknown				DATE AND HOUR OF DISCOVERY 1/23/90 3:00 P.M.				
WAS IMMEDIATE NOTICE GIVEN?		YES X	NO	NOT REQUIRED	IF YES, NMOCC - J. Marshbanks TO WHOM SCC - D. Trujillo			
BY WHOM		NMOCC - B.D. Chapman		DATE		NMOCC - 1/23/90 4:50 P.M.		
		SCC - C. Johnson		AND HOUR		SCC - 1/24/90 10:00 a.m.		
TYPE OF FLUID LOST Sour Crude				QUANTITY OF LOSS 50 BBLS		VOLUME RECOVERED -0-		
DID ANY FLUIDS REACH A WATERCOURSE?		YES	NO X	QUANTITY				
IF YES, DESCRIBE FULLY**								
DESCRIBE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN**								
External Corrosion								
Line clamped off								
DESCRIBE AREA AFFECTED AND CLEANUP ACTION TAKEN**								
8,000 sq ft pasture land								
Oil soaked earth covered with fresh soil in prospects of full restoration								
DESCRIPTION OF AREA	FARMING		GRAZING X		URBAN		OTHER*	
SURFACE CONDITIONS	SANDY	SANDY LOAM X	CLAY	ROCKY	WET	DRY X	SNOW	
DESCRIBE GENERAL CONDITIONS PREVAILING (TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, ETC.)**								
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF								
SIGNED		B. L. Lednický				TITLE Dist. Manager		DATE 1/15/90

*SPECIFY

**ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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cc: Hazardous Waste Section
N.M. Environmental Improvement Div

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Mr LeMay.

This Tank Battery is really an unsafe operation There is H_2S all over this field. Eddie tells me he has no authority to force them to do anything,

Bob Rice