

September 2, 1955

Mr. Richard B. Laing
P. O. Box 26
Mountainair, New Mexico

Re: Sanchez No. 1
NW/4 SW/4 Section 23
T-2N, R-4E
Socorro County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Receipt of the Plugging Report on the above well is hereby acknowledged, although on the report it is referred to as the Richard B. Laing Federal No. 1. However, we assume that this well is on patented land owned by Mr. Antonio Sanchez as was originally reported on the Notice of Intention to Drill.

Prior to any approval of the Plugging Report and subsequent release of the bond, several items are brought to mind which may bear mentioning at this time.

In the first place, there is no evidence in our files that any Form C-103 had ever previously been filed on this well. This should have been done on several occasions: when the well was spudded; when surface pipe was set; and when the 5 1/2" pipe was set. These reports should detail the depth at which the casing was set, how much cement if any was used and what test was made of the shut-off obtained.

Secondly, no C-105, Well Record, has ever been received. This record is due within 20 days after completion of a well or is to accompany the Notice of Intention to Plug if the well is to be plugged.

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Very truly yours,

Secretary