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Post Office Box 68 Hobbs, New Mexico

What do you think, July 6, 1965

File: VES-177-436

Subject: Bradenhead Leaks

Tarry Tr-1#11 I 19-19-38

Mr. J. D. Ramey Proration Manager New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Post Office Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 27, 1965, requested that casinghead leaks be repaired by the end of May, 1965, on the Terry Tract 2 No. 13, Leech No. 24 and the Terry Tract 1 No. 11. The problem presented by these wells in each instance consisted of a small stream of water continually flowing out of the cellar aided by gas escaping from an unknown source down the hole in each well. An unsuccessful attempt was made to kill this gas in each zone by pumping heavy drilling mud down the surface and intermediate casing strings. Attached are diagrams depicting the subsurface equipment in the wells. Since this work was unsuccessful, remedial work was instituted on the Terry Tract 1 No. 11.

It was believed that gas was coming from the 8-5/8"-10-3/4" annulus from the Yates or Bowers section. To eliminate this gas source, the 5-1/2"-8-5/8" strings were perforated at approximately 1630-32. After isolating the Hobbs pay, circulation was then established and the 8-5/8"-10-3/4" annulus cemented with 300 sacks with 50 sacks circulated. The well was then restored to production.

This cement job failed to eliminate the water seepage and gas bubbling at the surface. It was then thought that possibly the surface water had been charged by the gas which was now shut off, and a relief hole might speed up bleed off of this charged condition. A hole was drilled to 152 feet through the Ogalalla water sand 10 feet from the cellar of the Terry Tract 1 No. 11, and no gas was detected. The fluid level stands at 31 feet from the surface. This is further supported by windmills in the immediate area of the leaking wells which show no traces of gas. Thus, the work on the Terry Tract 1 No. 11 conclusively shows no evidence of subsurface hydrocarbon contamination of fresh waters.

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An old analysis of a Triassic water (450 feet deep) shows a favorable comparison with that obtained from the cellars of the three wells. These analyses are shown on Attachment No. 1.

The remedial work performed on the Terry Tract 1 No. 11 did not accomplish the objective of shutting off the gas and water flow, and the other two wells are considered to be similar cases. Since no contamination of fresh waters is indicated, it is requested that observation of the Terry Tract 1 No. 11 be continued in lieu of further work to determine if a gas shut off was obtained which may exhaust itself in time.

Yours very truly,

V. E. Staley Area Superintendent

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

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