

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ON
ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT THE LAST
KNOWN OPERATOR, COAL CREEK OIL COMPANY
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO
APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE GRAHAM
WELL NO. 1 (API NO. 30-045-08066)
LOCATED 1520 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE
AND 1120 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE IN
THE NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 (UNIT H) OF SECTION
20, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST,
NMPM, SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO SHOULD
NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH A DIVISION APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.**

**CASE NO. 11204
Order No. R-10325**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on March 2, 1995, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 7th day of March, 1995, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

- (1) Due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) The witness in this matter, Johnny Robinson, Deputy Oil and Gas Inspector of the Division, testified via telephone from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District Office in Aztec, New Mexico.
- (3) Coal Creek Oil Company is the last known owner and operator of the Graham Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-08066) located approximately 1520 feet from the North line and 1120 feet from the East line in the NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(4) On December 22, 1988, A Division Inspector discovered the subject well "uncapped" with 12-inch casing at ground level.

(5) Division records indicate that the Graham Well No. 1 was drilled in 1925 to a total depth of approximately 682 feet. The well has 12-inch casing set at an unknown depth.

(6) Division records indicate that the Graham Well No. 1 is not currently covered by a plugging bond.

(7) Division attempts to reach representatives of Coal Creek Oil Company have been unsuccessful.

(8) No interested parties appeared at the hearing, either in support of or in opposition to this matter.

(9) The current condition of the subject well is such that if actions to properly plug and abandon this well are not taken, the well could pose a potential hazard to life and property, waste may occur, correlative rights may be violated, and/or fresh waters may be contaminated.

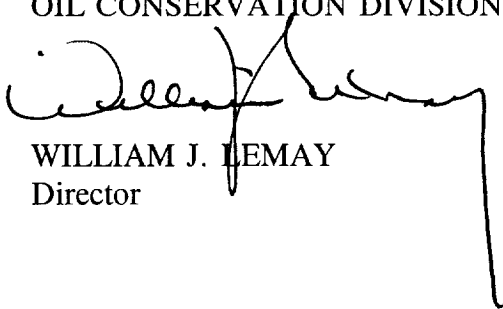
(10) The Graham Well No. 1, as described above, should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as soon as possible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Supervisor of the Division's Aztec District Office is hereby authorized to direct the commencement of plugging operations on the Graham Well No. 1 (API No. 30-045-08066) located approximately 1520 feet from the North line and 1120 feet from the East line in the NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 (Unit H) of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) Jurisdiction is hereby retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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