

*Entered November 4, 1974*  
*A.S.P.*

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 5344  
Order No. R-4898

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY  
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS  
OWN MOTION TO PERMIT AMERICAN FUELS  
CORPORATION AND AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY  
COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES  
TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTAIN AMERICAN  
FUELS WELLS ON THE W-S RANCH IN COLFAX COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING  
PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on October 16,  
1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 4th day of November, 1974, the Commission,  
a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the  
record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being  
fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required  
by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the  
subject matter thereof.

(2) That American Fuels Corporation is the owner and  
operator of the following described wells in Colfax County:

NM-B Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6,  
Township 30 North, Range 19 East;

NM-B Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 16,  
Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 18,  
Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 30,  
Township 30 North, Range 19 East; and

NM-B Well No. 10, located in Unit N of Section 24,  
Township 31 North, Range 19 East.

(3) That the surface locations of said Wells Nos. 1, 2,  
5, and 10 have not been cleaned and levelled as required by  
Commission Rules and Regulations.

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(4) That Commission Form C-105 "Well Log" has not been filed with the Commission for said Wells Nos. 4, 5, and 10 as required by Commission Rules and Regulations.

(5) That said Wells Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 10 are not capable of production in commercial quantities.

(6) That in order to confine all oil, gas, and water to the strata in which they are found, said Wells 2, 4, 5, and 10 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program on or before February 1, 1975.

(7) That the surface locations of said Wells Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 10 should be cleaned and levelled in accordance with Commission Rules and Regulations.

(8) That Commission's Form C-105 "Well Log" should be filed with reference to said Wells Nos. 4, 5, and 10.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the following wells in Colfax County, New Mexico, on or before February 1, 1975:

NM-B Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 30, Township 30 North, Range 19 East; and

NM-B Well No. 10, located in Unit N of Section 24, Township 31 North, Range 19 East.

(2) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company are hereby ordered to clean and level the surface location of Wells Nos. 2, 5, and 10, as described in Order No. (1) above, and the NM-B Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 19 East, NMPM, Colfax County, New Mexico, in accordance with Commission Rules and Regulations on or before February 1, 1975.

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(4) That American Fuels Corporation is hereby ordered to complete and submit to the Commission on or before January 1, 1975, Commission Form C-105, "Well Log" for the NM-B Wells Nos. 4, 5, and 10 as described above.

(5) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I. R. TRUJILLO, Chairman



ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member



A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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