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William R. Humphries
Commissioner of Public Lands
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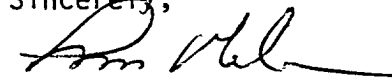
Dear Commissioner Humphries:

In 1989 Hunt Oil Company of Dallas, Texas drilled an exploratory well in State section 16, sw1/4sw1/4, T3S, R13W on my lease No. GS-2118. Hunt Oil guaranteed in writing that the location would be cleaned, contoured and reseeded as soon as the pits had dried. Since this is now the case, I would appreciate your informing the company that the cleanup should be performed. Down wire and the presence of the pits make the immediate area unsafe for cattle.

Another matter with regard to this well should be resolved. Since it was a dry hole, Hunt offered to release all interest in and responsibility for the well to me so that the well might be used at some future time as a livestock well. However, I have not been informed of any existing procedure for such release. I recommend that the well be sealed and not considered an improvement, since it serves no purpose at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Thomas Merlan