

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

April 7, 1960

Tri-State Insurance Company
P. O. Box 1469
Tulsa, Oklahoma

ATTENTION: Mr. R. L. Chance

Re: Hawaiian-New Mexico Oil Ventures Well No. 1,
SW/4 SW/4 of Section 27, Township 7 North,
Range 4 West, Valencia County, New Mexico,
drilled under a bond from your company.

Gentlemen:

Confirming our telephone conversation of April 7, 1960 to
your Mr. R. L. Chance, the following are a few of the available
drillers who would be able to plug the subject well:

"AA" Drilling Company, 2030 Tapia Boulevard, SW,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

E. D. Bennett Drilling Company, 5910 Tokay NE,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. H. P. Doty, P. O. Box 8087, Albuquerque,
New Mexico

Mr. C. L. Farris, 2600 Vermont Avenue, NE,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A & L Drilling Company, 1009 East Santa Fe,
Grants, New Mexico

Eppa L. Lake, Box 439, Belen, New Mexico

Mr. W. D. Cherry, Belen, New Mexico

Mr. R. L. Newberry, P. O. Box 77, Socorro,
New Mexico

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The operator of the subject well never furnished the required forms advising the Oil Commission as to how the well was drilled, the condition of the hole and the conditions encountered therein, even though such a demand was repeatedly made by this office. By examining the Scout Reports, it appears that the well was drilled to a total depth of 3604 feet. It was spudded on 10-20-58 and apparently the operator quit drilling on 8-5-59. Ten and three-quarter inch casing was set at 120 feet and cemented with 100 sacks. If it is necessary to plug the well from top to bottom with cement, we estimate that it will take some 1800 sacks to accomplish this work.

If you can find out from the principal how the well was drilled, what conditions were encountered and what the condition of the hole is, our District Engineer could probably devise a normal plugging program which in all probability would not take over 200 sacks of cement. However, when the Commission does not have adequate data on a well the only acceptable plugging program in order to adequately protect the fresh waters and the oil and gas bearing strata has to be a cement plug from top to bottom.

Mr. Vernon O. Gardner, 2132 Freemont Drive, Oklahoma City 20, Oklahoma, advised us on October 8, 1959 that he would file the well records with us the following week. These were never forthcoming, but his letter does indicate that they are available somewhere. So it would behoove you, in the interest of a cheaper plugging program, to somehow force the principal or Mr. Vernon Gardner, their agent, to furnish this information to you so that a drilling company would have some idea of how much to bid on the job.

I would like to emphasize, however, that in any event this well does have to be plugged and it has to be plugged in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

OLIVER E. PAYNE
Special Assistant Attorney General

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