



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

P. O. Box 997  
Roswell, New Mexico

March 2, 1953

Fort Sumner Oil and Gas Company  
Vega, Texas

Re: New Mexico 0973

Attention: Mr. Kenneth Cook, President

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your undated "Notice of Intention to Abandon" received February 25, 1953, covering your well No. 3 Watkins, located on the subject leasehold in the ~~NE~~<sup>SE</sup> sec. 26, T. 5 N., R. 23 E., N.M.P.M., Guadalupe County, New Mexico.

Your proposed work is hereby approved. Although you have not as of this date submitted logs of the well, available information indicates that conditions of the No. 3 Watkins are virtually the same as those encountered in No. 1 Watkins. Approximately the same number of feet of pipe was run in both wells. Accordingly, the plugging program for No. 3 Watkins should be essentially the same as that outlined in our February 10 letter for No. 1 Watkins. This was discussed with Mr. Nipper of Pampa, Texas, who is plugging No. 1 Watkins for you and who said that you also had engaged him to plug No. 3 Watkins. When the "Subsequent Reports of Abandonment" for No. 1 and No. 3 Watkins are submitted for approval, please furnish logs of No. 3 Watkins and state whether the pits have been filled, locations leveled, and whether they are in condition for final inspection by this office.

Our letter of February 10, 1953, advised, among other reports due, that a "Subsequent Report of Abandonment" was due for Domain Drilling and Exploration Company well No. 2 Watkins on the subject leasehold in the ~~SW~~<sup>SE</sup> sec. 26. As an inspection of the location on February 26 revealed that plugging operations on the No. 2 Watkins well never has been completed and also the pits have not been filled nor the location leveled, the "Subsequent Report of Abandonment" for this well will not be due until such work has been completed; however, the other reports mentioned are requested at this time. This is called to your attention in the event that you, as leasee, might desire to engage Mr. Nipper to complete the plugging of the No. 2 Watkins well and install a regulation marker while he is doing other work on the leasehold.

Very truly yours,

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District Engineer