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STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

Adams and McGahey 1407 West 6th Avenue Amarillo, Texas

Attention: Mr. John W. Adams

Subject: Abandoned wells, Harding County, New Mexico. Unit P, Section 9, Township 21 North, Range 30 East, Gonzales #2, Unit B, Section 16, Township 21 North, Range 30, Adams & McGahey #1, Unit H, Section 32, Township 21 North, Range 30 East, Gonzales "A" #1.

Dear Sir:

It has been called to our attention that wells at the above described locations have been shut in or abandoned without proper plugging for a considerable length of time. As the attached copy of a memorandum (which was sent to all operators in New Mexico more than one year ago) indicates, such abandonments are not permissible. See also Rule 303 of the Commission's Regulations pertaining to non-productive un-plugged wells.

Because of the alarming increase in the number of abandoned wells in this state, a concentrated effort to eliminate or minimize the pollution and/or waste potential is required. For this reason, a public hearing scheduled for August 18, 1976, will consider the matter of your wells identified above. A copy of the docket will be mailed to you prior to that date.

If you have questions concerning the foregoing or have reason to believe that the proposed hearing is uncalled for, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly.

Carl Ulvag

District Tv Supervisor