



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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Mr. Jack Franklin
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Dallas, Texas 75225

Subject: Astro-Tex Oil Corp. of N. M.
Olympic State Well No. 1,
Unit M, Section 27, Township
16 North, Range 33 East,
Harding County, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

The most recent information in the Commission's files pertaining to the subject operation is a Form C-103 submitted 5/29/75. According to this report, drilling was proceeding "below 1000 feet". A number of events have since occurred, which should have been reported on the proper forms but have not yet been received in this office.

On or about June 15, 1975, the subject well was at a depth of approximately 1575' when the hole was lost. Because the Omega Drilling Company personnel at the well-site insisted that they could not recover the drill pipe and collars and desired to abandon the hole, a plugging program was devised by this office and presented to the drilling superintendent. Presumably that program was followed and the rig was moved to a new location. It is our understanding that this substitute well has now reached total depth and that testing for production is contemplated or underway.

At the times that the undersigned visited the well sites, the drilling personnel were very cooperative and did not appear to conceal the conditions encountered in drilling. Likewise, the Omega drilling superintendent has called this office on several occasions to report difficulties and request information concerning New Mexico

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regulations. Therefore, it is inconceivable that you are not aware of the events which have transpired and which should have been reported (officially) to this office.

Attached are copies of several pertinent sections from the New Mexico Regulations for your guidance. Presumably you have the complete rules pertaining to oil and gas operations so you can make references thereto for further information or clarification.

Yours truly,

CARL ULVOG
District IV Supervisor

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Attachments

pm 7-22: Mr. Vaughn Pirtle (son of Stanley Pirtle) telephoned to advise O.C.C. to ignore reports signed by anyone other than himself or Stanley. Specifically named Franklin (undoubtedly with Olympic) as not being authorized in connection with subject well. He also said they (Pirtles) did not know about lost hole, casing programs, testing at new location, etc. I told him about this letter already in mail. C.U.