November 26, 1932

Mr. Eugene Tinsley
Clayton, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of November 18.

I presume that you refer in your letter to the Kerlin No. 1 well of the Kumbaca Oil and Gas Company of New Mexico in Sec. 34, T. 21 N. R. 30 E., Harding County. We have previously received reports regarding the waste of gas at this well. I have called this matter to the attention of Mr. F. D. Kerns and was advised by him several months ago that the condition would be remedied or drilling resumed in the near future. I am sorry to learn that this has not been done.

I am writing again to Mr. Kerns urging him to correct the unsatisfactory condition of the Kerlin well. Unfortunately this well is on privately owned land and the authority of the State Geologist in such cases is rather limited.

It is frequently the case that the escape of gas in only moderate amounts makes considerable noise. I doubt very much if the waste of gas to date at this well has seriously depleted the gas reserves of the structure.

Very truly yours,

EHW

State Geologist

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