

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 19, 1951

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Mr. Robert E. Williams,
Special Representative
Fidelity & Deposit Company
306-311 Security Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Re: Roy Timmons #1
Tixier-SWNE

Dear Mr. Williams:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 22, 1951 wherein you inquire about the above captioned well.

This will advise that we have not had any word from Mr. Timmons nor have we had the opportunity to inspect this location - therefore have no news concerning this well.

You inquire in your letter as to what constitutes the plugging of a well and the exact process. The exact process of plugging a well varies from well to well, in other words the plugging procedure is outlined after the well has been drilled and after we have enough knowledge of the geological formations, water zones, mineral zones, etc., so that we can determine just where the cement plugs should be placed in order to seal the potable waters from the salt waters as well as sealing both of these waters from any mineralized sections. Normally, after a procedure is outlined, it would consist of filling the hole with heavy mud - with cement plugs of 15' to 30 feet length set on each side of a potable water zone or mineralized zone - in other words a series of cement plugs with heavy mud in between. In order to mark the old abandoned wells it is required that at least a 10' plug cement plug be poured in the top of the hole and a 4" by 4" steel marker set in this. All this should be reported on our form C-103 - stating exactly how the well was plugged - thereby giving us a clear and permanent record. Another very satisfactory method of plugging any well is of course to fill the hole completely full of cement - which is of course more expensive but very satisfactory from the standpoint of protecting water and mineral zones. This we sometimes have to insist upon if the geological information is not sufficient.

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(Williams, Robert E.)

I will be pleased to notify you as soon as we have something definite concerning this well.

Very truly yours,

ELVIS A. UTZ
Gas Engineer

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(Mr. Robert Williams)

I will be pleased to notify you as soon as we have a meeting set up concerning this will.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM A. GIBBS
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