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ARTESIA OFFICE

August 24, 1961

State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commission  
Drawer DD  
Artesia, New Mexico

ATT: Mr. M. L. Armstrong

RE: 157-S-59 - John Gallagher -  
State of New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 11, 1961 pertaining to the above captioned.

I have this date contacted Mr. Gallagher in Hereford, Texas. He has advised me that he is waiting for authority before plugging the wells in question from the general lessee of the wells in question. The general lessee is the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company of Dallas, Texas. I have this date written this organization requesting their assistance in granting authority to Mr. Gallagher to commence plugging operations.

Mr. Gallagher has further informed me that he has instigated an agreement with Mr. Blackie East of Artesia, New Mexico to commence these operations as soon as authority is received from the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company.

We feel that the September 1, 1961 deadline issued in your letter of August 11 will be complied with as I am sure the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company will grant the necessary approval to commence drilling operations.

We understand that a representative of your organization will be present when these plugging operations are commenced and this was one of the concerns of the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company as they felt possibly a secondary liability in the matter should Mr. Gallagher fail to properly plug the wells in question. With a representative from your office supervising the operations, we feel sure that the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company would not be apprehensive about the adequacy of the plugging.

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August 24, 1961, D. C. C.  
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Mr. Gallagher will telephone me on August 29 to advise if he has received the authority from the Delhi-Taylor Oil Company, and I will inform you of our discussion.

We should appreciate your previous experiences with Mr. Blackie East regarding his qualifications, etc., if any.

Very truly yours,

*Glenn Wicks*  
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