

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION



IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 6971
Order No. R-6433

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT AZTEC DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW
CAUSE WHY THE FINCH WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT 0 OF
SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, SAN JUAN
COUNTY, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH A DIVISION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on July 23, 1980,
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 4th day of August, 1980, the Division
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and
the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised
in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required
by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the
subject matter thereof.

(2) That Aztec Development Company is the owner and
operator of the Finch Well No. 1, located in Unit 0 of
Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San
Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) That in order to prevent waste and protect correla-
tive rights said Finch Well No. 1 should be plugged and
abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the
Aztec District Office of the New Mexico Oil Conservation
Division on or before September 1, 1980, or the well should
be returned to active drilling status or placed on produc-
tion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

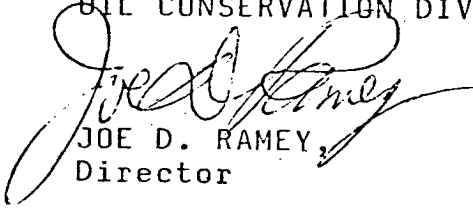
(1) That Aztec Development Company is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Finch Well No. 1, located in Unit 0 of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 11 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before September 1, 1980.

(2) That Aztec Development Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec Office of the Division, a Division-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Division may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year herein-above designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


JOE D. RAMEY,
Director

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