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July 23, 1976.

Mr. L. O. Van Ryan Aztec Oil & Gas Company P. O. Drawer 570 Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Aztec Oil & Gas Co. McGrath #3 J-3-29N-12W

Dear Mr. Van Ryan:

During a recent field inspection of the location of the subject well an odor of gas was detected. When soil was removed from around the casing the odor was much stronger.

Therefore, we believe that the casing is leaking.

Rule 108 requires the operator of a well with defective casing to proceed with diligence to repair or to plug and abandon the well.

File form C-103 setting our you plan of action prior to any field activity for this remedial work.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick

Supervisor, District #3

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