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November 27, 1974

Production Manager Rocky Mountain District Clinton Oil Company P. O. Box 2434 Casper, Wyoming 82601

> Re: Gallegos Canyon Unit NP #140 SW 29-28N-12W

Dear Sir:

We have received copies of Federal Sundry Report 9331 indicating the status of the above well. A copy of this report is attached.

The report states that there is a hole in the casing, that the well is temporarily abandoned, and that you have no further plans. New Mexico Regulations require that oil gas and water zones be separated in producing or temporarily abandoned wells in order to prevent possible contamination of fresh water, and to prevent the possible waste of oil and gas because of reservoir damage or migration to other porosity zones.

You are therefore directed to take immediate remedial action on the above well to repair the casing, or in the alternative to plug and abandon the well in accordance with Commission Regulations. I am instructing the Commission attorney, Mr. William Carr to hold legal action in abeyance for 60 days from this date in order to give you time to take affirmative action.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Exerce Clase Emery R. Arnold

Supervisor, District #3

cc: Mr. William Carr, Assistant Attorney General Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director, OCC U.S.G.S., Farmington, New Mexico

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