

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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CASE NO. 13190: APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION,
THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT I, FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING GORDON
CONE TO PLUG ONE WELL, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This entry of appearance and pre-hearing statement is submitted by the applicant, the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

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OPPONENTS

OPPONENTS' ATTORNEY

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

APPLICANT

The applicant seeks an order requiring the operator of the well API 030-025-05514 to plug the well, and authorizing the OCD to plug the well if the operator fails to do so. The well at issue was drilled and abandoned in the 1940s. There is no bond. The only address we have for the operator is a post office box number dating from the 1940's. Based on OCD records, the applicant believes the operator is deceased.

The well is either not plugged, or not plugged to current standards. The applicant is asking for authority to plug the well using the reclamation fund.

OPPONENTS

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME:

EXHIBITS:

Chris Williams or Billy Prichard

10 min.

Well file, inspection report,
plugging procedures

Jane Prouty

5 min.

ONGARD printout

Dorothy Phillips

5 min.

Financial assurance records

OPPONENTS

WITNESS:

ESTIMATED TIME:

EXHIBITS:

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Respectfully submitted,



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This 26th day of Nov., 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following this 26th day of Nov., 2003 by first class mail, postage pre-paid:

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