

November 8, 1948

Bectal Brothers
Bectal Building
Pecos, Texas

Gentlemen:

When I talked to Mr. Frank Bectal on October 18, he told me that he would have a bond up on the Bectal well in Otero County within two or three days. You should have this bond in the Santa Fe office by November 12, 1948. Your only alternative to getting this bond up on the well is to have the well plugged and abandoned by that date. It will be necessary to get the approval of the Oil Conservation Commission before plugging the well.

I should like you to note that the State law provides a penalty for drilling a well without an approved form C-101. I should like to call your attention to the first paragraph on page 17 in the enclosed pamphlet.

Yours very truly,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY 

Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

cc: R. R. Sparrier

NEW MEXICO
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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

December 2, 1948

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Mr. Frank Bectel, who is drilling a well near Newman in Otero County, called me to say that their financial statement was inadequate for a Bonding Company to issue a bond on their well. He thinks that they will be refinanced in such a manner that the well can be bonded by December 15th, 1948. He has asked that the Commission be patient with him a few more days.

We have been put off on this bond six times. I have not turned it over to our legal department yet and I am not in favor of attempting to fine these operators before December 16th. However, at that time, I would like to turn the whole matter over to the Santa Fe office or the legal department.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY

Justin Newman
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Artesia Representative

JN:fc

cc: Bectel Bros.

July 13, 1949

Frank Bechtel
Bechtel Bros.
Peecos, Texas

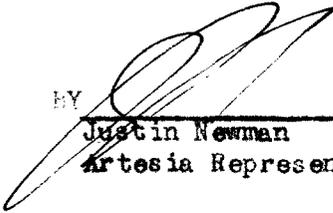
Dear Mr. Bechtel:

Will you please let me know whether you are still working on the Bechtel Bros. Maris-State in Otero County and what you plan to do with this well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

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October 11, 1949

Bectel Bros.
Pecos, Texas

Gentlemen:

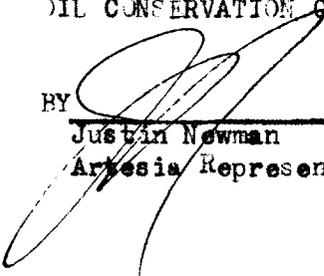
Please send in a form C-102 on your well,
showing where the pipe is set and how deep the well is.

If you are no longer the operator on this
well, it would be to your advantage to relieve yourself
of the obligation of plugging the well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman by DN
Artesia Representative

JN:dn



DEAN & DEAN INSURANCE AGENCY

DEAN CAMP BUILDING
PECOS, TEXAS

October 31, 1949

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Re: Central Surety & Insurance Corp#165064
Frank Betchel and Elmer Betchel dba
Betchel Brothers.

Dear Sir:

The captioned bond was effective December 14, 1948, and is an oil well drilling bond to State of New Mexico, and covered a well known as Bechtel Brothers-Josephine A. Maris--State No.1, on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Twp 25 S, Range 8 East, in Otero County, New Mexico.

We will appreciate it if you will advise us as to the status of this bond and if all covenants have been complied with, if you will forward release of letter releasing the bonding company from its liability under this bond.

We are enclosing self addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

DEAN & DEAN INSURANCE AGENCY

By: *h. Byrnes*

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November 9, 1949

Dean & Dean Insurance Agency
Dean Camp Building
Pecos, Texas

Re: Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel
d/b/a Bechtel Brothers - \$5,000
one-well bond - Central Surety
NW SW 22-25S-8E

Gentlemen:

With reference to the captioned bond, status of the well is unknown at present. Bond cannot be released until logs have been filed (C-105) and forms submitted showing how the well is to be plugged (C-102) and final approval given to the plugging (C-103) by our oil and gas inspector Mr. Justin Newman.

As soon as the operators have complied with the requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission, the bond may be released.

Very truly yours,

bpw

Secretary and Director

cc: Mr. Justin Newman,
Artesia

Justin - Would you please keep your eye on this well so they will comply with our regulations. Thanks.

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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

November 14, 1949

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Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Frank and Elmer Bechtel
\$5000 one-well bond-Central Surety Co.
NW SW Sec. 23-25S-8E

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

I have just received your letter to the Dean and Dean Insurance Agency in Pecos. The Bechtel brothers have never cooperated with this office in any way during the drilling of this well. They started operating without a bond or an approved C-101 and they would not keep us informed as to their progress. This cost us a great deal of time and money since it is a long way from our office and the roads are unimproved.

I hardly think Bechtel Brothers will plug the well or send in any of the forms as you outlined, but if they wish to cancel the bond, we will help them get permission from the army to go in and plug the well. (*The army will cooperate if we ask them to*)

We have had the same trouble with Holland Page, Jr. in the same area. Either of these operators may want to use the army as an excuse for not plugging the wells but they brought the trouble they had with the army on themselves.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY

Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

JN:dn

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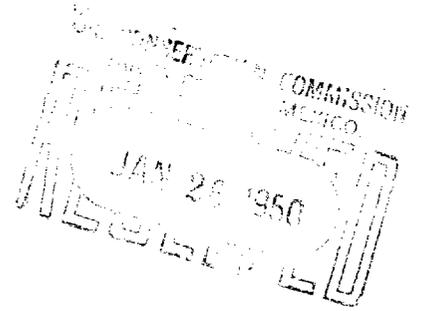
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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

January 24, 1950



Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

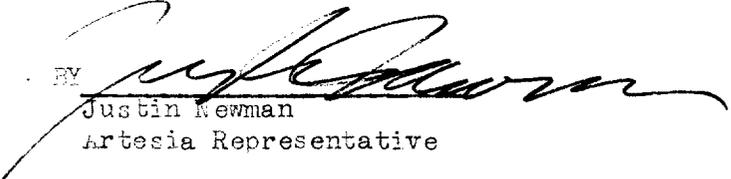
Dear Mr. Spurrier:

In regard to the Bechtel Brothers, J. A. Maris-State No. 1, in the NWSW of 23-25S-8E, I have come to the conclusion that we will get no cooperation from the operators. I would suggest that we cancel the bond and have the Central Surety and Insurance Corporation plug the well, as provided by law.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

JN:dn

cc: Bechtel Brothers
Fecos, Texas

January 25, 1950

Mr. Justin Neuman
Oil Conservation Commission
Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Neuman:

This is in reply to your letter of January 24 in which you suggest that we cancel the bond on the Bechtel Brothers well in Otero County.

I suggest that we keep the bond in effect until we have notified the surety company and until they have plugged the well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RNS:bpw

Secretary and Director

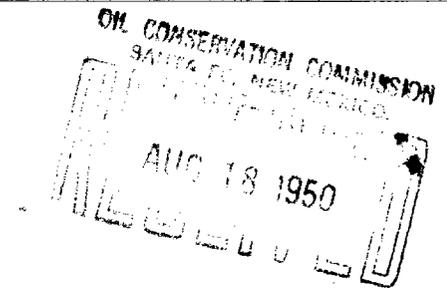
cc: Bechtel Brothers
Pecos, Texas

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421
EL PASO, TEXAS

August 16, 1950



Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Central Surety & Insurance Corporation Bond No.
165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba
Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to
State of New Mexico covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23,
T. 25 S., R. 8 E.

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

We would appreciate you advising us the status of the
above well.

If same has been plugged and abandoned, will you please
let us have cancellation evidence?

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

By: *C. E. Foote*

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yes*

August 22, 1950

Behlin-Trwin-Crawell Co.
355 Marble Avenue
El Paso, Texas

RE: Frank and Elmer Bechtel d/b/a Bechtel Brothers -
one-well bond - Central Surety & Insurance Corp.
165064 - NW Sp. 23-253-30

Gentlemen:

With reference to the Bechtel Brothers, Josephine A. Paris State No. 1, N^o/4 S^o/4 section 23, T.25 S, R.8 E, Stero County, New Mexico, we wish to advise that no forms have been filed with this Commission.

Under our Rule 202 (c) it provides that when drilling operations have been suspended for 30 days, the well shall be plugged and abandoned.

Therefore, it might be in line for the American Employers to petition for an order directed to Bechtel Brothers to show cause why the well in the N^o/4 S^o/4 section 23, T.25 S, R.8 E should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

Very truly yours,

bpw

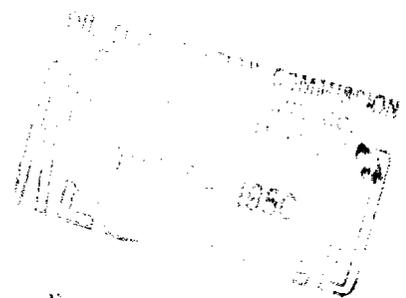
Secretary and Director

cc: OSS, Artesia
Bechtel Bros.,
Pecos, Texas

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

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355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421
EL PASO, TEXAS



September 29, 1950.

Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Secretary and Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: CENTRAL SURETY AND INSURANCE CORPORATION BOND
No. 165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba
Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to
State of New Mexico covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23,
T 25S, R. 8 E.

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Please refer to your letter of August 22nd.

We would appreciate you advising us if this well has
now been properly plugged and abandoned and if our
liability has been discharged.

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO

BY:

C. E. Foote

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November 6, 1950

RE: Frank and Elmer Bechtel d/b/a Bechtel Brothers - No. 165064 -
NE SW 23-25S-8E

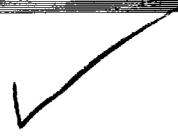
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ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421

EL PASO, TEXAS



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January 25, 1951.

G. Spurrer

Mr. R. R. Spurrer
Secretary and Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: CENTRAL SURETY AND INSURANCE CORPORATION BOND NO. 165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to State of New Mexico - \$5,000.00 - 12-14-48.



Dear Mr. Spurrer:

Have you as yet received Report on Result of Flugging (C-103) approved by the Oil & Gas Inspector?

If so, will you please let us have cancellation evidence under this bond? If not, please let us know the current status.

Yours very truly,

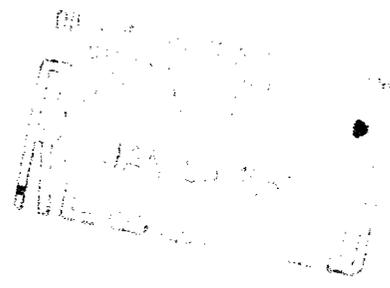
ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

BY: *C. E. Foote*

CE:foote:ld

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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

April 23, 1951

Case No. _____

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Oil Conservation Commission,
Box 871,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

In regard to the hearing concerning the Bechtal Bros. No. 1 Josephine A. Maris, in Section 23-25S-8E: The fact that they had trouble with the United States Army does not excuse them from complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. They brought the trouble on themselves because they did not cooperate with the Army Officers who were running the firing range. They violated rules and regulations both before and after their trouble with the army personnel.

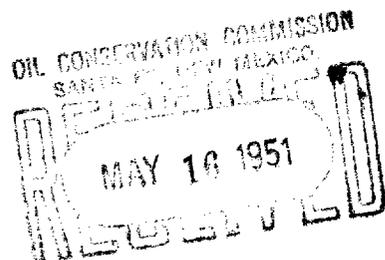
Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY

Justin Newman
Justin Newman
Oil & Gas Inspector

JPN/lp



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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

April 23, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Oil Conservation Commission,
Box 871,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

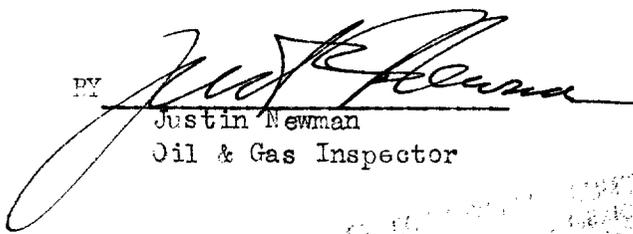
In regard to the hearing on the
Bechtal Bros. well, No. 1 Josephine A. Maris, in the
NW SW Section 23-25S-8E., Otero County: I spent quite
a bit of time trying to keep up with their operations,
but could never get any cooperation from them. I have
warned them by letter, and personally, that the Commission
could have them plug the well or have the bonding company
plug it.

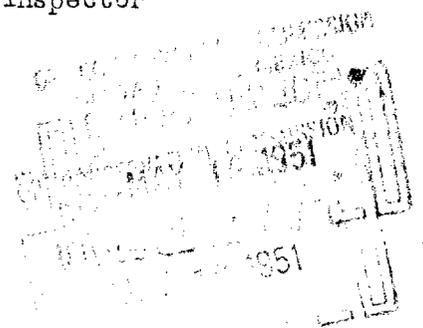
If you want me to be present at this
hearing, please let me know by telephone immediately.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman
Oil & Gas Inspector



ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421

EL PASO, TEXAS

May 7, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Secretary and Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Central Surety and Insurance Corporation Bond 165064
Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel, d/b/a Bechtel Brothers -
One well drilling bond to State of New Mexico - \$5,000.00
12/14/48

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Some time ago you sent out a notice stating that hearing
would be held on April 24th regarding the question of
properly plugging the well under the captioned bond.

We were advised that the above principal would be rep-
resented at this hearing and that they would get this
situation cleared for us.

We would appreciate your advising us the present status
of this case.

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO

BY

J. C. Echlin

JCE/fg