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November 6, 1970

Mr. A. J. Losee  
Attorney at Law  
Post Office Box 239  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Case No. 4445  
Order No. R-4055  
Applicant:  
Byron McKnight

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Very truly yours,

A. L. PORTER, Jr.  
Secretary-Director

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Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC       x      

Artesia OCC                     

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Other                     Potash Company of America

U. S. POTASH & CHEMICAL CO.

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October 22, 1970

*file - Case 4445*

Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary - Director  
Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Byron McKnight, Two Exploratory Oil  
& Gas Tests NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 34 and  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 35, Both in Town-  
ship 19 South, Range 33 East, Lea County,  
New Mexico. We Understand this to be  
OCC Case 4445, Docket No. 24-70 to be  
Heard on October 28, 1970

Dear Mr. Porter:

We are not entering a formal protest in this matter since we understand there has been substantial oil and gas drilling permitted by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in this general area.

Our failure to protest should not be construed as approval of a well at the two proposed locations since we feel that any further drilling in the Lea County R-111-A area as amended will be detrimental to ultimate recovery of the Potash Reserves.

Very truly yours,

Earl H. Miller,  
Executive Vice President

EHM:jj

cc: Mr. Bob Fulton,  
USGS, Carlsbad, N. M.

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heard on October 28, 1970

Dear Mr. Porter:

Please substitute this letter for letter on same subject matter dated October 22, 1970 to correct typographical errors contained therein.

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Very truly yours,

*Earl H. Miller*

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EHM:jj  
cc: Mr. Bob Fulton,  
USGS, Carlsbad, N. M.



# POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA

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October 21, 1970

H. N. CLARK  
VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION

Oil Conservation Commission  
P. O. Box 871  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. A. L. Porter, Secretary-Director

Re: Byron McKnight  
c/o A. J. Losee, Esq.  
P. O. Drawer 239  
Artesia, New Mexico  
NE/4NE/4 Sec. 34 T.19S., R.33 E., Lea County, New Mexico  
NW/4NW/4 Sec. 35

Gentlemen:

We enclose a copy of our letter of even date addressed to Mr. Losee concerning a well location on the property described above.

We are not entering a formal protest in this matter for the reason that the evidence which would be presented at a hearing before the Commission in opposition to the proposed location would be substantially similar to the evidence presented in Cases 2182 and 2183 which were heard February 13, 1961. Under the circumstances, it would appear that those cases would be followed by the Commission, at least until further evidence becomes available or changed circumstances warrant further consideration.

Our failure to protest should not be construed as approval of a well at the proposed location since we feel that any further drilling in the Lea County R-111-A area will be detrimental to ultimate recovery of the potash reserves.

Very truly yours,

HNC:mw  
cc: USGS, Carlsbad  
USGS, Roswell



MEMBER: AMERICAN POTASH INSTITUTE

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**POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA**

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

October 21, 1970

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*4445*

A. J. Losee, Esq.  
P. O. Drawer 239  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: NE/4NE/4 Sec. 34, NW/4NW/4 Sec. 35, T.19S., R.33E.,  
Lea County, New Mexico, Byron McKnight

Dear Mr. Losee:

This will advise you that we do not intend to file a formal protest to a proposal to drill an oil or gas test well on the above described property.

Will you please ask your principal to notify our Mr. J. B. Cummings, Administrative Assistant, Exploration, P. O. Box 31, Carlsbad, before completion of the well or plugging operations commence.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Cummings*

HNC:mw

cc: OCC, Santa Fe  
USGS, Roswell  
USGS, Carlsbad

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