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7 EXAMINER HEARING

8 IN THE MATTER OF:

9 Application of Wallen Production Company CASE
10 for a water flood project, Lea County, 9736
11 New Mexico.

12 BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

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14 TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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WALTER W. KRUG

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1 MR. STOGNER: We'll call next
2 Case 9736, which is the application of of Wallen Production
3 Company for a waterflood project, Lea County, New Mexico.

4 At this time I'll call for
5 appearances.

6 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner,
7 I'm Tom Kellahin of the Santa Fe law firm of Kellahin,
8 Kellahin & Aubrey, appearing on behalf of the applicant and
9 I have one witness to be sworn.

10 MR. STOGNER: Are there any
11 other appearances in this matter?

12 Will the witness please stand
13 and be sworn? Raise your right hand.

14
15 (Witness sworn.)

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17 MR. STOGNER: Mr. Kellahin?

18 MR. KELLAHIN: Thank you, Mr.
19 Examiner.

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21 WALTER W. KRUG,
22 being called as a witness and being duly sworn upon his
23 oath, testified as follows, to-wit:

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. KELLAHIN:

3 Q For the record, Mr. Krug, would you
4 please state your name and occupation?5 A My name is Walter W. Krug. I'm an en-
6 gineer.7 Q Mr. Krug, on prior occasions have you
8 testified before the Oil Conservation Division as a petro-
9 leum engineer?

10 A Yes, I have.

11 Q What is your relationship with Wallen
12 Production Company?

13 A I'm an engineer/ owner.

14 Q Pursuant to your duties as the engineer/
15 owner of this company, Mr. Krug, and as a petroleum engine-
16 er, have you made an evaluation of the feasibility of in-
17 stituting a waterflood project for this particular area?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q And have you completed your study?

20 A Yes, I have.

21 Q As part of your study have you prepared
22 and compiled the information required by the Division for
23 the Commission Form C-108 filings?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 MR. KELLAHIN: At this time,

1 Mr. Examiner, we tender Mr. Krug as an expert petroleum
2 engineer.

3 MR. STOGNER: Mr. Krug is so
4 qualified.

5 Q Mr. Krug, let me ask you, sir, to turn
6 to Exhibit Number One. Would you identify that for us,
7 sir?

8 A That's a structure map based on the top
9 of the Yates, which is the formation we propose to water-
10 flood, with your approval.

11 Q When you look at that exhibit, would you
12 identify for us the wells that will be within the water-
13 flood project?

14 A Yes, it's the wells that you see with
15 the exception of Wells 1, 3 and 5. Those are the Seven
16 Rivers Reef producers. They will not be in the waterflood.

17 MR. STOGNER: Okay, I'm sorry,
18 what will not be in the waterflood? I have --

19 A Wells listed as Number 1, 3 and 5.
20 Those are in the central contours that you see there.

21 MR. STOGNER: Okay. Well, I'm
22 having a problem here with the ad. I had that the Wallen
23 Hondo Lease, underlying the southwest quarter, the north
24 half of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of
25 the southeast quarter of Section 30 --

1 A That's correct.

2 Q MR. STOGNER: -- was the --
3 was the application today.

4 A Yes, sir.

5 MR. STOGNER: And then when I
6 look at Exhibit Number One, all of the yellow is the south
7 half.

8 MR. KELLAHIN: That's right.
9 The yellow shaded area is not the project area.

10 MR. STOGNER: Oh, I'm sorry.

11 MR. KELLAHIN: Nor is it the
12 unit area. The area that Mr. Krug proposes to subject to
13 waterflood is the south half of the section exclusive of
14 the 40-acre tract where you see the dry hole.

15 MR. STOGNER: Okay, I'm sorry
16 about that. I just --

17 MR. KELLAHIN: We led you to a
18 conclusion --

19 MR. STOGNER: -- got excited
20 there, and sorry for the interruption. You may continue.

21 Q What type of leases are involved in
22 this project area, Mr. Krug? Are they State, Federal, fee
23 acreage?

24 A No, they're Federal acreage.

25 Q All Federal acreage?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And are you the working interest owner
3 of the Federal leases?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q The initial injector for the project
6 area is which well, Mr. Krug?

7 A Well No. 7.

8 Q Why have you selected that as your ini-
9 tial injection well for the project area?

10 A It's the lowest on the structure.

11 Q Describe for the Examiner, what is your
12 proposed plan of operation and further development of the
13 area using the waterflood method of secondary recovery.

14 A Well, we are proposing to put the water
15 in Well No. 7 and monitor it by 6 and 8, and then go from
16 there. Not all waterfloods are -- act alike, and we
17 thought we'd do one at a time.

18 Q Have you satisfied yourself that the
19 conversion to waterflood project utilizing the No. 7 Well
20 as the injector well will result in recovery of additional
21 oil that will not otherwise be recovered by primary means?

22 A Yes, indeed.

23 Q The source of the water to be used for
24 the waterflood project is what?

25 A The Yates water and the water from the

1 Seven Rivers Reef.

2 Q Is this water produced within the con-
3 solidated lease area that you operate?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Let me have you turn to Exhibit Number
6 Two now, Mr. Krug, which is the cross section.

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q Show us the two wells that you have
9 placed on your cross section so that we can orient our-
10 selves as to their placement in the waterflood project.

11 A All right. There's a small map here to
12 correspond with this map you were just looking at and it
13 clearly labels Wells 7 and 6.

14 Q When you look at Well No. 7, the Tonto
15 No. 7, on the cross section, will you identify for the
16 Examiner the disposal interval, or the flood interval?

17 A Yes, it's the interval between -- if
18 you'll look at the A-A' the shoe is that triangle that you
19 see sitting inside the (unclear), from there to TD is open
20 hole with two porosity sections, the upper and the lower
21 sands, both of which are perforated on No. 6, as shown in
22 red.

23 Q The approximate location of the shoe on
24 the injector well is about 2900 feet, is it not?

25 A Yes, sir, 29 -- I don't remember that,

1 2904, I think is right.

2 Q And then the total depth of the well,
3 the open hole interval, is at 3113?

4 A 3113, that's correct.

5 Q Okay. Let's turn now to Exhibit Number
6 Three, which has been marked as Exhibit Three.

7 MR. KELLAHIN: It's the C-108
8 information, Mr. Stogner. We have separately numbered the
9 pages to help facilitate the explanation of the informa-
10 tion.

11 Q Let me have you turn to page number 3,
12 Mr. Krug.

13 A I'm there, uh-huh.

14 Q All right. Have you examined the infor-
15 mation available for all the wells that penetrated through
16 the injection formation within the half mile radius circle?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q And in making that investigation, do you
19 find any of those wellbores that are improperly cemented or
20 cased?

21 A No, not in my records.

22 Q Do you find any indication that there is
23 any open faulting whereby injection fluids place in the
24 Yates Seven Rivers Pool would migrate out of that pool into
25 other formations?

1 A No. I saw no indication of that at all.

2 Q Your page 4 is -- corresponds to part of
3 the C-108 filings and you're proposing some rates as well
4 as some surface pressures for the project area.

5 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner,
6 the surface injection rate, if you use the top of the show
7 of the disposal or the injector well, would convert to a
8 pressure limitation of about 580 pounds.

9 Q Mr. Krug, do you anticipate that you
10 will be able to confine your surface pressure limitation to
11 580 pounds surface pressure and still have a successful
12 waterflood project?

13 A No.

14 Q Why not, sir?

15 A I don't think I'll get in enough water
16 to do a decent job.

17 Q How do you propose to document the
18 volume of -- or the pressure rate that you need in order to
19 make your project successful?

20 A Well, after we've injected for awhile to
21 where we know what we're doing, we'll run some step rate
22 tests and submit them to the OCD for perusal and approval,
23 possible approval.

24 Q Have you estimated the average range of
25 barrels of water per day you will need to inject into your

1 injection well in order to make it feasible?

2 A We estimate that 200, 250 would be ade-
3 quate.

4 Q Page five is simply the information on
5 the injection interval, Mr. Krug.

6 Page six is part of the log that you've
7 already described.

8 Let's -- let's go to the data, page
9 seven and eight, that shows the schematic and then the
10 information on the injection well.

11 A All right.

12 Q Would you describe for us how the well
13 is currently completed?

14 A Yes. This was by special approval. The
15 potash in this area is owned by Noranda, a Canadian outfit.
16 I got together with them on what they would approve as a --
17 as a casing program and then submitted it to the Oil Cons-
18 ervation Commission for approval, which entailed cementing
19 the production string to the surface, among other things.

20 Q Is the well currently completed as you
21 have shown on the schematic on page 8?

22 A Yes, sir, it certainly is.

23 Q Turn to page 9 now. Is this your tabu-
24 lation of the wellbore information within the half mile
25 radius area?

1 A Yes, it is.

2 Q And did you either measure or calculate
3 the top of the cement for each of the wells?

4 A Yes, that's in the last column on the
5 righthand side.

6 Q Do you see any of those wells that are
7 cemented in such a fashion that they constitute a risk to
8 injection of water into the flooded interval?

9 A No. There's none there.

10 Q Pages 10 through 14 represent what, Mr.
11 Krug?

12 A Those are schematics of the -- of that
13 tabulated form that you just looked at.

14 Q Do you have any plugged and abandoned
15 wells within the half mile radius that have penetrated the
16 injection formation?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And have you prepared schematics for
19 those wells?

20 A Yes, there are.

21 Q Do you see any of the plugged and aban-
22 doned wells that are improperly plugged and abandoned?

23 A No, there is no indication.

24 Q Have you also enclosed for the Examiner
25 water analysis on the produced water?

1 A Yes, indeed.

2 Q Is that found on page 15?

3 A Yes, it is.

4 Q Do you anticipate any type of incompat-
5 ibilities with the waters and re-introducing them into the
6 flood zone?

7 A No, I had those analyzed by two people,
8 both the Treat-O-Lite and by Martin Water Lab.

9 Q And what was the conclusion?

10 A That they were compatible. There was no
11 problems at all; very lucky.

12 Q Let me turn now to page 17. Does that
13 represent an accurate list of the offset operators within
14 the half mile radius and the owners of the surface within
15 the waterflood area?

16 A Yes, that's all there was.

17 Q The next information in the Exhibit Num-
18 ber Three is information found on 18, 19 and 20. Would you
19 describe what you're doing with that information?

20 A I'm trying to show that we will get ad-
21 ditional oil out of the formation by secondary recovery
22 through flood injection.

23 Q Using standard engineering calculations
24 and method of analysis have you satisfied yourself that
25 utilization of the No. 7 Well for injection will increase

1 ultimate recovery from the project area?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Have you been able to quantify that
4 volume?

5 A Yes, I did that through engineering
6 practices.

7 Q Okay, and what did you conclude?

8 A That I should get what's shown here,
9 63,700 additional barrels of oil by the one injector.

10 Q That's shown in graphical format on page
11 20?

12 A Yes, it is.

13 Q And that assumes use of only one injec-
14 tion well.

15 A That's correct.

16 Q Following that, from pages 21 through
17 page 30 of Exhibit Number Three, what is included in that
18 portion of the exhibit?

19 A Oh, what I'm doing with the salt water
20 now?

21 Q Yes, sir, from pages 21 through 30, what
22 is that, sir?

23 A That's from a report that has been pre-
24 viously given to the OCD.

25 Q And who prepared that report?

1 A Ed Reed, the hydrologist from Midland.

2 Q Did Mr. Reed -- did you hire Mr. Reed to
3 perform that hydrologic study for you?

4 A Yes, that was at the Minerals Manage-
5 ment's behest.

6 Q And what was the purpose of having that
7 study made?

8 A To show that there would be no contamin-
9 ation through salt water disposal in the pit that I had.

10 Q And that pit is located within what
11 portion of Section 30?

12 A The -- roughly the southeast center. In
13 other words, just off the southeast, the center southeast.

14 Q And did Mr. Reed conclude that there was
15 any risk or jeopardy to any fresh water sources by utiliz-
16 ing an unlined surface pit in the section?

17 A No, there was no -- no surface water
18 here at all -- no fresh water here at all.

19 Q Have you found any fresh water sources
20 independent from Mr. Reed?

21 A No.

22 Q To the best of your knowledge there, in
23 fact, are none, are there?

24 A No, and we drilled the well there to use
25 that core to verify there wasn't.

1 Q If you go back to Exhibit Number One,
2 which is your structure map, Mr. Krug, if the Examiner
3 approves the use of the No. 7 Well as the initial in-
4 jection well for the project area, can you show him other
5 likely candidates for injection purposes should you con-
6 vert other producers for injection?

7 A Yes, I can.

8 Q All right, sir, what are they?

9 A No. 8 and unless I miss my guess, we'll
10 probably have to drill two when it comes to the four that
11 we have anticipated would do the job.

12 Q What's the purpose of utilizing those
13 wells for injection?

14 A They're low on the structure. We will
15 lose less oil that way.

16 These wells were drilled with a cable
17 tool so I have very itemized -- I have that water zone very
18 well pinned down.

19 Q Were the geologic displays prepared
20 under your direction and supervision?

21 A Yes, they were.

22 Q In your opinion, Mr. Krug, will approval
23 of this application be in the best interest of conserva-
24 tion, the prevention of waste and the protection of corre-
25 lative rights?

1 A Oh, definitely, yes, I do.

2 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner, I
3 believe Exhibit Number Four is our certificate of mailing,
4 indicating that we have sent certified mailings to the
5 parties listed on Mr. Krug's Exhibit Number Three, as shown
6 on I believe it was page 14. No, sir, I misspoke, it's
7 page 17, is the list of parties that we notified.

8 We would move the introduction
9 of Exhibits One through Four.

10 MR. STOGNER: Exhibits One
11 through Four will be admitted into evidence at this time.

12 MR. KELLAHIN: This concludes
13 our examination of Mr. Krug.

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CROSS EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. STOGNER:

17 Q Mr. Krug, who owns the potash lease in
18 this area?

19 A Noranda did at the time but I don't know
20 if there's any changes or not.

21 Q And when were you in contact with
22 Noranda?

23 A Before I started drilling the first
24 well.

25 Q And when was that?

1 A 19 -- latter part of 1972.

2 Q Referring to Order Number R-111P, which
3 is the oil/potash area and you're within that area, are you
4 not, Mr. Krug?

5 A Yes, sir, I believe I am.

6 Q Has your proposal or plan been reviewed
7 by our District Office in Hobbs? This is in Lea County,
8 right?

9 A That's correct.

10 Q Okay, has it been reviewed with Mr.
11 Sexton down in Hobbs?

12 A I'm not sure of that.

13 MR. KELLAHIN: Mr. Examiner,
14 we submitted to Mr. Sexton when the application was filed.

15 Q Now, on page 8, this is your proposed
16 injection well, right, and I believe your testimony, you
17 had talked about you had spoken with Noranda about how this
18 well was completed and this was a result of that conversa-
19 tion.

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. Now, are there any other injec-
22 tion wells or disposal wells within this area, that you
23 know of?

24 A None that I know of. I'm putting my
25 salt water presently into a pit, an approved pit.

1 Q Now, I'm looking at page 9, which is
2 your completion and records of the wells within an area.
3 Is this within the half mile radius?

4 A Yes, sir. To my knowledge this is all
5 of them.

6 Q And your injection interval is -- I know
7 I'm repeating a bunch but I'm to establish something here
8 -- the open hole interval from 2900?

9 A Yes, in this particular well.

10 Q Okay, when I look at the third well from
11 the top, that is the Edward (unclear) Signal Rock Federal
12 No. 6, you had a top of cement at 2810, is that correct?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q And that well is presently abandoned,
15 correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay, now that leaves less than 80 feet
18 between the injection interval and the top of cement in
19 this well.

20 A Yes, sir, that cement come up inside.

21 Q Inside what?

22 A Let me double check here. I think it's
23 itemized on page 11.

24 Q On page 11?

25 A Yes, sir, I think that's right, Signal

1 Ross Federal Well No. 6.

2 Q So there was a 70-foot cement plug on
3 top of the stub at 2810 and you have measured cement from
4 the bottom of that casing up to the stub.

5 A Yes, sir. I found no problems where at
6 all.

7 Q Okay. Now when I look at your Exhibit
8 Number One, the wells that will have immediately -- imme-
9 diate influence, will be the No. 6 and 8, is that correct?

10 A That's what we estimated, yes, sir.

11 Q And what is the present production rate
12 on those two wells?

13 A Less than 6 barrels a day.

14 Q How about the No. 5?

15 A The No. 5 is about 8, but that's out of
16 the Seven Rivers Reef.

17 Q Now your injection is only in the upper
18 portion, is that correct?

19 A In the Yates, yes, sir.

20 Q In the Yates. Do you have any plans at
21 this time or maybe in the future to inject in the Seven
22 Rivers portion?

23 A No, sir. I do anticipate in the future
24 to drill a little deeper. We're in kind of a sub-reef
25 here. We never have reached the main reef.

1 Q And that main reef is down totally in
2 the Seven Rivers?

3 A Below that, way below, another 150 feet
4 below, we estimate.

5 Q Okay. Now the rest of the wells that
6 are presently producing in the southwest quarter, what is
7 the average rate of production in those wells, would you
8 say?

9 A 4, 4 barrels a day.

10 Q Are any of those from the Seven Rivers
11 formation?

12 A Only the 3 that I named in the central
13 and the No. 2 on the extreme west.

14 Q Okay.

15 A And we're going to perforate that one
16 into the zones that we're talking about here.

17 Q When were the notice mailed to the lease
18 operators, your notice?

19 MR. KELLAHIN: Yes, sir, the
20 certificate will show that they were sent on July 26th.

21 MR. STOGNER: Okay, July 26.

22 MR. KELLAHIN: This case has
23 been continued from a prior docket.

24 MR. STOGNER: That's what I
25 thought.

1 Q Okay. Was the potash lessee notified
2 of this filing today, other than your conversations with
3 Noranda on the completion method?

4 A No, they were not.

5 Q Let's talk about the --

6 A I didn't know that was necessary.

7 Q Well, I don't know if it is or not. I
8 just -- just wanted to establish a record.

9 In your conversations with Noranda, who
10 did you talk to and when did these conversations take
11 place?

12 A I talked to, originally, the geologist
13 in charge here and he in turn got hold of his boss in
14 Tennessee. They have other leaseholds, chemical lease-
15 holds in this country, and then I worked with the geologist
16 in charge who had his instructions from his boss.

17 Q Do you remember any of the names of any
18 of the geologists you had talked to or any of the names of
19 --

20 A I have records of them. I didn't know
21 that was going to come up so I didn't --

22 Q What kind of records do you have?

23 A Complete; that is --

24 Q I mean letters, conversations?

25 A Yes, indeed.

1 MR. STOGNER; Subsequent to
2 this hearing can we have copies of those, Mr. Kellahin?

3 MR. KELLAHIN: Be happy to
4 provide them to you, Mr. Examiner.

5 A After we established what casings they
6 wanted, we had a hearing to be sure it was with the State's
7 approval.

8 Q A hearing with who?

9 A With the OCD.

10 Q When was this?

11 A Oh, that's been some time ago and you
12 had to approve the casing.

13 Q Okay. Now are you talking about the
14 casing exception requirements in Order R-111 or an excep-
15 tion to that?

16 A Yes, sir, this was not the casing that
17 was approved by the State. I had to get approval that that
18 was proper; that you would approved that casing program.

19 Q Would this be Order No. R-5731, by
20 chance, Mr. Krug?

21 A Oh, heavens, I have no idea.

22 Q How about the application of Walter W.
23 Krug, doing business as Wallen Production Company, for
24 special casing/cementing rules in the potash/oil area, Lea
25 County, New Mexico.

1 A That sounds like the one.

2 Q About -- it was heard on April 19th,
3 1978?

4 A '78?

5 Q Yes, sir.

6 A I thought it was before that. It could
7 very well be right.

8 Q And in that particular order it appears
9 that special cable tool casing and cementing rules and reg-
10 ulations promulgated by the North Lynch Yates Seven Rivers
11 Pool by Commission Order 4253 are hereby extended to encom-
12 pass Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 33 and 34 of 20, 34, and
13 that's where we're at today, isn't it?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 MR. STOGNER: I'll take admin-
16 istrative notice of both Order Number R-5731 in that case
17 file and Order No. R-4253, whatever case that involved, and
18 make that a part of this record, Mr. Kellahin.

19 MR. KELLAHIN: Do you still
20 desire the correspondence with Noranda?

21 MR. STOGNER: Yeah, let's have
22 that as part of the record. We are talking about an injec-
23 tion program and with what your client said today, that he
24 does plan to request additional pressure, we should have as
25 much of that type of information on record since we're in

1 an area of potash concern and there has been a lot of ac-
2 tivity between the oil producers and the potash. Let's
3 have as much on the record as we can, and I think this will
4 be very helpful to supplement your request today.

5 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir.

6 MR. STOGNER: So, Mr. Kella-
7 hin, if you would have that information subsequently sent
8 to me, we'll make that a part of the record.

9 I have no other questions of
10 Mr. Krug at this time.

11 Are there any other questions
12 of this witness?

13 If not, he may be excused.

14 Is there anything further in
15 Case Number 9736?

16 In that case, we'll hold the
17 record open until the additional information is submitted.

18 MR. KELLAHIN: All right, sir,
19 thank you.

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(Hearing concluded.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C. S. R. DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division (Commission) was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true and correct record of the hearing, prepared by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 9736 heard by me on 6 September 1987.
Robert E. Rogers, Examiner
Oil Conservation Division

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INJECT

I. Purpose: Secondary Recovery Pressure Maintenance Disposal Storage
Application qualifies for administrative approval? yes no

II. Operator: Wallen Production Company
Address: P.O. Box 1960 Midland, Texas 79702

Contact party: Walter W. Krug Phone: 915-683-2600

III. Well data: Complete the data required on the reverse side of this form for each well proposed for injection. Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

IV. Is this an expansion of an existing project? yes no
If yes, give the Division order number authorizing the project _____.

V. Attach a map that identifies all wells and leases within two miles of any proposed injection well with a one-half mile radius circle drawn around each proposed injection well. This circle identifies the well's area of review.

* VI. Attach a tabulation of data on all wells of public record within the area of review which penetrate the proposed injection zone. Such data shall include a description of each well's type, construction, date drilled, location, depth, record of completion, and a schematic of any plugged well illustrating all plugging detail.

VII. Attach data on the proposed operation, including:

1. Proposed average and maximum daily rate and volume of fluids to be injected;
2. Whether the system is open or closed;
3. Proposed average and maximum injection pressure;
4. Sources and an appropriate analysis of injection fluid and compatibility with the receiving formation if other than reinjected produced water; and
5. If injection is for disposal purposes into a zone not productive of oil or gas at or within one mile of the proposed well, attach a chemical analysis of the disposal zone formation water (may be measured or inferred from existing literature, studies, nearby wells, etc.).

*VIII. Attach appropriate geological data on the injection zone including appropriate lithologic detail, geological name, thickness, and depth. Give the geologic name, and depth to bottom of all underground sources of drinking water (aquifers containing waters with total dissolved solids concentrations of 10,000 mg/l or more) known to be immediately underlying the injection zone as well as any such source known to be immediately underlying the injection interval.

IX. Describe the proposed stimulation program, if any W Allen EXHIBIT NO. 3

* X. Attach appropriate logging and test data on the well. (If well logs have been filed with the Division they need not be resubmitted.) CASE NO. 9736

* XI. Attach a chemical analysis of fresh water from two or more fresh water wells (if available and producing) within one mile of any injection or disposal well showing location of wells and dates samples were taken.

XII. Applicants for disposal wells must make an affirmative statement that they have examined available geologic and engineering data and find no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the disposal zone and any underground source of drinking water.

XIII. Applicants must complete the "Proof of Notice" section on the reverse side of this form.

XIV. Certification

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: W. Thomas Kellain Title Attorney

Signature: [Signature] Date: July 24, 1989

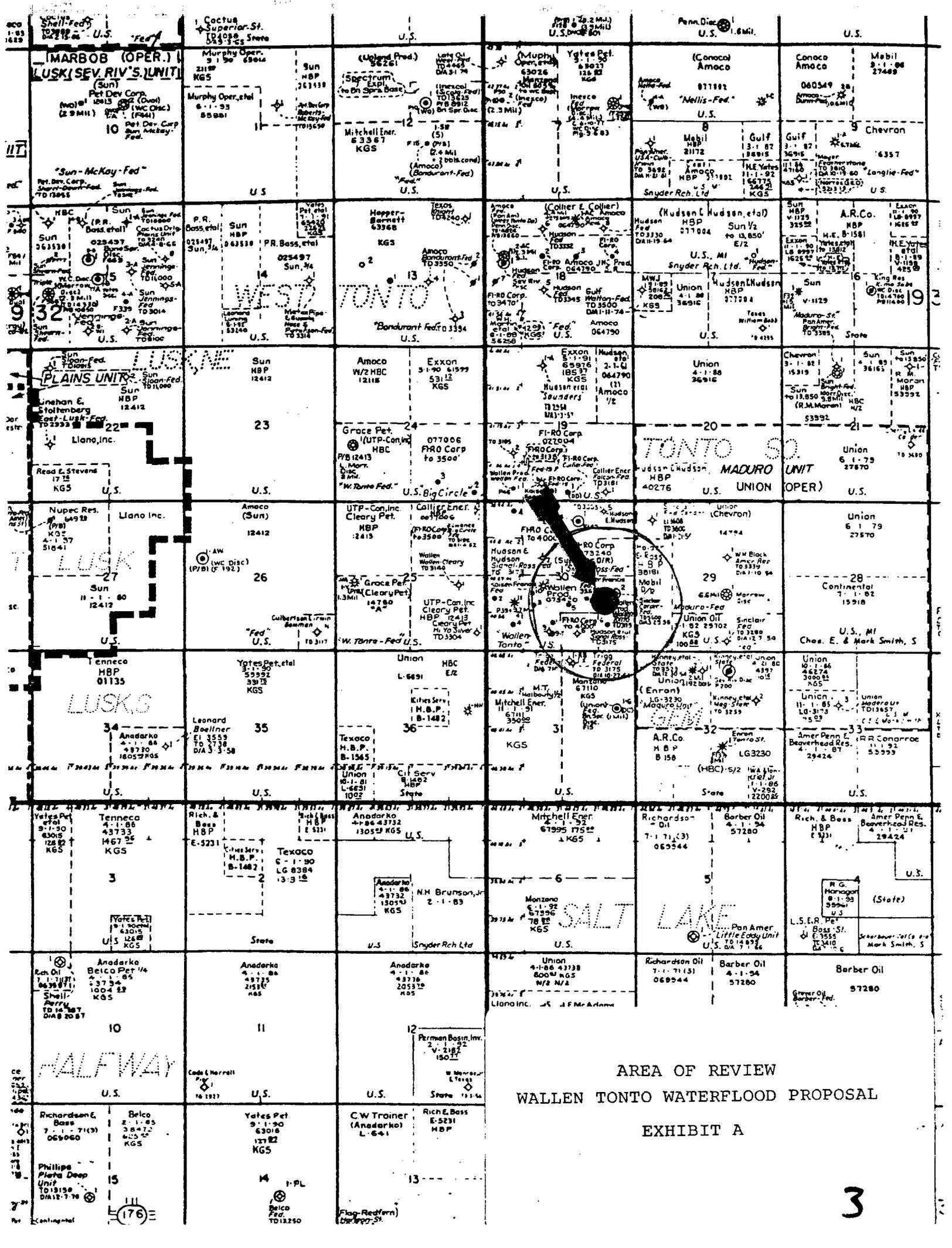
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AREA OF REVIEW
WALLEN TONTO WATERFLOOD PROPOSAL

EXHIBIT A

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Exhibit C

Data on Proposed Operation

1. Proposed average and maximum daily rate and volume of fluids to be injected:

Average daily rate of 200 BWIPD
Maximum daily rate of 400 BWIPD

2. System is closed.
3. Proposed Average Injection Pressure: 600 psig
Proposed Maximum Injection Pressure: 1000 psig

The proposed average and maximum injection pressures are to be determined from step rate tests to be run after the well is re-entered.

4. (A) Source of injection fluid:
Produced water from South Tonto Yates Seven Rivers Pool.
(B) Analysis of formation fluid:
Not applicable - re-injected produced water.
5. Zone of disposal is productive of oil and gas within one mile of proposed disposal well.

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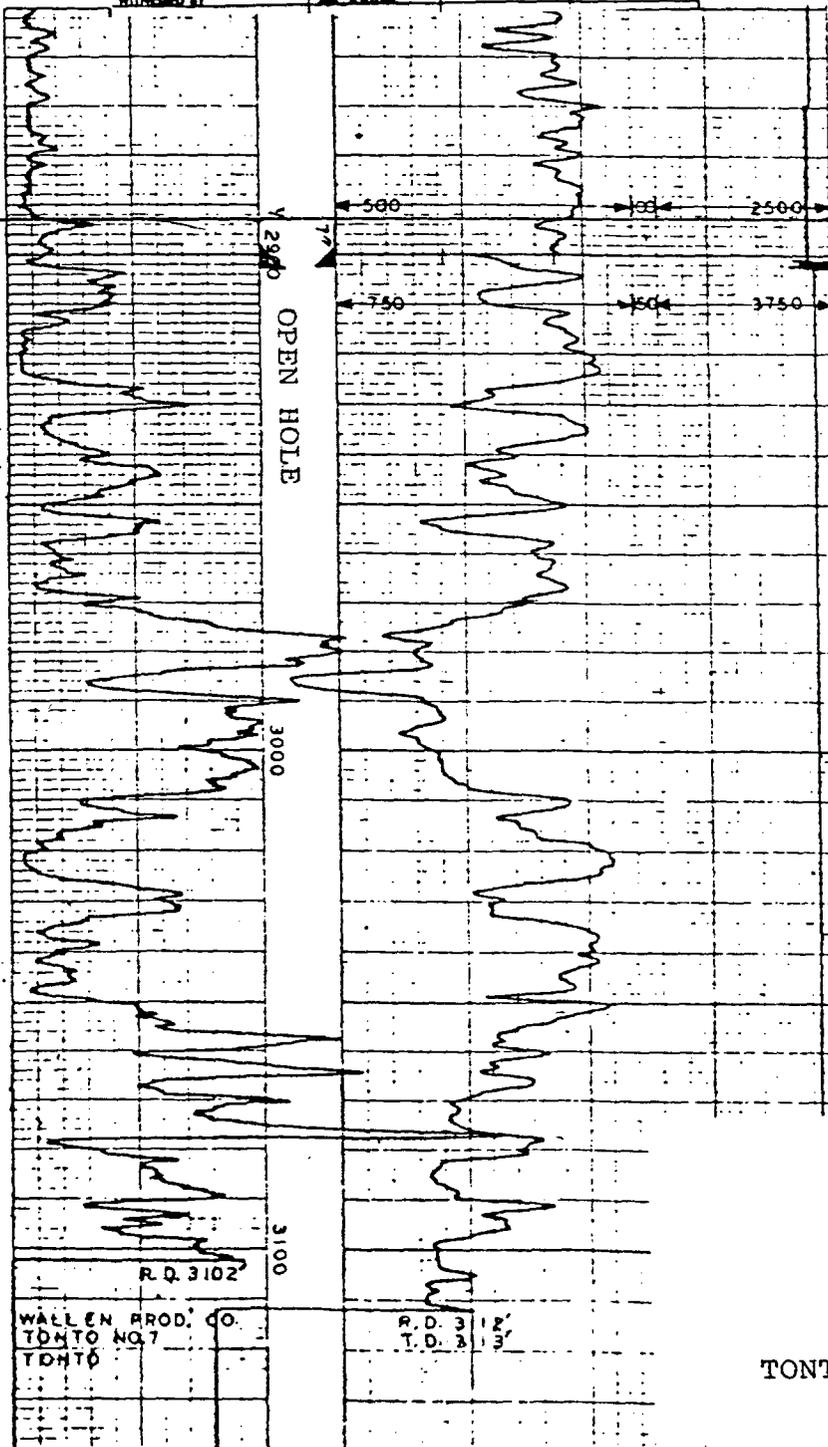
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Exhibit D

Geological Data on Injection Zone

Pool:	South Tonto Yates Seven Rivers
Formation:	Yates Seven Rivers
Geological Name:	Yates
Thickness:	@200 feet
Depth:	@2900 feet
Injection Interval:	2900 to 3113 feet

RECEIVED JUL 28 1978 U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MORRIS, NEW MEXICO	COMPANY <u>WALLEN PRODUCTION COMPANY</u>	
	WPA <u>TONTO NO. 7</u>	
	FIELD <u>T19S</u>	
	COUNTY <u>LRA</u>	STATE <u>N. MEXICO</u>
LOCATION <u>890' TEL & 1880' PSL</u>		OTHER LOGS
MC 30		WELL NO. <u>3102</u>
PERMANENT DATUM <u>GRADED LEVEL</u>		ELEV. <u>3588</u>
LOG MEASURED FROM <u>2' ABOVE GRADED LEVEL</u>		OF
DIPLOG MEASURED FROM <u>E. D. B.</u>		CL. <u>3680</u>
DATE	<u>7-14-78</u>	<u>7-16-78</u>
BLW NO.	<u>1-N.W.</u>	<u>3-N.W.</u>
TYPE LOG	<u>GRAVITY</u>	<u>NEUTRON</u>
DEPTH (FEET)	<u>3128</u>	<u>3128</u>
DEPTH (LOGGED)	<u>3112</u>	<u>3112</u>
BOTTOM LOGGED INTERVAL	<u>3102</u>	<u>3112</u>
TOP LOGGED INTERVAL	<u>2850</u>	<u>2850</u>
TYPE FLUID IN HOLE	<u>WATER</u>	
SALINITY PPM CL	<u>RE 45 313 10</u>	
DENSITY LB/CCM	<u>---</u>	
LOG	<u>ABOVE LOG</u>	<u>JUL 27 1978</u>
MAX. REC. TEMP. DEG. F	<u>---</u>	
OP. REC. TIME	<u>7 HR.</u>	
RECORDED BY	<u>WIZBAY</u>	<u>U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY</u>
WITNESSED BY	<u>MR. KRUMH</u>	<u>MORRIS, NEW MEXICO</u>



TOP OF YATES

TYPE LOG

WALLEN PRODUCTION

TONTO #7 SEC 30 T19S R33E

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Exhibit F

Well Data on Injection Well

Stimulation Program: 2000 gallons 15% NE-FE Acid

Location: 1650' FSL & 990' FEL
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Casing: 13 3/8" @225' cmtd w/300 sx
7" @2900' cmtd w/200 sx

Tubing: 2 3/8" @2850' - Plastic Coated

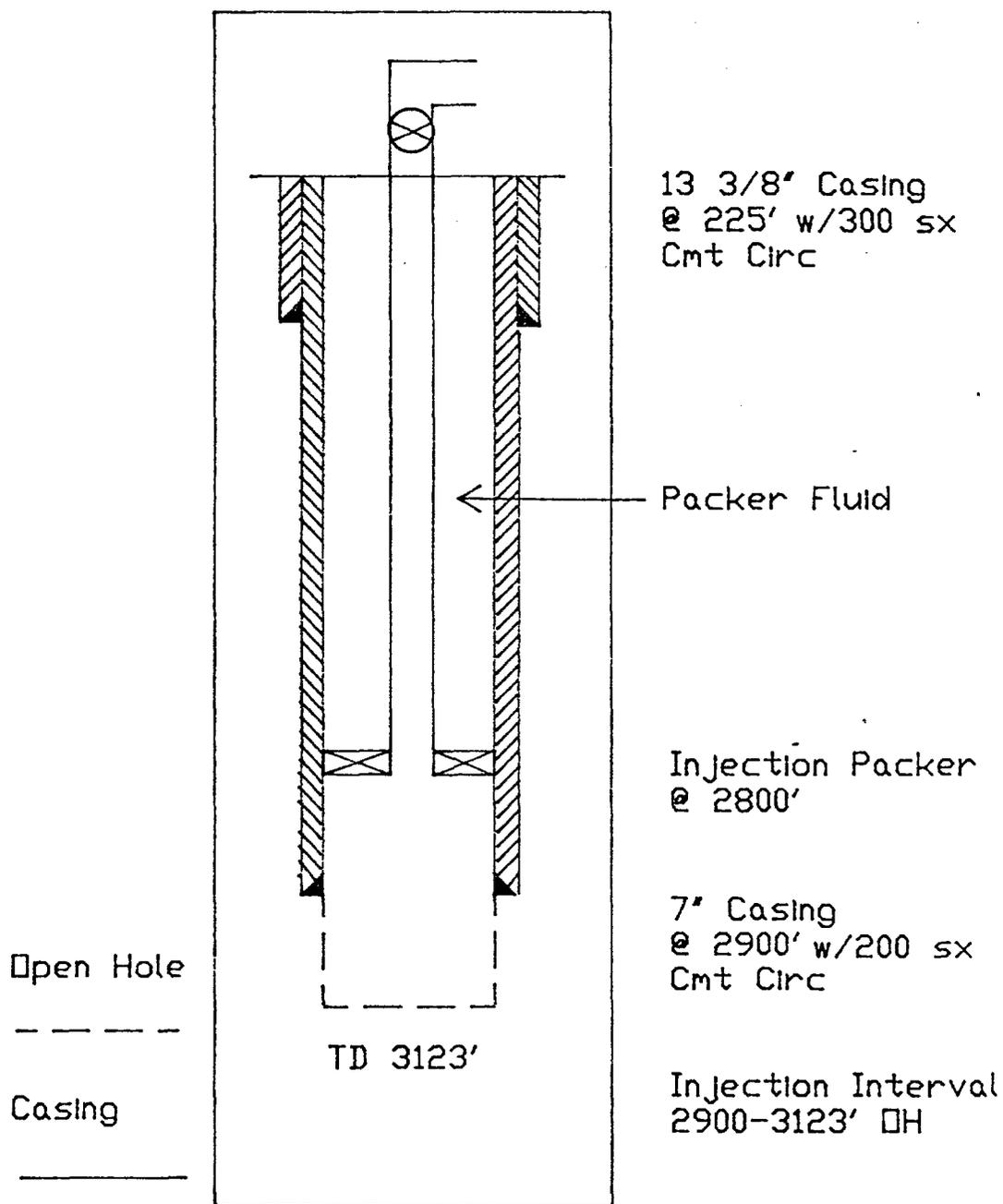
Packer: Halliburton R4 Injection Packer

Injection Formation: Yates in the South Tonto Yates-Seven
Rivers Pool.

Injection Interval: 2900' to 3113' Open Hole

Well was originally drilled as oil producer. Currently P&A.

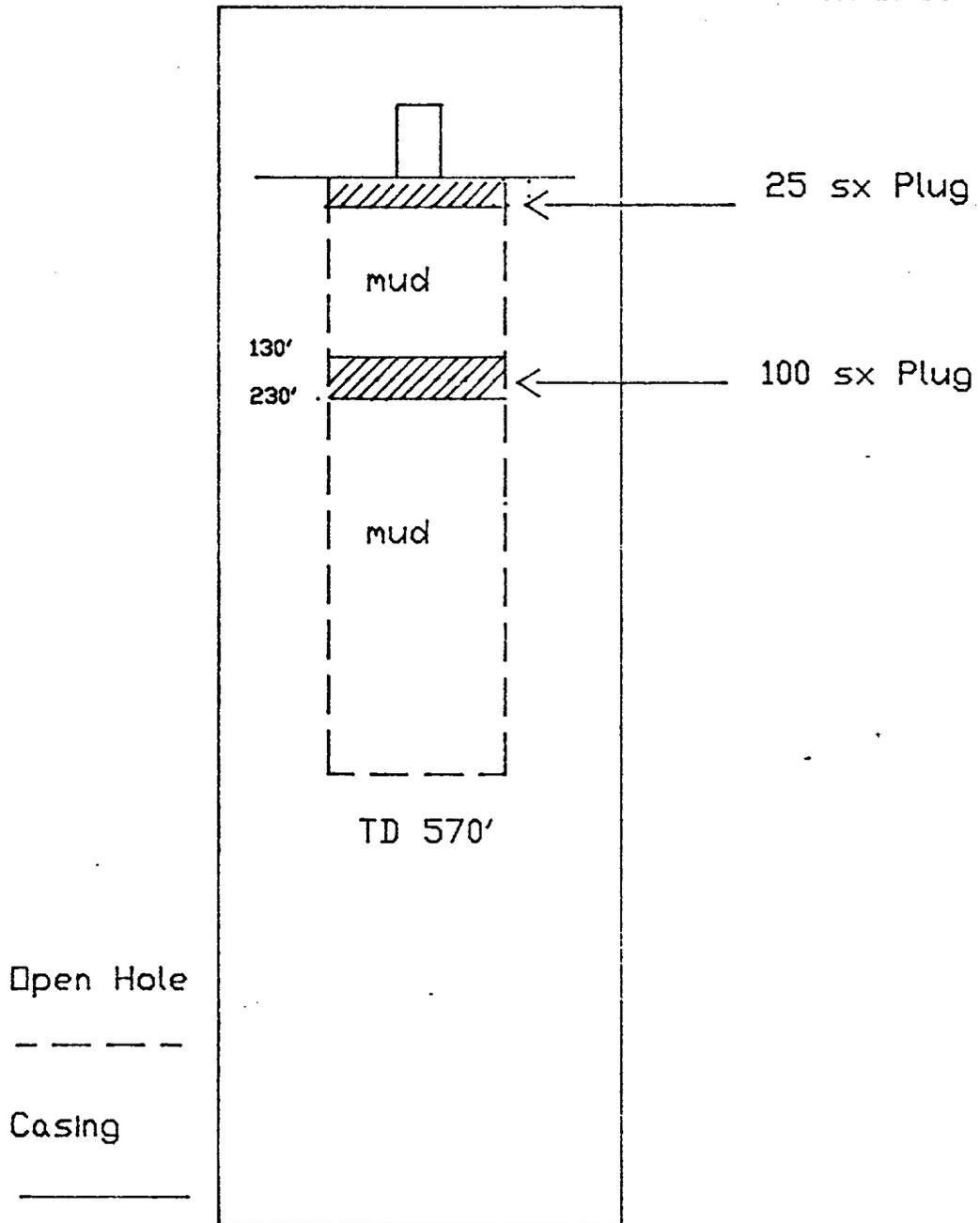
Wallen Production Company
 Wallen-Tonto Well No. 7
 990' FEL & 1650' FSL
 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E



Operator Well Name, Number	Location: Unit, Sec., Twp., Range	Type	Spudded Date	Completed Date	TD	Depth	PBD	Zone(s)	Record of Completion Perfs and Well Construction	TOC
Ami No. 1 USA Federal 30 Well No. 1	1 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 1980' FSL & 760' FEL	Gas	6/19/81	9/21/81	13712	13670		MORROW	Perf's: 13244-561 Casing: 13 3/8 @ 1276' / 775 SX 9 5/8 @ 5310' / 3440 SX 5 1/2 @ 13712' / 2150 SX	SURF-CALC SURF-CALC SURF-CALC 2038-CALC
Ami No. 1 USA Federal 30 Well No. 2	K1 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 2310' FSL & 1980' FWL	Gas	12/18/81	3/4/83	13800	13753		MORROW	Perf's: 13372-440 Casing: 13 3/8 @ 1315' / 1050 SX 9 5/8 @ 5315' / 3181 SX 5 1/2 @ 13800' / 2380 SX	SURF-CALC SURF-CALC SURF-CALC 1763-CALC
Edward Hudson Signal Ross-Fed Well No. 6	O, Sec 30, T19S, R33E 660' FSL & 1980' FEL	D&A	2/10/64 P&A 3/12/64	-	3177	-		YATES SVN RVFS	Perf's: Not Reported Casing: 13 3/8 @ 95' / 100 SX 5 1/2 @ 3115' / 30 SX	SURF-CALC 2810-STUD
Stinclair O&G Co. Carder-Federal Well No. 2	1, Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 1980' FSL & 660' FEL	P&A	2/14/56 P&A 3/29/56	-	5600	-		Delaware	Perf's: Open Hole Casing: 10 3/4 @ 305' / 250 SX	SURF-CALC
John H. Trigg Federal RB 31 Well No. 1	B, Sec 31, T19S, R33E 330' FWL & 2310' FEL	J&A	9/18/64 P&A 10/2/64	-	700	-		---	Perf's: NA Casing: 13 3/8 @ 85' / 50 SX	surf-calc
John H. Trigg Federal RB 31 Well No. 1X	B, Sec 31, T19S, R33E 335' FWL & 2223' FEL	D&A	10/3/64 P&A 10/27/64	-	3175	-		SVN RVFS	Perf's: NA Casing: 10 3/4 @ 497' - pulled 8 5/8 @ 940' - pulled	
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 7	1 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 1650' FSL & 990' FEL	D&A	5/17/78 P&A 7/18/78	-	3123	-		SVN RVFS	Perf's: NA Casing: 13 3/8 @ 225' / 300 SX 7 @ 2900' / 2200SX	CIFC CIFC
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 8	1 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 1790' FSL & 1710' FEL	OIL	10/16/81	2/20/82	3120	3115		SVN RVFS	Perf's: 2981-3110 Casing: 13 3/8 @ 115' / 500 SX 7 @ 2940' / 1000 SX 4 1/2 @ 2612' / 3120' / 60 SX	CIFC CIFC 2625-Temp
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 5	1 Sec. 30, T19S, R33E 1650' FSL & 2310' FEL	OIL	6/30/77	8/25/77	3094	3094		SVN RVFS	Perf's: Open Hole Casing: 7 @ 284' / 1000 SX	CIFC
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 3	K1 Sec 30, T19S, R33E 1650' FS & WL	OIL	8/31/77	10/21/77	3073	3073		SVN RVFS	Perf's: Open Hole Casing: 13 3/8 @ 220' / 300 SX 7 @ 2850' / 1000 SX	CIFC CIFC
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 6	P, Sec 30, T19S, R33E 990' FS & EL	OIL	2/8/78	4/28/78	3096	3085		SVN RVFS	Perf's: 2986-3080 Casing: 13 3/8 @ 210' / 300 SX 7 @ 2901' / 1420 SX 4 1/2 @ 2600-3096' / 60 SX	CIFC CIFC 2600-CIFC
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 1	N, Sec 30, T19S, R33E 990' FSL & 2310' FWL	OIL	10/15/76	12/5/76	3082	3082		SVN RVFS	Perf's: Open Hole Casing: 13 3/8 @ 225' / 100 SX 7 @ 2896' / 1000 SX	CIFC CIFC
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 9	N, Sec 30, T19S, R33E 600' FSL & 2300' FWL	J&A	9/20/80 P&A 10/8/80	-	570	-		---	Perf's: NA Casing: NA	
Walien Prod. Co. Walien-Tonto Well No. 9Y	N, Sec 30, T19S, R33E 660' FSL & 2300' FWL	OIL	10/12/80	3/18/81	3086	3086		SVN RVFS	Perf's: 2981-3110 OH 3084-86 Casing: 10 3/8 @ 225' / 450 SX 7 @ 2800' / 1100 SX 4 1/2 @ 2617' / 3083' / 60 SX	CIFC CIFC 2617-CIFC

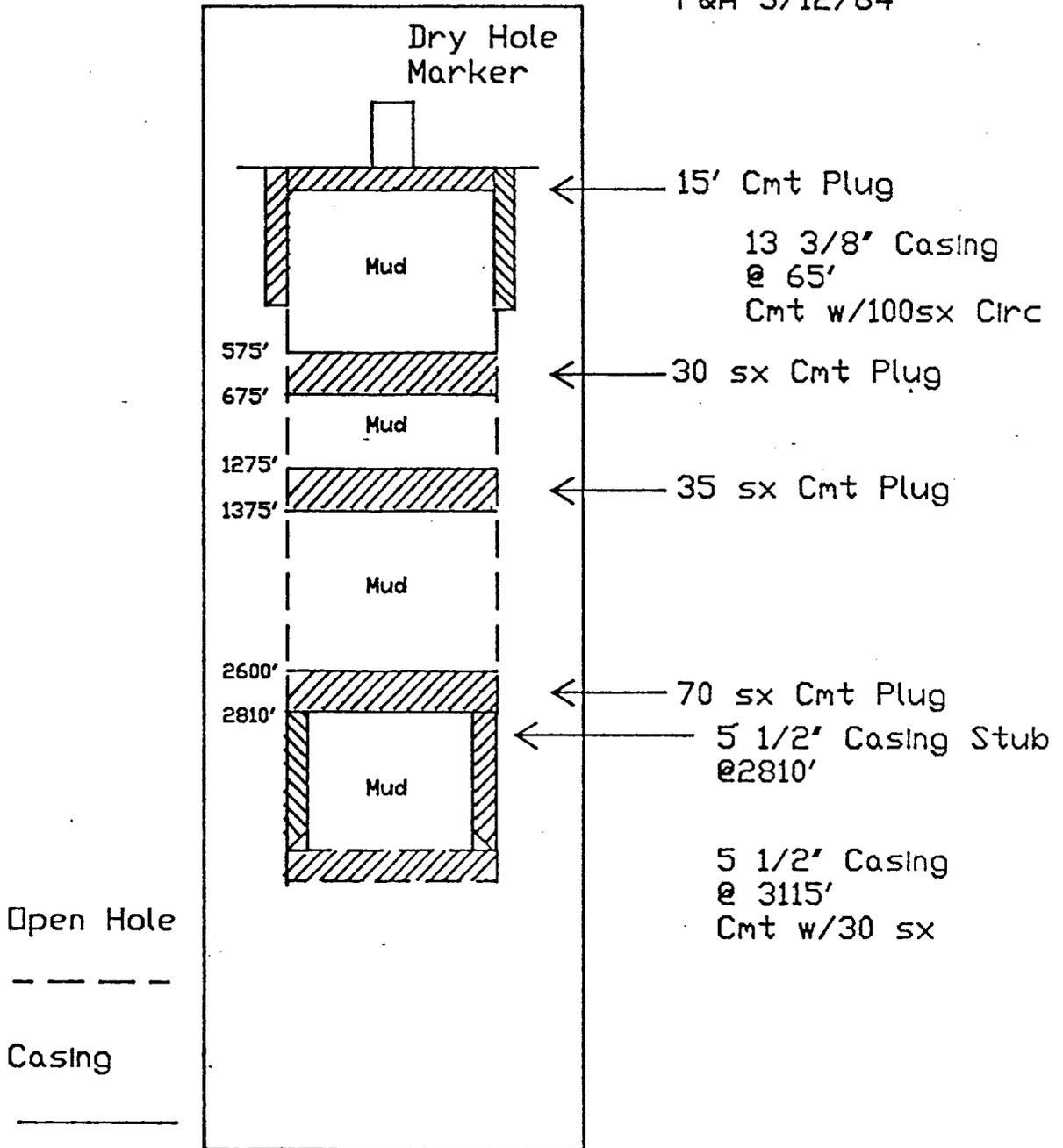
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2300' FWL & 600' FSL
Sec. 30, T19S, R33E

P&A 10/8/80



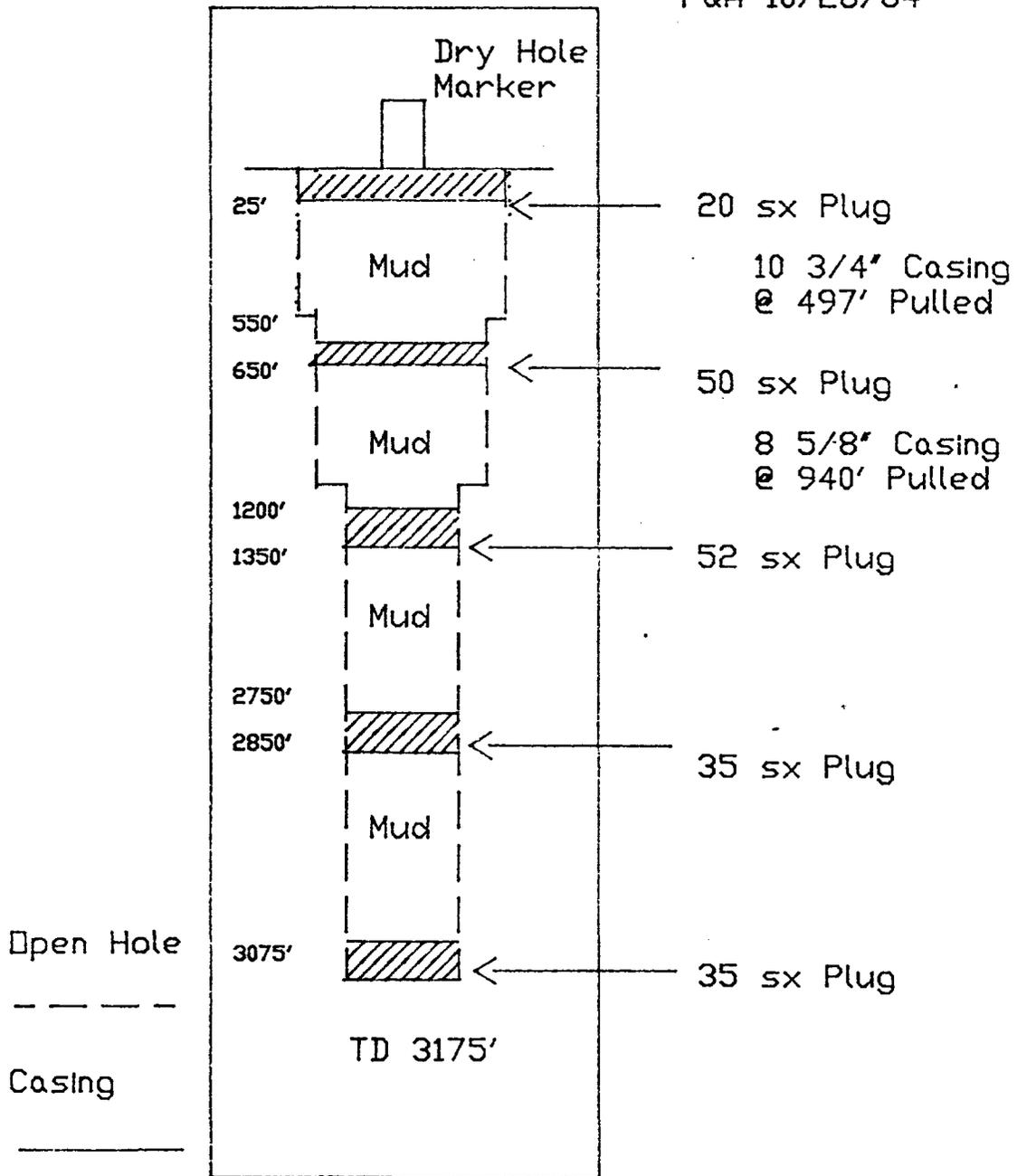
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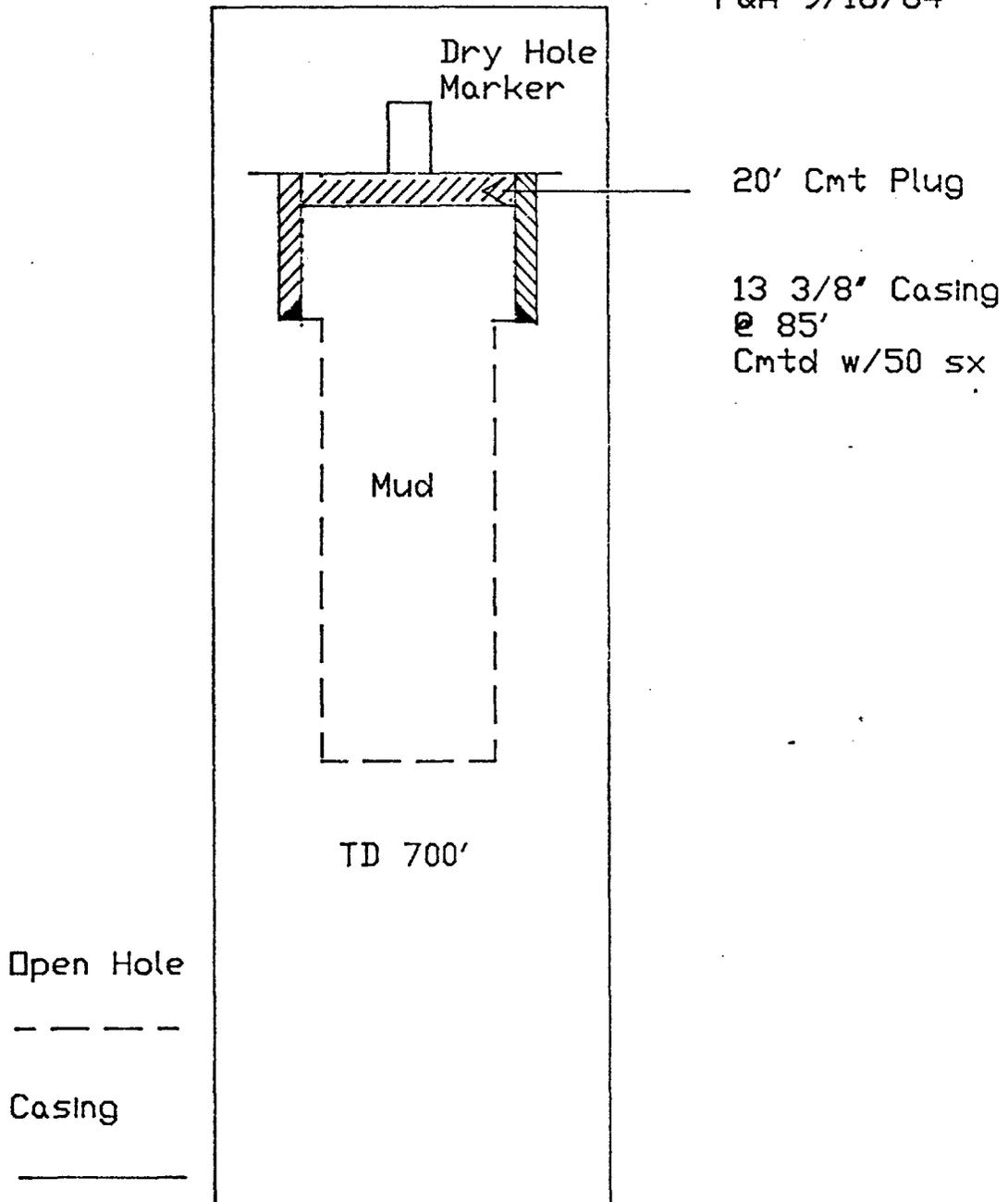
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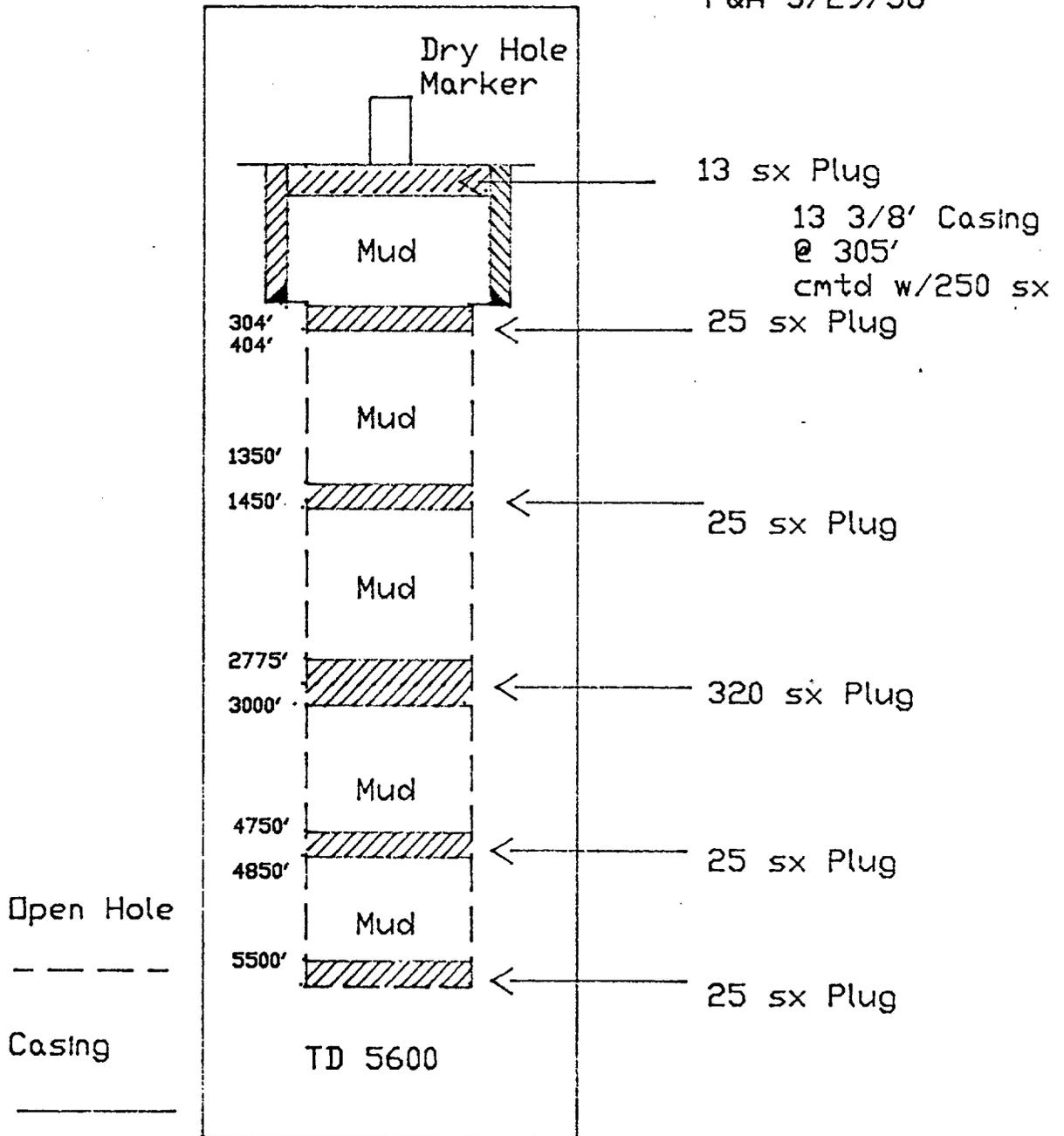
John H. Trigg
Federal "RB" 31 Well No. 1
330' FNL & 2310' FEL
Sec. 31, T19S, R33E

P&A 9/18/64



Sinclair Oil & Gas Company
 Carder-Federal Well No. 2
 330' FNL & 2310' FEL
 Sec. 31, T19S, R33E

P&A 3/29/56



WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
furnished by TRETOLITE CHEMICALS

COMPANY: WALLEN PRODUCTION
LEASE: TONTO
SAMPLE POINT: HEATER TREATER
SAMPLE DATE: 5-27-87
SAMPLE TEMP.:

pH: 6.5
H2S: 500
SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 1.025

TITRATED AND CALCULATED IONS

	MILLIGRAMS PER LITER	MILLIEQUIVALENTS PER LITER
HCO3	915.00	15.00
Cl	11210.00	315.77
SO4	1250.00	26.04
Ca	2800.00	140.00
Mg	0.00	0.00
Na	4986.78	216.82

IONIC STRENGTH = 0.44
TOTAL HARDNESS = 6000.0 mg/ltr.
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS = 21155.5 mg/ltr.
TOTAL IRON (Fe) = 3.0 ppm

PROBABLE MINERAL COMPOSITION AND ION PAIRING

	MILLIEQUIVALENTS PER LITER	MILLIGRAMS PER LITER
Ca(HCO3)2	15.00	1215.60
CaSO4	26.04	1772.66
CaCl2	98.96	5492.19
Mg(HCO3)2	0.00	0.00
MgSO4	0.00	0.00
MgCl2	0.00	0.00
NaHCO3	0.00	0.00
Na2SO4	0.00	0.00
NaCl	216.82	12675.08

CALCULATED SCALING TENDENCIES

SCALING INDEX

CaCO3 @ 80 DEG F. = 0.5
CaCO3 @ 120 DEG F. = 1.0

SATURATION POINT

CaSO4 @ 70 DEG F. = 1996.5 MG/LTR.
CaSO4 @ 110 DEG F. = 2020.2 MG/LTR.

(THIS SAMPLE CONTAINED 1772.7 MG/LTR. CaSO4)

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Exhibit J

Affirmative Statement

Wallen Production Company has examined available geologic and engineering data and finds no evidence of open faults or any other hydrologic connection between the disposal zone and any underground source of drinking water.

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Exhibit K

Notice

Pursuant to Section XIV of Form C-108,

Applicant has mailed copies of the application to the following:

Surface Owners: Bureau of Land Management
Roswell District Office
P.O. Box 1397
Roswell, New Mexico 88201-1397

Attention: District Manager

Oil Conservation Division
State Land Office
P.O. Box 1148
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Attention: Land Commissioner

Leasehold Operators within one-half mile:

Kaiser-Francis
Rt. Box 208
Odessa, Texas 78765

FI-RO Corporation
P.O. Box 8148
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

Union Oil Company of California
4000 N. Big Spring
Suite 300
Midland, Texas 79702

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DATA SHEET

Reserves

Cumulative Production @ 7/1/89	204100 BO
Projected Cumulative Production @ 1/1/90	209900 BO
Remaining Primary Reserves @ 1/1/90	21300 BO
Estimated Primary Recovery	231200 BO
Projected Secondary Reserves @ 1/1/90	63700 BO
Estimated Ultimate Recovery	294900 BO

Economics

- Case 1 Primary Production
- Case 2 Primary Production w/ Secondary Response
- Case 3 Incremental Secondary Production

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
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Oil Price, \$/BO	16	16	16
Economic Limit, BOPD	24	26	---
Capital Investment	0	60000	60000
Cumulative Net Cash Flow	20900	139800	118900
Net Income/Investment	---	---	3
Payout, Yrs	---	---	2.25

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PRIMARY PRODUCTION

Evaluated Interest

W. I. 100.00% Operating Expense \$/mo 7500
 N. R. I. 69.00%

Year	Gross Production	Net Production	Oil \$/BO	Net Revenue	Sev&Adv Taxes	Net Oper Expenses	Capital Cost	Cash Flow	Cum Cash Flow
1990	10275	7090	16	113440	8307	90000	0	15133	15133
1991	9351	6452	16	103230	7559	90000	0	5671	20804
1992	1474	1017	16	16278	1192	15000	0	86	20891

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PRIMARY PRODUCTION
 W/PROJECTED WATERFLOOD RESPONSE

Evaluated Interest

W. I. 100.00% Operating Expense \$/mo 8100
 N. R. I. 69.00%

Year	Gross Production	Net Production	Oil \$/BO	Net Revenue	Sev&Adv Taxes	Net Oper Expenses	Capital Cost	Cash Flow	Cum Cash Flow
1990	11021	7604	16	121669	8909	100800	60000	-48040	-48040
1991	15092	10414	16	166619	12201	99000	0	55418	7378
1992	14610	10081	16	161291	11811	97200	0	52280	59659
1993	13222	9123	16	145968	10689	97200	0	38080	97738
1994	11966	8256	16	132101	9673	97200	0	25228	122967
1995	10829	7472	16	119552	8754	97200	0	13597	136564
1996	8234	5681	16	90903	6656	81000	0	3247	139811

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INCREMENTAL SECONDARY PRODUCTION

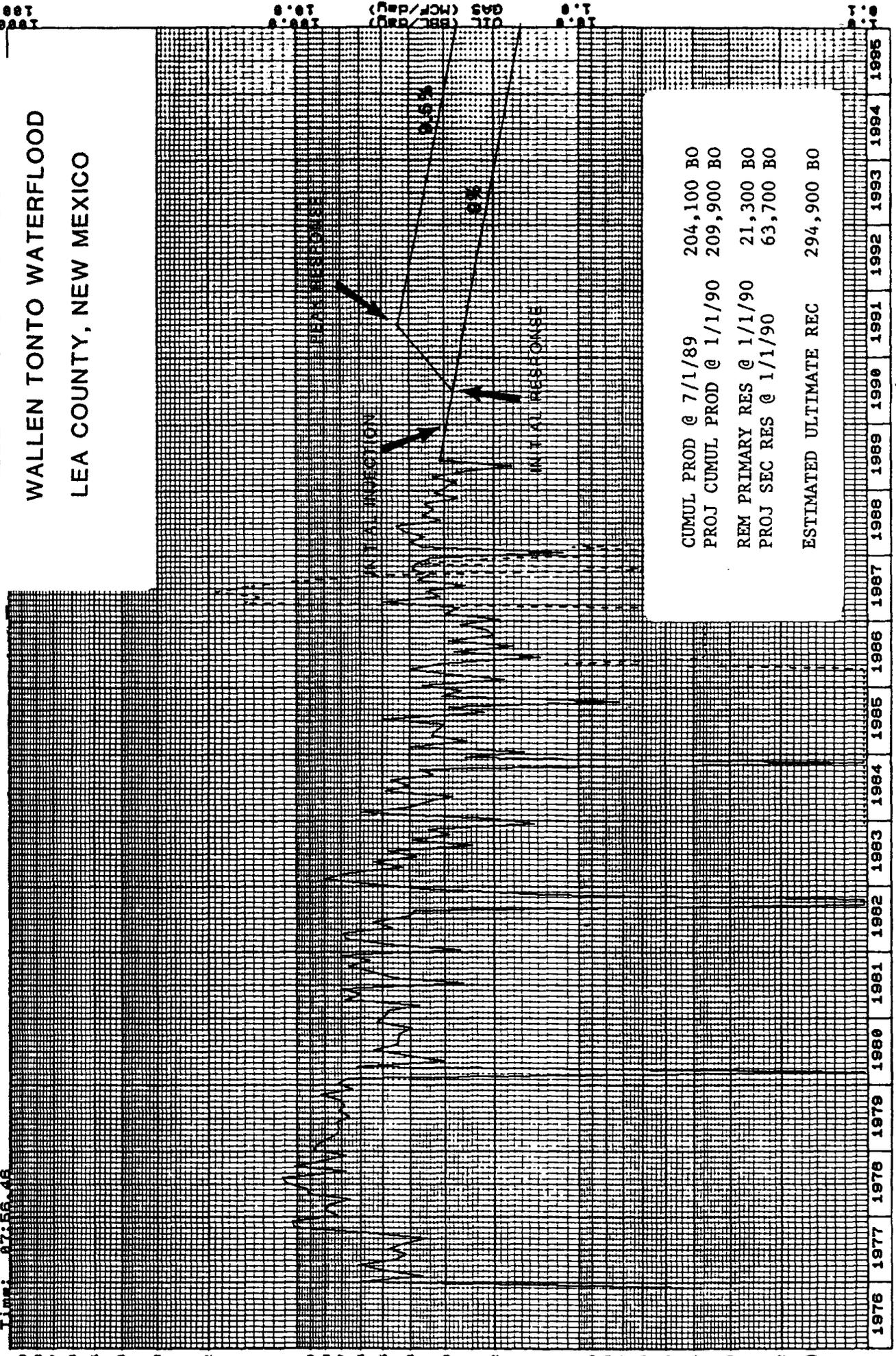
Evaluated Interest

W. I. 100.00%
 N. R. I. 69.00%

Year	Gross Production	Net Production	Oil \$/BO	Net Revenue	Sev&Adv Taxes	Net Oper Expenses	Capital Cost	Cash Flow	Cum Cash Flow
1990	745	514	16	8229	603	10800	60000	-63173	-63173
1991	5742	3962	16	63389	4642	9000	0	49747	-13426
1992	13135	9063	16	145013	10619	82200	0	52194	38768
1993	13222	9123	16	145968	10689	97200	0	38080	76848
1994	11966	8256	16	132101	9673	97200	0	25228	102076
1995	10829	7472	16	119552	8754	97200	0	13597	115673
1996	8234	5681	16	90903	6656	81000	0	3247	118920
	63873	44072		705155	51635	474600	60000		

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 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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PROPOSAL FOR
SURFACE SALT WATER DISPOSAL

Prepared For
WALLEN PRODUCTION COMPANY
Lea County, New Mexico
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PROPOSAL FOR
SURFACE SALT WATER DISPOSAL
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

INTRODUCTION

This firm has conducted a geohydrologic investigation for Wallen Production Company near its production in the south half of Section 30, T. 19 S., R. 33 E., in west-central Lea County, New Mexico (Figure 1). Wallen Petroleum proposes to operate a surface salt water disposal system for its leases in Section 30.

This investigation shows that no shallow fresh water is present in the area of the proposed surface salt water disposal site. The deeper Santa Rosa aquifer is isolated from the surface by over 500 feet of impervious red clays. In our opinion, fresh ground water will not be endangered by this disposal operation.

Data presented in this report are from the New Mexico State Engineer's Office, from previous studies by Ed L. Reed & Associates, Inc. and recent field work for the current investigation.

GENERAL GEOLOGY

The area of interest lies in the southern portion of the Querecho Plains, a topographic province in west-central Lea County, New Mexico (Figure 2).

We focused this investigation on geologic formations younger than the Permian because they are the only potential sources of potable ground water in this region. The Permian strata which are comprised largely of anhydrite and salt do not contain fresh water.

The Triassic Dockum Group which lies on undifferentiated Permian and Triassic strata is divided into the Santa Rosa Sandstone and the Chinle Formation. The Santa Rosa Sandstone consists of red to gray, fine to coarse-grained sand which is about 250 feet thick. The Chinle Formation which conformably overlies the Santa Rosa is composed of approximately 500 feet of red to gray shales. The top of the Chinle is marked by an erosional surface.

Quaternary alluvium comprises the surface cover in the Querecho Plains (figure 3). The alluvium ranges in thickness from a few feet to approximately 100 feet. The alluvium consists of dune sand, loosely cemented fine gravel and caliche composed of sand in a calcareous matrix.

LOCAL GEOLOGY

The area covered by this study encompasses most of Townships T. 19 S., R. 32 E.; T. 19 S., R. 33 E.; T. 20 S., R. 32 E.; and T. 20 S., R. 33 E. (Figure 4). The Quaternary alluvium in the study area varies in thickness from 0 to 100 feet. The underlying Chinle Formation is approximately 500 feet thick, and consists of red and gray shales. The top of the Chinle is an erosional surface which also reflects deeper

structural movement and solution slumping. The Santa Rosa is about 250 feet thick and consists of fine to coarse sands.

The Triassic Chinle outcrops along the north side of Laguna Plata and in the Laguna Gatuna area. The Triassic south of the playa lakes gradually rises southward and southeastward. The Santa Rosa outcrops in the southern part of Section 30 and Section 32 of T. 20 S., R. 32 E. The Triassic also outcrops in several Townships in western Lea County and along the eastern side of Eddy County.

Along the north portion of the study area the Triassic strikes east-west and the dip is southward at a rate of approximately 50 feet per mile (figure 4). In the area of the saline playa lakes (Lagunas Plata, Tonto, Gatuna and Toston), the contours show closures from 25 to 50 feet. These closures suggest that the lakes are caused by salt dissolution in the Permian with subsequent slumping reflected in the overlying Triassic. San Simon Swale, approximately 15 miles southeast of the playa lakes is also a closed depression caused by the removal of salt by solution in the Permian-Salado strata.

HYDROLOGY

Potable ground water in the four township area is derived solely from the Quaternary alluvium and Triassic Santa Rosa Formation. Water wells in the vicinity of the Wallen Production Company operation are listed on Table 1 and shown on Figure 4. The Quaternary alluvium which is up to 100 feet thick contains water that is normally potable

except in the vicinity of the playa lakes (Tables 1 and 2). The saturated thickness varies from 0 to 30 feet. The alluvial water where potable is used for stock and domestic purposes. Recharge to this aquifer is derived principally from rainfall which averages 9 inches per year. The ground water movement in the alluvium is toward the playa lakes. Ground water within and near the playas is highly saline (Figure 5). We found no evidence of producible alluvial ground water (fresh or saline) in the area of the Wallen Production Company's oil operation in the south half of Section 30, T. 19 S., R. 33 E. Logs of nine cable tool holes on Sections 19 and 30 were checked for alluvial ground water and none indicated saturation above the Triassic.

The Triassic Chinle Formation generally is not a source of ground water because it consists predominantly of clays. The principal aquifer in the Triassic is the Santa Rosa Sandstone. The water quality in this aquifer is poor, usually having a high concentration of sulfates. The Santa Rosa water is used for industrial purposes such as drilling and gasoline plants and is used on a limited basis for stock.

The Santa Rosa aquifer lies at a depth of 300 to 600 feet and is over 200 feet thick. Porosity development in the sandstone is highly variable which results in a net productive sand thickness ranging from 30 to 100 feet. Reported yields from the Santa Rosa range up to 100 gallons per minute. This aquifer is under artesian pressure with a head of approximately 200 feet. Recharge to the Santa Rosa is from

drainage from the Ogallala aquifer to the north and from infiltration from the surface through sand dunes in eastern Eddy County. Ground water movement is toward the southeast along the structural dip.

Because of the poor quality local ground water, ranchers have access to fresh water transmission pipelines which deliver Ogallala water from the east to the potash mines.

One Santa Rosa sandstone well and one Santa Rosa-Chinle well are completed in the SW/4, NW/4 of Section 18, T. 19 S, R. 33 E. These wells, which have water levels 260 feet and 347 feet from the surface, are currently used for drilling rig supply. A sample from the northernmost of the two wells contains 312 milligrams per liter (mg/l) chlorides, 844 mg/l sulfates and total dissolved solids of 2,070 mg/l. An abandoned Santa Rosa well in the SE/4, SW/4 of Section 5, T. 20 S., R. 33 E. has a static water level of 281 feet from the surface. A water sample from this well contained 1,723 mg/l chlorides, 1,094 mg/l sulfates, and total dissolved solids of 4,744 mg/l. An old Santa Rosa well located in the NE/4, NW/4 of Section 18, on the northwest edge of the Laguna Gatuna Lake was examined in 1972. The static water level was 252 feet from the surface. A 1968 chemical analysis of water from this well shows 21,013 ppm chlorides and 3,895 ppm sulfates.

The water level data show that the Santa Rosa ground water movement is toward the southeast. In the vicinity of the saline playas, the Santa Rosa discharges into the Rustler through the collapse structures beneath the playas.

The ground water movement in the alluvium is toward the playas. The alluvial water discharges into the playas as seeps and springs on the playa shores.

CORE BORING

One core boring was completed during this study in the south-central part of the Wallen lease approximately 200 feet south of the current brine pit. This core boring was drilled to examine the alluvial saturation and the physical characteristics of the upper Triassic. A review of seismic test hole and cable tool data shows that the alluvium in this area is less than 50 feet thick. This conclusion is confirmed by the core boring. The boring was jetted after completion to test for the presence of ground water and no evidence of ground water was detected. Several days after completion, water had seeped into the boring. A sample of this water had 6,666 mg/l chlorides, which by calculation would indicate total dissolved solids over 10,000 mg/l.

Cores taken from the upper Chinle were analyzed for permeability and Atterburg Limits (Table 3). These tests show that the upper Chinle is very fine grained (over 70 percent finer than a 200 mesh sieve). The clays are virtually impervious to fluid migration. The permeability of the upper Chinle averages 9.7×10^{-9} cm/sec.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Two formations supply water to wells in the region; shallow

alluvium and the Triassic Santa Rosa. The alluvium in the vicinity of the Wallen lease is thin and contains no potable ground water. Ground water movement in the alluvium is toward the saline playas to the south where it discharges as seeps and springs in the playa margins. The Santa Rosa contains water which is slightly to moderately saline. The Santa Rosa is protected from vertical infiltration by a thick section of impervious Chinle clays.

Disposal of salt water at the surface will, in our opinion, not endanger fresh ground water supplies. The disposed salt water will enter the alluvium and migrate to the top of the Chinle and then southward along the top of the Chinle, to discharge into the saline playa lakes. The Chinle clays will prohibit migration of the brine into the underlying Santa Rosa aquifer.

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TABLE 2

QUATERNARY WELLS WITH NON POTABLE WATER

LOCATION	OWNER	ELEV.	WATER LEVEL	TOTAL DEPTH	USE OF WELL	CHEMICAL ANALYSES (In Milligrams/Liter or Parts/Million)				DATE OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLED BY
						CHLORIDES	SULFATES	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY		
SW of SE/4 Scarbauer Sec 4 T20S R33E	Cattle Co.	3556'	33' <u>1968</u>	58'	Abd. Stock	2,382 12,978	- 16,068	- -	10,175 -	11/17/65 10/24/68	State United Chem.
NW NW Sec 21 T20S R33E	-	3536'	35' <u>1981</u>	52'	Abd. Stock	3,518	905	-	-	10/24/68	United Chem.
SE NW/4 Sec 12 T20S R32E	-	3540'	-	130'	Abd. Stock	9,744	1,878	-	-	1968	United Chem.
NE SW/4 Sec 1 T20S R32E	Salt Lake Rich.	3510'	21.7 <u>1954</u>	30'	Abd. Stock	Reported Salty - 1954 and Dry in 1972				State	

TABLE 1
QUATERNARY WELLS WITH POTABLE WATER

LOCATION	OWNER	ELEV.	WATER LEVEL	TOTAL DEPTH	USE OF WELL	CHLORIDES	SULFATES	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	Milligrams/Liter or Parts/Million	ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY	DATE OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLED BY
SE NE/4 Sec. 26 T19S R33E	Smith		116'	131'	Abd. Stock	In			1969 (reported good quality water)			
SE SE/4 Sec. 23 T20S R32E	Old Halfway Bar	3551'	36.7' 1981	100'	Active Domestic Stock			2134	2560		11/17/65 1/16/78	State Reed
NW NW Sec. 25 T20S R32E	Smith?	3555'	39 1982	65'	Stock				1861		1969	Reed
NE/4 Sec. 36 T20S R32E	Bingham Ranch	3501'	44' 1972	50'	Domestic				837 750		1969 9/72	Reed State
SW/4 Sec. 23 T20S R32E		3541'	39.8 1981		Stock						1930	State
SE NW/4 Sec. 27 T20S R32E					No Data						9/18/72	State
SE NW/4 Sec. 30 T20S R32E	S. Frey	3540'	23.9 1972		Industrial							
		3505'	9.94 1954		No Data							

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