

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

**CASE NO. 12822
ORDER NO. R-11772**

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ("DIVISION") ON ITS OWN MOTION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG AND ABANDON ONE CERTAIN WELL IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on February 21, 2002, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Michael E. Stogner.

NOW, on this 22nd day of May, 2002, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) Cross, Gould, and Morlock of Farmington, New Mexico a/k/a Cross et al. was the last known owner and operator of a well identified as the: (i) Blackjack Well No. 1; (ii) Cross Black Well; and (iii) Cross, Gould, and Morlock Well No. 3, located approximately 2697 feet from the North line and 2847 feet from the East line, which is within the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(3) A representative of the Division's district office in Aztec (District III) presented evidence and testimony supporting the Division's position that the subject well should be plugged and abandoned.

(4) Evidence indicates that this well was drilled to a total depth of 740 feet and completed on September 1, 1928. This well was drilled on patented land owned by Foster Blacklock of Farmington, New Mexico. No production from this well has ever been reported to the Division.

(5) The Division has no further information concerning the identity or whereabouts of the operator. At this time the subject well is not covered by a plugging bond.

(6) This well is located in the interior of an unoccupied residence at 1013 East Cedar in the city of Farmington, New Mexico.

(7) The residence at 1013 East Cedar is now owned by Olin Triplett, Jennie Lee Triplett, and Jean Triplett Bixler all of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, Dewayne Triplett of Waterflow, New Mexico, and Dale Triplett of Hesperus, Colorado.

(8) This well is presumed to have been abandoned by the operator.

(9) The current condition of this well is such that a hazardous situation exists, waste will probably occur, correlative rights will also be violated, livestock and wildlife may be subject to harmful contaminants, and fresh waters may be in danger of contamination.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT!

(1) The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division is hereby authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to properly plug and abandon the Cross, Gould, and Morlock a/k/a Cross et al. well located approximately 2697 feet from the North line and 2847 feet from the East line, which is within the NE/4 SW/4 (Unit K) of Section 15, Township 29 North, Range 13 West, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico.

(2) Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

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LORI WROTENBERY
Director

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