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Re: Reeve - Chappel Well No. 1,
Unit M, Section 18, Town-
ship 12 North, Range 30 East,
NMPM, San Juan County,
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As of this date, no reply to my letter of June 7, 1974, has been received. The letters you have written to this office - including a notation on a computer print-out "reminder" (dated 12/5/74) imply that you believe the well abandonment is in compliance with New Mexico Regulations. Therefore, another copy of the June 7th letter is attached, so that you may be advised once again the reason for maintaining your plugging bond in effect.

It seems as if it would be relatively simple to complete the plugging of the subject well. There is certainly no advantage to this State in holding the file open or maintaining the bond in force longer than necessary. If the plugging has in fact been completed - as your note of December 5, 1974, implies - perhaps a statement from the ranch foreman could be obtained. Your "understanding" that all work has been completed is hardly sufficient evidence of compliance with the rules. Your letter of October 22, 1973, to Mr. Kapteina indicates that your "understanding" of what your geologist had "taken care of" proved to be in error.

Please refer to the attached letter to learn what an

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inspection revealed after you originally reported the plugging and abandonment had been completed. In view of the time and expense required to make such inspections, perhaps you can understand our reluctance to make repeated visits to a location only to discover non-compliance with State regulations.

Yours truly,

CARL ULVOG
Senior Geologist

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