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Mr. James W. Strawn
1009 East Florida Street
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Re: Horton Well No. 1, Unit A,
Section 32, Township 11 North,
Range 7 East, NMPM, Santa Fe
County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Strawn:

Your original application for a permit to deepen the subject well was dated October 23, 1975. On February 21, 1976, you requested an extension of time in which to begin operations. This request was granted on the condition that you begin prior to June 1, 1976. As of this date, no deepening or reworking of the well has begun.

One of the problems confronting the Commission is that of abandoned wells that have not been properly plugged. In the case of the subject location, it is now almost two years since operations ceased. Consequently, it would be gross negligence on the part of the Oil Conservation Commission to ignore conditions at this site. If there is no evidence of a conscientious effort to begin operations here promptly, a forced plugging case will be docketed for public hearing on July 21 next, unless you make arrangements with the landowner for conversion of the existing hole to a water supply well. The deadline for either action - drilling or conveyance to the landowner - is July 1, 1976.

Yours truly,

CARL ULVOG
District IV Supervisor

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