

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT WALTER J. NELSON AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE WALTER J. NELSON LEE BURNS "A" WELL NO. 1, LOCATED IN UNIT P OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, NMPM, TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

CASE No. 4098
Order No. R-3750

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 9, 1969, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 8th day of May, 1969, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That Walter J. Nelson is the owner and operator of the Walter J. Nelson Lee Burns "A" Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, Torrance County, New Mexico.

(3) That the Walter J. Nelson Lee Burns "A" Well No. 1 has been abandoned and should be plugged in order to confine permanently all oil, gas, and/or water in the separate strata originally containing them in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That Walter J. Nelson is hereby ordered to plug the Walter J. Nelson Lee Burns "A" Well No. 1, located in Unit P of Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, Torrance County, New Mexico, in accordance with either of the following minimum plugging programs:

A. If subject well is not to be converted to a water well.

1. Cement the interval from 2852 feet back to 1614 feet with at least 155 sacks of cement.
2. Shoot 5 1/2-inch casing off at approximately 1600 feet and set a 15-sack cement plug on top of casing stub.
3. Cement the interval from 350 feet back to 250 feet with at least 25 sacks of cement.
4. Set a 25-foot cement plug at the surface.
5. Fill the intervals between plugs with heavy mud.
6. Set in the surface plug a regulation steel marker not less than 4 inches in diameter and extending at least 4 feet above mean ground level.

B. If subject well is to be converted to a water well.

1. Cement the interval from 2852 feet back to 1614 feet with at least 155 sacks of cement.
2. Shoot 5 1/2-inch casing off at approximately 1600 feet and set a 15-sack cement plug on top of casing stub.
3. Cement the interval from 550 feet back to 500 feet with at least 15 sacks of cement.

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4. Fill the intervals between plugs with heavy mud.
5. Transfer well to landowner for use as a water well in accordance with the provisions of Rule 203 of the Commission Rules and Regulations.

(2) That Walter J. Nelson shall complete plugging operations on the above-described well on or before June 30, 1969, and shall notify the Oil and Gas Inspector, District 4, Oil Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 2088, Santa Fe, New Mexico, of the exact date and time plugging operations are to commence.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DAVID F. CARGO, Chairman

ALEX J. ARMIJO, Member

A. L. PORTER, Jr., Member & Secretary

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