

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 871

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 23, 1960

C Mr. Oliver E. Payne
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

O Re: Inspection Report - Sketchley Rio
Grande Community Well No. 1, SW/4
SE/4 Section 5, Township 6 North,
Range 1 East, Valencia County, New
Mexico.

O Dear Mr. Payne:

P The subject well was given a positive inspection on Wednesday
March 23, 1960 with the aid of a long handle shovel, to determine
whether or not it had been properly plugged. The writer finds the
condition of the location to be as follows:

Y From the appearance of the area immediately surrounding the hole
the rig was moved off and no attempt made to clean location. Portions
of an old mud pit remain and the location is strewn with decayed rig
timbers and lumber. The four concrete foundation blocks upon which
the derrick was erected are still in their original position, or appear
so. A short piece (about 4 feet) of, 2-inch tubing was welded to a
circular piece of steel plate, placed in the center of the old concrete
cellar (6' x 6') and covered with sand making it appear that the piece
of tubing might be set in the old hole. It had been established in
November 1959 that this tubing was not set in cement. After removing
the tubing, a 24-inch diameter hole was dug to a depth of approximately
4' trying to locate surface pipe or cement in old hole. At 4' what
appeared to be (appearance and odor) heavy grease was encountered making
further digging with shovel impossible. Neither surface casing nor
cement were found. From all indications of surface conditions this well
has not been properly plugged.

Very truly yours,

cc: A. L. Porter, Jr.

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J. E. Kapteina
District Engineer
District IV