

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 7, 1951

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Mr. George Koeppler
Box 5413, Metropolitan Station
Los Angeles 55 - California

Dear Mr. Koeppler:

In reply to your letter of December 3, 1951, regarding the Sunol Oil Co. well in Valencia County, New Mexico, we have this date granted Sunol a permit to temporarily abandon this well for a period of 60 days from December 7, 1951. This permit was granted in accordance with a request from Sunol Oil Company and in compliance with Commission rules and regulations.

The company has posted a bond on this well and insofar as we know has complied fully with the law and rules of the Commission. At the end of the 60-day period, if drilling has not been resumed, it will be necessary for them to secure further permission from the Commission or plug and abandon the well.

Insofar as requiring any drilling activity, the New Mexico law gives the Commission no authority to direct anyone to drill or otherwise operate a well, except for the purposes of enforcing our conservation laws. We cannot undertake to advise you of any rights you may have in regard to this matter, since our power is primarily a duty to conserve the oil resources of the state and prevent waste.

Yours very truly,

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Jason Kellahin, Attorney

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