

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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Mr. Fred C. Fairbairn
314 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 30, 1953 wherein you inquire about drilling activity in the Dalies area of Valencia County.

The McCormick et al well is located in the SE/4 SE/4 of Sec. 32-T7-R1E. It was spudded March 13, 1951 and has been sporadically worked by Sunel Oil Company, (D. L. Wade, T. W. Baines, Elisabeth Skeethley, Gladys E. McCormick), Harry C. Long, and lastly Phil D. Lynch.

The present status of the well according to our records is: total depth 8495' in sand, shut down-temporarily abandoned. Last work done on this well was during the week ending August 6, 1953. To my knowledge they have failed to encounter any promising horizons, and it may be assumed that Lynch-McCormick suspended operations to wait out a nearby deep test by a major operator, details of which follow.

The Humble Oil & Refining Company #1 Santa Fe Pacific Railway was spudded on January 29, 1953, was drilled to a final depth of 12691', same reached last week, and the well this week is being plugged and abandoned as a dry hole. Theoretically this well lies slightly uphill on the Rio Grande trough structure from the Dalies well, consequently the latter would have to be drilled considerably deeper to explore new horizons.

Enclosed please find a New Mexico State Highway Department quadrangle map of this vicinity. I have tried to spot these two wells as accurately as possible, and trust that this map will aid you. No doubt you have more detailed maps of the Dalies townsite and its corresponding "lots". Actually, and speaking off the record, Dalies is merely a railroad section and there is very little, if any, semblance of a community there.

I trust I have enlightened you in this matter. Additional quadrangle maps similar to the one enclosed may be obtained from the Planning Division, New Mexico State Highway Department, Santa Fe, for a nominal fee.

Very truly yours,

Eugene A. Chavez
Oil & Gas Inspector

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