

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 22, 1958

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Mr. Philip M. Girard
Attorney At Law
Continental Building
408 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13, California

Re: Plugging, Haddock, Haddock
& Woodruff, Fugua Well No. 1,
Unit P. Section 19, Township 5
North, Range 3 East, Valencia
County, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Girard:

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Subsequent to our recent telephone conversation I have been investigating the situation in an effort to determine the best procedure for plugging the subject well. It appears from all records that this well was drilled through loose unconsolidated valley alluvium and that all the casing has been removed from the hole. Removal of the casing from this type of formation would undoubtedly cause the sediments to collapse and fill the hole almost immediately. Thus, if any attempt were made to set cement plugs in the hole, it would necessitate the re-drilling of said well. Further, the nature of the formation is such that a well drilled now on the same location would possibly not follow the track of the old well bore and would therefore be of no value in the plugging of the subject well.

Accordingly the Commission feels that to attempt to clean out the subject well in order to more adequately plug it would be of little actual value and would work an economic hardship on the operators. Therefore, the Commission will only expect that the well site be cleared of junk, the pits filled, the concrete derrick foundation removed and a permanent pipe marker four inches in diameter and four feet high cemented in the hole.

In the alternative the operators may obtain from the land owner an affidavit stating that the condition of the well site is acceptable to him. This statement would be sufficient to release the operators from their responsibility to do any further work on the well.

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If the first suggested plan is used you will undoubtedly be able to find a general contractor in Belen or Albuquerque who will do this work for you.

C With the conclusion of the work outlined above it will be necessary to file 3 copies of Commission Form C-103 describing the work performed. With Commission approval of these forms and a field inspection of the location the plugging bond will be released.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Stamets
Geologist

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