

February 18, 1938

Mr. J. W. Stevens, President,
Western Acetate Corporation,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

The writer of this letter has made several inspection trips to your "Dry-Ice" plant near Hueyeros. On these several visits I personally noted that your equipment seemed to be moderately satisfactory, with the exception of the snow press. I was informed by one of the men working in the plant that it was necessary to feed this snow press from eight to fourteen hours before a cake of the "Dry-Ice" was made. Also that the snow press had a theoretical capacity of 200 lb. cakes but the largest cake made was around 160 lbs.

I also noticed that a great deal of the carbon dioxide gas escaped from this press, which no doubt was a waste, which if a satisfactory press had been used could not have been a loss.

On January 15, I visited the plant and ordered it shut down and a notice was posted within the plant that no more gas was to be used from the License No. 1, Dec. 19, Y. 20 N., N. 21 N.

The reason this plant was shut down was because "rules and regulations for Carbon Dioxide Fields in the state of New Mexico" had been violated as described in the first paragraph on page 3 of this circular.

The second reason for shutting down this plant was because there was no drilling bond ever sent in to the Oil Conservation Commission for approval and acceptance. A drilling bond is required by the state of New Mexico for every well drilled within the state except those drilled on Federal lands.

