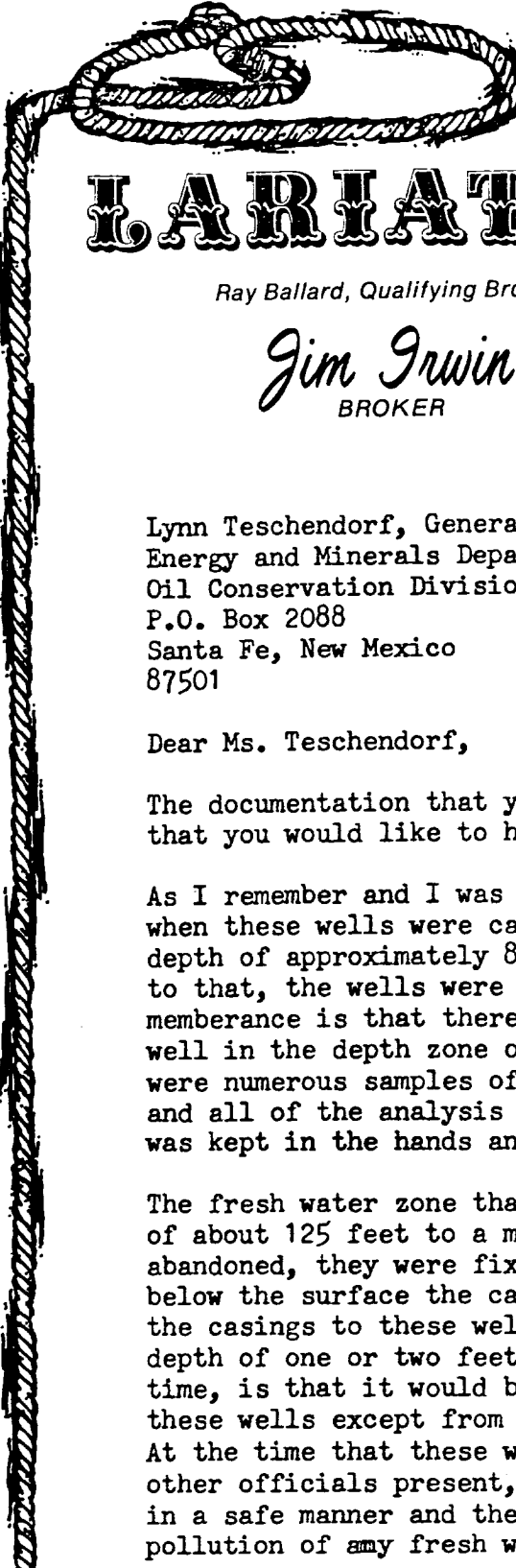




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Dear Ms. Teschendorf,

The documentation that you state in your reply to me of August 25, 1978, that you would like to have can be quoted from me only by memory.

As I remember and I was present when these wells were drilled and was present when these wells were capped, all of the fresh water was cemented off at a depth of approximately 800 feet when these wells were drilled. Subsequent to that, the wells were finally bottomed out at about 8,000 feet. My remembrance is that there was considerable amount of cement pumped into the well in the depth zone of about 6,000 feet and then drilled through. There were numerous samples of material extracted from the well but all of the logs and all of the analysis of this material was never made available to me and was kept in the hands and the files of the oil exploration company.

The fresh water zone that you refer to in these wells would be from a depth of about 125 feet to a maximum of about 600 feet. When these wells were abandoned, they were fixed in the following manner; I believe some ten feet below the surface the casing was cut off and a steel cap welded on top of the casings to these wells, then a cap of cement was poured over this in the depth of one or two feet, then the surface was recovered. My belief at this time, is that it would be next to impossible to find the exact location of these wells except from memory or from an exact map which I have no record of. At the time that these wells were capped, I was satisfied in my mind as were other officials present, that the capping was done in an official manner and in a safe manner and there, in my opinion, at this time, is no risk to the pollution of any fresh water from these wells.

My hope is that the above information will be useful to you in your efforts to finalize your files concerning these wells. If in the future I may be of any further help, please feel free to solicit.

Sincerely yours,

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