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Rand Carroll, Legal Bureau
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Replugging Gulf Oil Corp, Chaves U St #1, Ut C-10-18-16

Dear Rand,

This is the well I talked to you about a few days ago, that Gulf Oil Corp. had plugged in May of 1952 and the rancher had re-entered and made a water well without authority to do so.

The ranch has changed ownership and the current owner is complaining about the water killing trees and crops.

I have talked to Chevron Oil Co. about this matter and they were unaware the well was being used and feel they should not be responsible for replugging.

Since this well was re-entered illegally, we feel it should be plugged and abandoned.

Yours Truly,



Ray Smith
Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector