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February 23, 1966

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
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Artesia, New Mexico

Re: Statewide Rule 116, Notification of
Fire, TEXACO Inc., State of New
Mexico 'DF' Com. Well No. 1,
Indian Basin Field, Eddy County,
New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Mose Armstrong

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that at approximately 8:15 A.M. (MST) on February 22, 1966, the State of New Mexico 'DF' Com. Well No. 1 blew out and caught fire after making a trip and circulating at total depth of 7095 feet. This well is located in Unit J, Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, and the escaping gas continues to burn.

Blowout occurred a short time after circulation commenced after running a new bit to total depth. Gas cut mud unloaded and ignition of the gas occurred from an unknown source. Blowout continued and the fire prevented further attempts to shut in the well. The drilling depth was at 7095 feet and the gas causing the blowout is believed to be coming from the Cisco formation which was encountered at a depth of approximately 6909 feet.

Surface casing consists of 11-3/4 inch pipe set at 267 feet and it is cemented to surface. Intermediate casing consists of 8-5/8 inch pipe set at 2281 feet and the cement top is inside the 11-3/4 inch casing.

Mr. Adair, oil and gas well fire fighting specialist, from Houston, Texas is at the well site and TEXACO is preparing to move in directional drilling equipment for drilling a control hole if needed.

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Yours very truly,

H. D. Raymond
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District Superintendent

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