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December 27, 1973

Oil Conservation Commission
Drawer DD
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Re: Flash fire on JM State Com 1, 12-16-73.

Dear Sir:

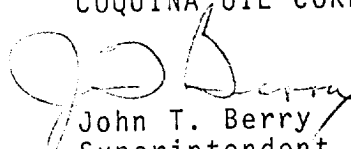
Following is a report of the fire which occurred on the JM State Com 1 on 12-16-73:

Crew got bit on bottom at 5:35 p.m. Put on Kelly and commenced circulating. Had leak in rotary clutch air line. Gas was being brought up with mud and being vented through rotary to floor area. While repairing air line gas was ignited by some unknown means, causing flash fire on rig floor, then burning under floor. BOP rams were closed. Fire under floor was then out, but caught fire at shale shaker which was minor. Put out and then burning at burn pit at end of blowie line from mud-gas separator. Four men were taken to hospital for treatment of burns on hands and arms. Two treated and released, two remained in hospital. Burns were not considered critical.

If additional information is needed please advise and we will furnish it.

Sincerely,

COQUINA OIL CORPORATION


John T. Berry
Superintendent

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