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May 14, 1992

Representative Bill Richardson
Member of Congress
548 Agua Fria
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Dear Representative Richardson:

Reference is made to your April 27, 1992, letter requesting my assistance in the problem of a flowing artesian well located on property owned by Savoy and Grace Dees. Mr. Antonio Valdez complained to you about the problem. *3-5 gal. Cars per minute*

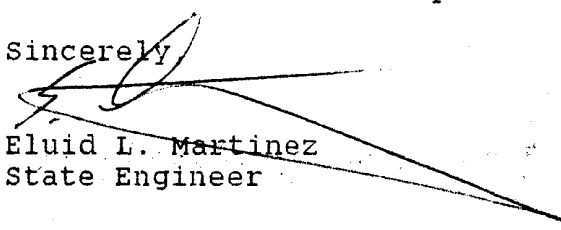
Members of my staff have inspected the site and found the well to be flowing approximately 15 gallons per minute. The flow discharges into a wash which then flows across the northwest corner of Mr. Valdez' property and parallels to the west side of his property approximately 1800 feet to the river. At the time of inspection the wash contained a considerable amount of runoff from upstream irrigation. The flow from the well was a very small percentage of runoff in the wash.

The well is flowing high sulfate water which may have the smell of rotten eggs. The land owner ~~claims~~ to use the water for livestock.

It does not appear that any damage (other than smell) is occurring to Mr. Valdez' property as all water is flowing in an existing wash. However, this office will work with the land owner to control the flow by the installation of a valve on the well.

Please let me know if further discussion would be helpful.

Sincerely,


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cc: Grace Goss Dees



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March 13, 1992

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Re: Bunce #1 well, located SW/4 NE/4 Section 24 T29N R11W, San Juan County, NM

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The referenced well was drilled in 1938 as a wildcat to the Farmington Sand by Noland and Bullock Company and subsequently plugged back to the Ojo Alamo and released to the land owner as a water well. The well is currently flowing high sulfate water at approximately five gallons per minute to the surface and down drainage into the San Juan River. Since the well was turned over to the landowner the NMOCD does not retain authority for this well, however, we do recommend that your office investigate this well as a possible contamination source to the river.

Much More

Your's truly,

Ernie Busch

Ernie Busch
District Geologist

cc: Tony E. Valdez
David Tomko-NMED Farmington
Denny Foust

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