AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

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July 18, 2001

Attn: Mr. Charlie T. Perrin Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Re:

Unit C, Sec. 20, T27N, R17W 30-045 06436

San Juan County, N.M.

Dear Mr. Perrin,

Thank you for your letter dated May 23, 2001 concerning above referenced well.

Amerada Hess Corporation is not operator of well as reflected by attached letter dated June 7, 1978 from the Navajo Area Office, Window Rock, Arizona. The Navajo Area Office released Amerada Hess Corporation and surety from the responsibility of future plugging and abandonment of well as there were plans for the Navajo Tribe to operate well.

Amerada Hess had previously sold all its interest in the Navajo Tract 4 Lease to John F. Staver, d/b/a Saguaro Oil Company, who it is our understanding began producing well after the Navajo Tribe released Amerada Hess Corporation from future obligations.

If we can furnish additional information, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

John W. Pitzer Operations Manager

Attachment

Xc: Bimal Shrestha

> Petroleum Engineer The Navajo Nation Minerals Department

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This is to advise that your til and the Lease Contract Re. 14-20 -0603-927 on Nevaje Exibal Indian lands for the We, Will and the SENGER of Section 20, 7. 27 No., R. 17 V., San Juan County, Nev Hexise, expired by its sen terms on November 30, 1973, the last day of the north in which the lease ceased to produce.

This notice also serves to release you and the surety of the responsibility to plug and abandoned a well in the NEWW of Section 20, T. 27 N., R. 17 V., F.M.F.M. because the Newmie Tribe plans to operate the well.

Sincerely yours,

As/ Val Melbroom

Acting Assistant
Area Director

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Amerada Hess Corp. PO Box 2940 Houston Texas 77252-2040

Dear Sir:

I am attempting to verify the responsible party for the following well.

Amerada Hess, Navajo Tract 4 #1 located 660' from the North line, 1980' from the West line, Unit Letter, C, Section 20-Township 30N-Range 17W.

This well has been inactive for several years.

Our records indicate that Amerada Hess is the operator of record and I would like to verify the information or correct it as necessary.

Thank you for your help.

If you have any questions, please call me at 505-334-6178, ext. 16.

Sincerely,

Charlie T Perrin

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