## P. C. Box 959 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

August 7, 1980

Southland Royalty Company P. O. Drawer 570 Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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Returned herewith unapproved is your sundry notice requesting temporary abandonment of well No. 1R Whitely A, NWANG sec. 17, T. 27 N., R. 11 W., San Juan County, New Mexico, lease New Mexico 02988. In order to place this well in an acceptable condition for temporary abandonment, it is necessary to place a bridge plug no more than 50 feet above the uppermost perforations.

You are also requested to file with this office within 15 days from the date of this letter, a completion report for the Pictured Cliffs formation.

Any temporary abandonment approved will be for a period of one year and at the end of that time, you will be required to show cause why the well should not be permanently plugged and abandoned. Authority for this requirement is contained in 30 CFR 221.34 Well Abandonment. This action is subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 30 CFR 290.

Please take the appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Sims District Oil and Gas Supervisor

Enclosure

JFSims:clh

