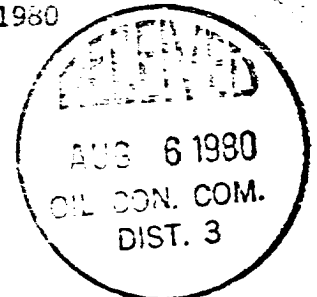


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August 4, 1980

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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your well No. 26 Southeast Cha Cha, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 17, T. 28 N., R. 13 W., lease Santa Fe 077975. We are in receipt of your subsequent report of plugging back from the Dakota formation. However, your report does not indicate the status of the Gallup completion.

A review of our files indicate this well is reported as OSI on the 9-329's. If it is not anticipated to resume operations within the next 60 days on this well, the following items must be furnished and performed:

1. A request for temporary abandonment submitted to this office.
2. Install a bridge or cement above any open perforations and shut-in at the surface.

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 action 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

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