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Mr. Charles W. Dein  
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Re: Howell B #3 M-3-30N-7W

Dear Charles;

This office has had several complaints from the Bureau of Reclamation, N.M. Game and Fish Department, and various individuals regarding gas surfacing in Navajo Lake. Area well tests and investigations indicates the referenced P & A well is probably the source of this gas. Our well file shows a sundry notice you filed with the USGS in December, 1982, showing intent to reenter and replug the well. Apparently no follow up was made. In order to protect the environment, prevent waste and protect fresh water, you are directed to take immediate remedial action.

I looked for this well recently and could not locate it. I believe that when the pad was built for the Blackwood & Nichols Blanco Unit #102, the wellhead or dry hole marker was covered.

Your truly,

Charles Gholson  
Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

CG/dj

cc: Dick Stamets ✓  
Jeff Taylor  
John Keller BLM  
Well File