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July 7, 1997

Rand Carroll
Oil Conservation Division Attorney
2040 S Pacheco
Santa Fe NM 87505

RE: Benson & Montin, Gallegos Canyon Unit #2, K-35-29N-12W, 30-045-07661

Dear Rand:

The above-mentioned well was abandoned in 1952. In 1980 the ownership of the well was not clear and Virgil Stoabs re-entered the well in 1990 rather than going to court to prove that BMG Drilling was not liable for plugging the well. After several weeks they were at approximately 600 feet and moved off the well due to the expense of cleaning out the open hole. Later BMG Drilling was found to have no obligation to the plugging responsibility. Since that time the operator has deceased and the bond released. The well is now classified as an orphan well and should be plugged with the Reclamation Fund as soon as possible. Please add this well to the BMNS Waggoner #2 bid package as it is in the same area.

This well doesn't fall under an emergency but there are houses located all around the well.

Sincerely,

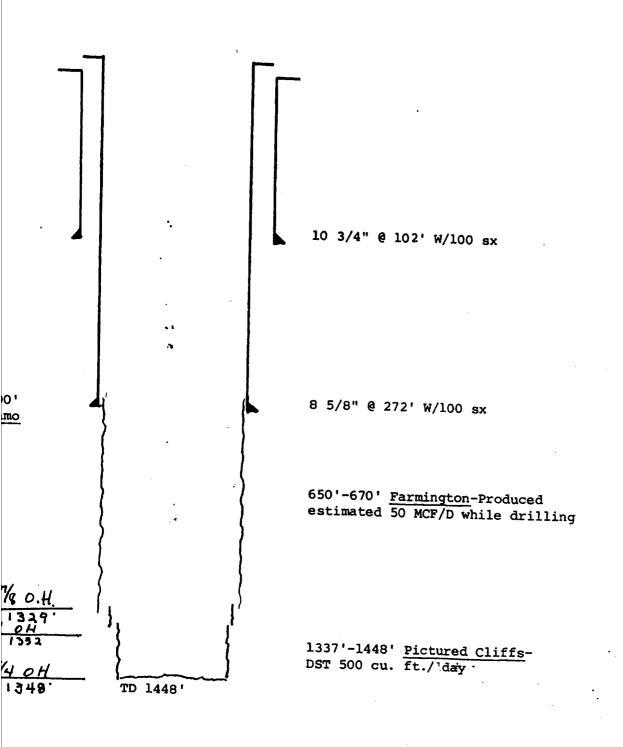
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Gallegos Canyon Unit #2
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