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August 2, 1985

Matt Millenbach
District Supervisor
Bureau of Land Management
Farmington, NM 87499

RE: Cornell No. 9 Well
Unit L, Section 12, Township 29N
Range 12 West NMPM

Dear Mr. Millenbach:

As you may be aware, the Aztec District Office of the Oil Conservation Division has requested that the above-referenced well, which is located on federal land be plugged pursuant to the provisions of the NM Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund, NMSA 70-2-38 (1978). Mr. Charles Gholson, District III Field Inspector, reports that several water wells in the vicinity of the Cornell No. 9 well are contaminated with gas, which he believes is coming from the subject well.

Apparently there is no bond on the well, and thus the cost will be absorbed by the Reclamation Fund.

However, because the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies states that upon inquiry, your agency will review the files and report to OCD the status of any bond on the well, I would like to request such a report. Moreover, if there is any company or lessee that might be financially responsible for the plugging, I would appreciate this information also. In the meantime, I am proceeding with plans to solicit bids for the plugging of the Cornell No. 9 well. If you have any problem with this, please let me know immediately. Otherwise, I will proceed to have the well plugged.

Sincerely,

Jeff Taylor
General Counsel

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