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**August 18, 1977**

Mr. Joseph F. Burns  
109 South Mesa Verde  
Aztec, New Mexico

Re: George H. Krause  
Krause Beck #1  
J-10-29N-12W  
San Juan County

Dear Joe:

A delay in the plugging of the subject well was authorized on December 10, 1976. We have received no further reports.

Under a revision in the bonding law effective June 17, 1977, our legal department can make demand for the bond amount and we will plug the well in absence of the operator's performance.

To prevent our demanding the bond money, please cause the well to be plugged prior to September 15, 1977.

if there are questions, please contact us.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick  
Supervisor, District #3

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xc: Oil Conservation Commission  
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December 7, 1976

Mr. Alton R. Kendrick  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission  
1000 Rio Brazos  
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Re: Krause Beck Well No. 1  
(Estate of George H.  
Krause, Deceased)

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

In the early part of November, 1976, I received from Ruth Rouss, attorney for the Estate of George H. Krause, Deceased, in the State of Colorado, a copy of letter from the Hartford Bond Department, together with copy of Oil Conservation Commission Order entered on October 27, 1976 wherein Mr. Krause and the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company were ordered to plug and abandon the Krause Beck Well No. 1 located in Unit J of Section 10, Township 29 North, Range 12 West, N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico on or before December 1, 1976.

Shortly after receipt of these documents from Ruth Rouss, I talked to you and you furnished me information from your office files establishing the fact that Mr. Krause, who died on October 23, 1966, is the operator of record for that well.

Since that phone call with you, I have pursued, as attorney for the ancillary probate of Mr. Krause's Estate in the State of New Mexico, information concerning the procedures and the estimated cost for plugging the well. From all of the information received, the estimated price for plugging (although I have not yet received a detailed bid) indicates that the cost of plugging the well is one that the Krause Estate will find difficult to pay.

We realize, of course, inasmuch as Mr. Krause is apparently the operator of record of the well and there is little likelihood, as we understand it, of the necessary work being done to reactivate the well, that the plugging must be completed by either the Bonding Company or the Krause Estate.

Because we have to obtain some further information in order to determine how this work will be accomplished, I called you at Ms. Rouss' request last week and verbally asked for an extension of time in which to comply with the Order of the Oil Conservation Commission entered on October 27, 1976.

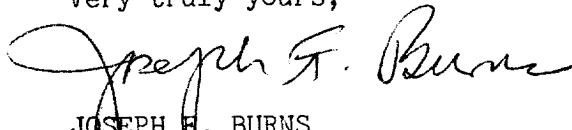
You indicated in our telephone call that granting an extension for a reasonable period of time would not present a problem, providing that assurance was made that this work would be completed in the near future. You further recommended that the request for the extension of time be reduced to writing so that your office and the undersigned would have a record of the request for extension.

Therefore, please accept this letter as a written request for an extension of time in which to comply with the Oil Conservation Commission Order referred to above. In making this request, I assure you that we will pursue the completion of this matter and try to accomplish the plugging, or at least the initiating of steps to have the well plugged, on or before January 15, 1977.

I did not make a request for a specific date in my telephone conversation with you, but this written request is that we have until January 15, 1977 in which to pursue the steps necessary to initiate plugging of this well.

If you have any question concerning this request, please write or call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph F. Burns". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

JOSEPH F. BURNS  
Attorney at Law

JFB:sd

cc: Ms. Ruth Rouss