



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

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Mr. Ernest Padilla
Oil Conservation Division
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Re: Getty Oil Company, Mae Gail Com #1E, M-24-29N-11W

Dear Ernie:

On January 1, 1981 at approximately 7:00 AM, Getty Oil Company suffered a downhole blowout which caused gas, water, and mud to surface from the ground at several locations around the drilling rig on the referenced well. This office never received notice as required by Rule 116. Mr. Gholson from this office discovered the problem the afternoon of January 2, 1981, while investigating a rumor of a blowout.

A blowout of this type causes mud and gas to migrate into shallower zones where it pollutes underground water and poses a fire hazard to nearby water wells. We will be conducting tests immediately to try to determine the extent of any mud and gas migration and the possible hazards.

I recommend that appropriate legal action be taken.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank T. Chavez".

Frank T. Chavez
District Supervisor

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