

August 18, 1967

Mr. Ernest W. Caywood  
Hotel Richart  
Garnett, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of August 14, 1967, concerning the plugging of the Chama Drilling Company, Quinlan #1 well located in Section 3, Township 1S, Range 2E, Martin & Borders Survey, Rio Arriba County.

You are correct in stating the total depth of the well, as our records indicate it was drilled to a total depth of 265' in the Dakota Sandstone. Mr. Harr further stated that it was plugged back to about 100 feet with rocks, cement, and lost circulation material, which was put in the well in an attempt to gain circulation. I, therefore agree, that an expensive, complicated plugging operation is not necessary. We will require that a 5 sack plug be placed in the hole at the plug-back depth, and that a top cement plug be placed in the top of the surface casing and a marker installed. The location must also be cleared of junk. There is a small mud pit at the location and I believe the junk could be thrown in the pit and covered with a shovel so that it would not be necessary to move heavy equipment to the location. In this way, the well could be plugged to our satisfaction, with very little expense. Perhaps there is someone in the Chama area who could be delegated to accomplish the above.

I am enclosing a supply of Form C-103, Sundry Notice, which must be filed in triplicate showing that the above work was accomplished.

I will be glad to assist you or Mr. Harr in any way possible in accomplishing this work.

Our only alternative, in the event the well is not plugged, is to have a hearing on the matter and call upon the bonding company to do the work. I am sure that you will agree that this would be a much more expensive route.

Yours very truly,

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