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January 10, 1962

Mr. A. L. Porter Oil Conservation Commission Box 871 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am writing in regard to a well which was drilled in the SW NEW Section 28-30N-12W in the Fulcher Basin Pictured Cliffs Pool. This well was drilled by M.S.B.W. Company and was completed on April 20, 1948. It was operated by Mr. R. L. Maddox, whose address is 411 Bunker Avenue, Axtec New Mexico. The well was evidently produced intermittently until February of 1950 and Between February 25 and March 6, 1950 it was plugged by the operator. Form C-103 on plugging indicates that 25 sacks of cement were placed in the bottom of the well and the well was then filled with mud, with a 4° pipe marker cemented at the surface. 1380 feet of 5½ production casing was salvaged. The plugging report was approved by Mr. Al Greer who was then Oil and Gas Inspector for District #3, and the bonding company was relieved of liability.

The Well Record indicates that an artesian water sand had been encountered from 20-100 feet and that water rose to the surface while the well was being drilled. The plugging notice does not indicate that this sand was covered with cement when the well was plugged.

Mr. McCoy, the landowner, now informs us that over a period of the last several years the well has produced a little water and gas behind the old surface casing and that water has run away from the well and across a field in which the well is located, causing him a great deal of inconvenience. This situation was aggravated about a year ago when a well being drilled by J. Glenn Turner in an adjoining section blew out during drilling operations and when the rams were closed on the blow-out gas entered a shallow sand at this well and traveled through this sand to the McCoy well and blew out around the surface casing. The water flow seems to have been stronger since this happened.

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Mr. McCoy is requesting that the Commission require that the well be cleaned out and properly plugged. Will you please advise what action should be taken to accomplish this.

Yours very truly

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: Mr. L. A. McCoy
Flora Vista, New Mexico

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