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July 24, 1997

Tom DeLong
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RE: Central Bisti Unit #66, 30-045-05594, M-32-26N-12W
Horseshoe Gallup Unit #228, 30-045-10020, C-02-30N-16W

Dear Mr. DeLong:

This letter is in reference to your conversation about your request for a continued shut-in status for the above-mentioned wells. According to Rule #201B, any well that has been shut-in for a period of one year will be plugged or properly abandoned within (90) days. Your letter indicates that you could use these wells later and I would suggest that you run a Mechanical Integrity Test (MIT) on the wells. If they test out OK, I can approve a five-year temporary abandonment which could be renewed if necessary by another MIT when the five-year approval expires. The above-mentioned wells must be brought into compliance before September 23, 1997.

Please feel free to contact me at 334-6178 if I can be of any help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnny Robinson".

Johnny Robinson
Deputy O&G Inspector

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