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OIL CON. DIV.
DIST. 3

Re: Gilbreath #1-Compressor Noise
N Section 28-T30N-R12W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 17, 1999 in regard to the above referenced well.

You stated in your letter that you were denied access to our property. As you will recall in our conversation on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, I told you that you had full and unrestricted access to our property to run any necessary tests at any time during your field visit. We were called out of town on a family emergency and it is standard procedure for us to secure the gate at the entrance when leaving to prevent any vehicle traffic, however, foot traffic was fully and easily accessible to every part of our property. Contrary to your implication, there was at no time any restriction concerning your access.

Your letter contains several other substantial inaccuracies.

One, you state there are no noise ordinances in the City of Farmington. Noise ordinance §12-5-8 has been in place in the City of Farmington for several decades and the decibel limits of 50-60 decibels are in effect. (Please see Exhibit "A" attached). My home is located within one mile of the Farmington city limits. The City of Farmington has various jurisdictions within five miles of the city limits. The BLM has proposed noise limits of 50 decibels during the night and 60 decibels during the day, within 500 ft. of the well site and no more than 3 decibels above background noise.

Two, you state that the compressor muffler is buried underground. This small, inefficient muffler appears to me to be clearly above ground. (Please see Exhibit "B" attached).

Three, you state that the east side of the compressor was left open in order to allow the engine to properly cool. The north side of the compressor is also partially open, allowing the noise of the compressor to travel north and west along the cooler air of the river towards my home. (See Exhibit "C").

I also conducted a quick spot survey, with a Lucas CEL-254 Digital Impulse Sound Level Meter, A-Lo Range (30-100dB) and I, as you, have determined that a number of your readings are in excess of proposed day/night 60/50 decibel limits.

If an effective muffler was, in fact, buried and the north side of the compressor completely paneled, this would considerably diminish the compressor noise that we hear in our neighborhood at night and this situation could be put to rest.

Thank you for your time and courtesy in regard to the survey.

Yours very truly,


LeAnn Foutz

Encs.

cc w/encl.: Betty J. Dieter, HECO
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Jim Bonaventura, HECO
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Mr. Denny Faust, NMOCD-Aztec District Office
Mr. Frank Chaves, NMOCD-Aztec District Office
Mr. Rubin Sanchez- BLM, Farmington, NM
Mr. Mark Duncan - County Commissioner Dist. 5 (Hallwood's letter encl.)
Mr. Tom Taylor - State Representative Dist. 2 (Hallwood's letter encl.)
Mr. Ray Kysar - State Senator Dist. 1 (Hallwood's letter encl.)

City of Farmington
CODE

Sec. 12-5-8. Maximum permissible sound levels by receiving land use.

(a) No person shall operate or cause to be operated on private property any source of sound in such a manner as to create a sound level which exceeds the limit set forth for the receiving land use category in table I when measured at or within the property boundary of the receiving land use.

TABLE I. SOUND LEVELS BY RECEIVING LAND USE

Receiving Land Use Category (Zoning Districts)	Time (dBA)	Sound Level Limit
R-1C, R-1T, O-P, R-MH,	7:00 a.m.--7:00 p.m.	60
R-A, R-S, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-3, R-4	7:00 p.m.--7:00 a.m.	50
C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4	7:00 a.m.--7:00 p.m.	65
	7:00 p.m.--7:00 a.m.	55
M-1A, M-1, M-2	At all times	75

Buried Muffler?

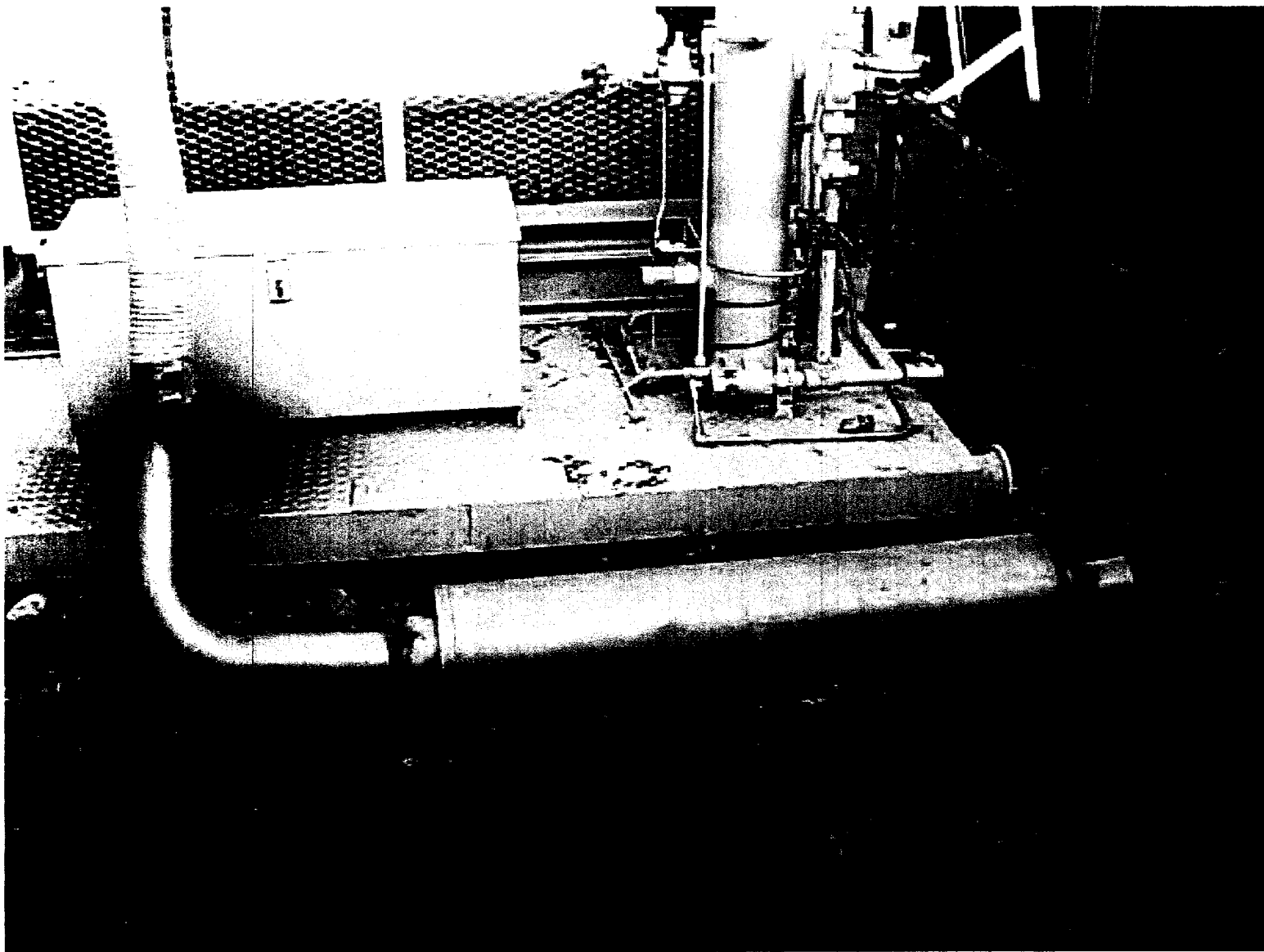


Exhibit "B"

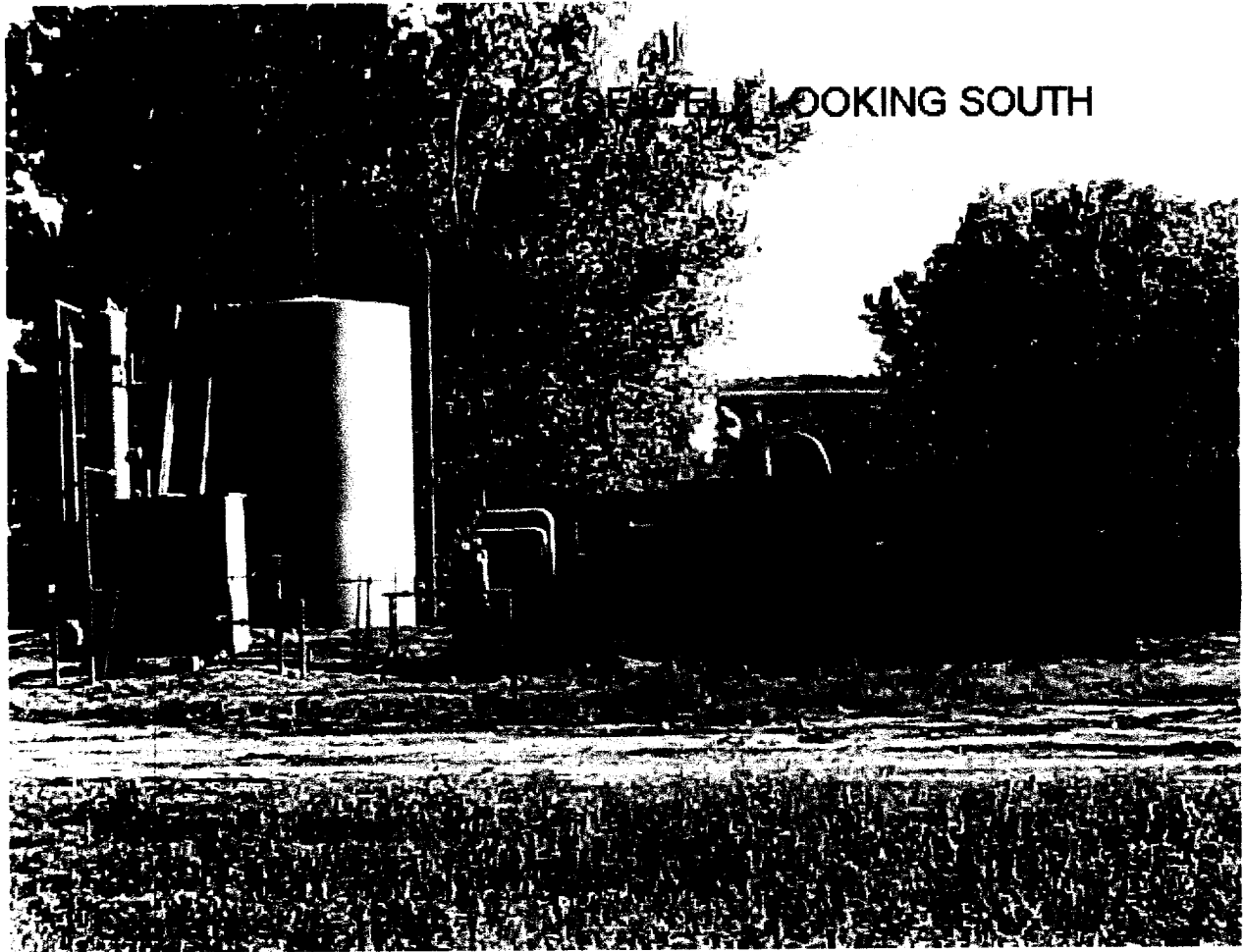


Exhibit "C"