

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

July 17, 1950

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Mr. H. A. Hershfield, Jr.
Spanish Hat Oil Company
4012 North 2nd Street
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hershfield:

This letter is in regard to your well, the Santa Fe #1, in 25-17N-3E,
McKinley County, New Mexico.

We have not received any official notification on the status of this well
beyond Form C-101, Notice of Intention to Drill, and a Driller's log
submitted by your geologist.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that under Rule 117 of the Rules
and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Commission, within 20 days after the
completion of any well it is necessary to submit in triplicate, a Form C-105,
on which the driller's log and complete information should be listed as indi-
cated on the form. According to Rule 201, notice of intention to plug must
be filed prior to the commencement of plugging operations, on Form C-102, if
the well is to be plugged and abandoned. Under Rule 202, whenever drilling
operations have been suspended for 60 days, the well must be plugged and
abandoned or a permit for temporary abandonment obtained from the Commission.
Under Rule 203, when a well is to be converted to a water well, written autheri-
ty must be obtained from the Commission and the well must be plugged in a manner
satisfactory to the Commission.

We have received no official notification of the operator's intent on this well.
According to the log submitted by your geologist, drilling operations ceased
as of May 21, 1950. On the basis of that date, this office must be officially
notified as to the status of this well and the operator's intent, by July 21,
which is just 4 days from today. Regardless of what is to be done with the
well, a Form C-105 must be filed in this office and permission obtained to
either plug and abandon the well or complete as a water well, and in no circum-
stances should either of these alternatives be carried out until the Commission

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has had an opportunity to examine and approve the plugging program. Notice of intention to plug or complete as a water well should be filed on Form C-102.

Although I sent a complete set of Form C-105's and 102's to your geologist Dr. Engerd, for your convenience I am sending another set under separate cover.

Under no conditions can the Oil Conservation Commission release the plugging bond for this well nor approve any plugging program until such program has been approved by this office. We will also want one of the Commission's representatives to be at the well as a witness, when the plugging operations are carried out.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Commission may result in a fine against the operator.

Very truly yours,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Frank C. Barnes
Assistant State Geologist

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cc: Mr. Al Greer

cc: Mr. W. E. Hugh, Agent
Pacific Locomotive Co.