

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

December 20, 1950

Mr. Verno C. Beal  
Victor Agency  
201 North Second Street  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Beal:

Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1950, in which you inquire as to the status of the bond carried by Pacific Indemnity Co. covering a single drilling operation in SE NW Sec. 25-T. 17N-R. 8W, McKinley County, New Mexico.

This well, Spanish Bit Oil Co.'s Santa Fe No. 1, was drilled to a total depth of 1782' with drilling completed May 21, 1950. We have in our records an agreement dated May 27, 1950, in which one Tom Morris, as landowner, assumes plugging responsibility preparatory to conversion of the hole to a fresh-water well for use of stock and irrigation. With that, however, our records seem to end.

We have stressed several times to Spanish Bit representatives, notably Mr. Sherman Wengard, that it is and has always been the responsibility of the operator to meet requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission, and to furnish required forms and reports to this office regarding work performed on a well from start to finish. Nevertheless, we have never received C-102 and C-103 forms showing that proper plugging of this well has been accomplished. The transfer of the hole to the landowner does not absolve Spanish Bit of such responsibility. On June 8, 1950, our Mr. Frank Barnes wrote Mr. Wengard setting forth requirements for proper plugging and enclosed copies of the required forms, but they apparently were not returned to us.

Today we are sending additional copies of the needed forms to Spanish Bit, along with a copy of this letter. We trust that our records may then be completed. When the C-103 form has been approved, we will then be in a position to release the bond.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Spurrier  
Secretary - Director

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cc: Spanish Bit Oil Co.

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TO THE HONORABLE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE  
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SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., in relation to the proposed sale of the land in the Santa Fe area, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
J. W. WATKINS,  
State Geologist.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., in relation to the proposed sale of the land in the Santa Fe area, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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