

New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Commisison  
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

December 1, 1953

Ritter General Agency  
310 South Third Street  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Att: Paul D. Strickland  
Special Agent

Dear Sir:

We have received your letter of November 24, 1953, regarding the Paul B. Palmer #1 Hutton in the SE/4 Sec. 17-29N-13W.

On August 10, 1953 the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission in Santa Fe wrote Mr. Paul B. Palmer advising him that this well would have to be plugged in accordance with Oil Conservation Commission rules and regulations and in the event that steps were not taken immediately it would be necessary for the Commission to hold an open hearing, citing both the Company and the Insurance Company to show cause why the well should not be properly plugged. Shortly thereafter this office was notified by Mr. Sam Carson, who was acting as agent for Paul B. Palmer Associates that the well was to be plugged by him, as specified by Form C-102 already filed in this office. We approved the plugging plan. I made a personal inspection at the well when they were making preparations to plug. However it now develops that the plugging operation was never completed. They did place a 20-sack cement plug in the Pictured Cliffs formation and left the pipe in the hole. I believe that all that would be necessary to finish the plugging operation would be to set a plug in the top of the surface pipe and leave a well-marker. However will be unable to release the plugging bond on this well until this is done and the work properly reported on Form C-103.

I might also say that if the operator does not comply by the time of the next Oil Conservation Commission hearing I intend to recommend that the case go before the Commission, as the case has certainly gone too low already.

Yours very truly,

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Emery C. Arnold  
Oil & Gas Inspector  
District #3