

Case No.

267

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

Case 267 - OCC to show cause why Bech-
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder, of the following public hearing to be held April 24, 1951, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.
STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel d/b/a Bechtel Brothers, Central Surety and Insurance Corporation, and all other persons claiming interest in a certain well bore on NW/4 SW/4 section 23, T. 25 S., R. 8 E. Case 267
In the matter of application of the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, for an order directed to Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel, as individuals, and Bechtel Bros., a partnership, and Central Surety and Insurance Corporation, to show cause why a well located in the NW/4 SW/4 section 23, T. 25 S., R. 8 E. N.M.P.M., Otero County, New Mexico, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.
GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 22, 1951.
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(SEAL) R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary.
Pub.: March 24, 1951

Affidavit of Publication

State of New Mexico }
County of Santa Fe } ss.

I, Will Harrison, being first duly sworn, declare and say that I am the ~~Business Manager~~ (Editor) of the Santa Fe New Mexican, a daily newspaper, published in the English Language, and having a general circulation in the City and County of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico, and being a newspaper duly qualified to publish legal notices and advertisements under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1937; that the publication, a copy which is hereto attached, was published in said paper once ~~each week~~ for 1 time ~~on the same day of each week~~ in the regular issue of the paper during the time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in any supplement, once ~~each week~~ for 1 time ~~on the same day of each week~~, the first publication being on the 26th day of March, 1951, ~~and the last publication~~ ~~on the same day of each week~~; that payment for said advertisement has been (duly made), or (assessed as court costs); that the undersigned has personal knowledge of the matters and things set forth in this affidavit.

Will Harrison

Editor ~~Manager~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March, A.D., 1951.

Anna W. Ormsbee

Notary Public

My Commission expires

June 14, 1953

PUBLISHER'S BILL

39 lines, one time at \$ 3.90
lines, times, \$
Tax \$
Total \$ 3.90

Received payment,

By _____

Affidavit of Publication

ALAMOGORDO, STATE OF
NEW MEXICO,
COUNTY OF OTERO.

ss.

M. E. Morgan, being duly sworn, on oath says
that he is the co-publisher of the ALAMOGORDO NEWS,
a newspaper of weekly circulation, published and printed in the English
language at the town of Alamogordo, Otero County, State of New Mex-
ico; that there is no daily paper published in the said county, nor was
there at any of the dates herein mentioned. That the ALAMOGORDO
NEWS has been regularly published and issued for more than nine
months prior to the date of the first publication hereinafter mentioned.

That the attached notice was published ONE times
in ONE consecutive issues of said newspaper, and not
in any supplement thereof, the first publication being on:

March 29, 1957, and the last publication being on
March 29, 1957.

That said notice was published in accordance with the laws of the
State of New Mexico.

M. E. Morgan

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this the.....

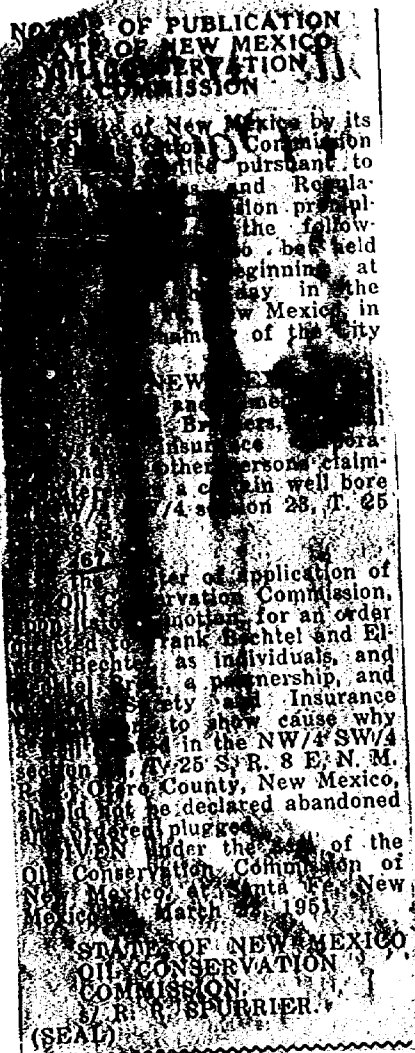
31st day of March, 1957.

Mrs. Fern Chandler
Notary Public.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The State of New Mexico by its Oil Conservation Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to law and the Rules and Regulations of said Commission promulgated thereunder, of the following public hearing to be held April 24, 1951, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on that day in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:
Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel
d/b/a Bechtel Brothers, Central
Surety and Insurance Corporation,
and all other persons claiming
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NW/4 SW/4 section 23, T.25 S, R.8 E.

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GIVEN under the seal of the Oil Conservation Commission of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 22, 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SEAL

R. R. SPURRIER
Secretary

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421

EL PASO, TEXAS

May 7, 1951

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Secretary and Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: Central Surety and Insurance Corporation Bond 165064
Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel, d/b/a Bechtel Brothers -
One well drilling bond to State of New Mexico - \$5,000.00
12/14/48

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Some time ago you sent out a notice stating that hearing
would be held on April 24th regarding the question of
properly plugging the well under the captioned bond.

We were advised that the above principal would be rep-
resented at this hearing and that they would get this
situation cleared for us.

We would appreciate your advising us the present status
of this case.

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO

BY

J. C. Echlin

JCE/tg

MAY 10 1951

Original

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
STATE of NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 267

April 24, 1951

E. E. GREESON
COURT REPORTER
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
TELEPHONE 2-0872
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 24, 1951

MR. GRAHAM: Case No. 267. This case has been called upon the Commissions motion to show cause why wells located in the NW SW 23-25S-8E, drilled by Frank and Elmer Bechtel, should not be declared abandoned and ordered plugged.

MR. PAGE: I have an interest in this case. My name is Holland Page, Junior from Austin, Texas. This well is in the land that was condemned by the Federal Government in Civil Action 1506.

I assumed operation of the well shortly before condemnation proceedings began. I have here a bond of the Maryland Casualty Company on the form which I think is acceptable which I would like to offer in lieu of and in place of the present bond in that it is in my name.

We would like to have permission to forego further operations until the Federal Government has returned the leases to the Status they were at the time of condemnation.

(Off the record.)

(Holland Page, Jr., sworn as a witness.)

MR. PAGE: It is my plan that next week I shall meet with Mr. Newman at his convenience and bring any and all forms up-to-date that are required by the Commission.

It is unknown what rights we had and did not have until some official action was taken by the Government. It has been officially condemned for a period of one year with the right of renewal for four additional years or a total of five years. At the end of that time it is my understanding that the government is to release the land within six months after the expiration of that time at which time I would like to return to the location and complete the well.

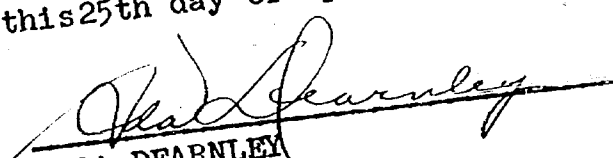
Of course, the bond is evidence that the well will be plugged in accordance with rules and regulations.

CHAIRMAN SHEPARD: This case will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the suit now pending in the Federal Court.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO) SS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of hearing in Case 267 before the Oil Conservation Commission on April 24, 1951, at Santa Fe, is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, this 25th day of April, 1951.


ADA DEARNLEY

E. E. GREESON
COURT REPORTER
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
TELEPHONE 2-0672
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Bretzel Bros.

Case 267-

Call Carl Shadel, any eq. in,
ag. Kritland Field -

We have agreed to hold
in abeyance pending outcome of
suit. See if govt. has settled
that claim.

Then give ^{interim} order holding
case in temporary status, pending
outcome.

approve bond.

INTER-OFFICE TRANSMITTAL SLIP

TO _____

FROM _____

RRS

MR

- ☐ For Approval
- ☐ For Signature
- ☐ Note and Advise
- ☐ Note and Return
- ☐ For Your Files
- ☐ For Your Handling

Remarks:

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1711

James G. 267

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Santa Fe, New Mexico

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON WELLS

Submit this report in triplicate to the Oil Conservation Commission or its proper agent within ten days after the work specified is completed. It should be signed and sworn to before a notary public for reports on beginning drilling operations, results of shooting well, results of test of casing shut off, result of plugging of well, and other important operations, even though the work was witnessed by an agent of the Commission. Reports on minor operations need not be signed and sworn to before a notary public. See additional instructions in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Indicate nature of report by checking below.

REPORT ON BEGINNING DRILLING OPERATIONS		REPORT ON REPAIRING WELL	
REPORT ON RESULT OF SHOOTING OR CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF WELL	X	REPORT ON PULLING OR OTHERWISE ALTERING CASING	
REPORT ON RESULT OF TEST OF CASING SHUT-OFF		REPORT ON DEEPENING WELL	
REPORT ON RESULT OF PLUGGING OF WELL			

February 16, 1950

Artesia, New Mexico

Date

Place

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Gentlemen:

Following is a report on the work done and the results obtained under the heading noted above at the

Holland Page, Jr.

Maris

Well No. 2

in the

Company or Operator

Lease

NW/ SW/4

of Sec. 23

T. 25 S

R. 8 E

N. M. P. M.,

Wilcoat

Field,

Otero

County.

The dates of this work were as follows:

Notice of intention to do the work was (was not) submitted on Form C-102 on 19

and approval of the proposed plan was (was not) obtained. (Cross out incorrect words.)

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WORK DONE AND RESULTS OBTAINED

Total Depth 970'.

This well was treated with 800 gal. 15% Acid solution from 530 - 563 through Gun Perforated Section.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.

MAR 12 1952

Witnessed by Holland Page, Jr.

Owner

Name

Company

Title

Subscribed and sworn before me this

I hereby swear or affirm that the information given above is true and correct.

16th day of February 19 50

Name

Ernest H. Williams

Position Owner

Notary Public

Representing

same

Company or Operator

My commission expires Feb 14 1952

Address Box 4115, Austin, Texas

Remarks:

APPROVED

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MAR 11 1952

Oil & Gas Inspector

Title

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS ON WELLS

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REPORT ON RESULT OF SHOOTING OR CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF WELL	REPORT ON PULLING OR OTHERWISE ALTERING CASING
REPORT ON RESULT OF TEST OF CASING SHUT-OFF	REPORT ON DEEPENING WELL
REPORT ON RESULT OF PLUGGING OF WELL	Report on Change of Operators
	Artesia, New Mexico Place
	February 16, 1950 Date

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
Gentlemen:

Following is a report on the work done and the results obtained under the heading noted above at the _____ in the _____ County, N. M. P. M.,
_____ Well No. _____
_____ Maris Lease _____ R. 8 E _____
_____ of Sec. 23, T. _____ Otero
_____ NW SW
_____ Wildcat Field, _____

The dates of this work were as follows:
Notice of intention to do the work was (was not) submitted on Form C-102 on _____
and approval of the proposed plan was (was not) obtained. (Cross out incorrect words.)
DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WORK DONE AND RESULTS OBTAINED

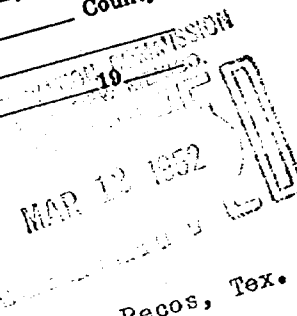
TD 970' in Igneous Rock.

This well has been purchased by me from former owners, Bechtel Bros., Pecos, Tex.

Witnessed by _____	Company _____	Owner _____	Title _____
Subscribed and sworn before me this _____	I hereby swear or affirm that the information given above is true and correct.		
16th day of _____	Name _____	Position _____	Owner _____
_____ February 19 50	Representing _____	same	Company or Operator _____
_____ Notary Public	Address _____	Box 4115, Austin, Texas	Name _____
My commission expires _____	_____ Oil & Gas Inspector		
	Title _____		

Remarks: APPROVED
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MAR 10 1952



NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Oil Cons. Comm.

Submit this notice in triplicate to the Oil Conservation Commission or its proper agent before the work specified is to begin. A copy will be returned to the sender on which will be given the approval, with any modifications considered advisable, or the rejection by the Commission or agent, of the plan submitted. The plan as approved should be followed, and work should not begin until approval is obtained. See additional instructions in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Indicate nature of notice by checking below:

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TEST CASING SHUT-OFF		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SHOOT OR CHEMICALLY TREAT WELL	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE PLANS	X	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PULL OR OTHERWISE ALTER CASING	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPAIR WELL		NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PLUG WELL	
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEEPEN WELL			

El Paso, Texas February 11, 1950
Place Date

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Following is a notice of intention to do certain work as described below at the Holland Page, Jr.
Maris Well No. 1 in SE SW
Lease Wildcat Field.
Company or Operator
of Sec. 23, T. 25 S, R. 8 E, N. M. P. M., _____ County.

FULL DETAILS OF PROPOSED PLAN OF WORK

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

I plan to ~~discontinue~~ drilling operations until further notice
due to Government interference under Civil Action 1506.

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, N. M.
MAR 12 1952

Approved
except as follows:

MAR 10 1952

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION,

By

Title

HOLLAND PAGE, JR.

Company or Operator

By

Position

Name

Address

Austin, Texas

Holland Page, Jr.

Send Communications regarding well to

Holland Page, Jr.

Box 4115

New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GOVERNOR EDWIN L. MECHEM
CHAIRMAN

LAND COMMISSIONER GUY SHEPARD
MEMBER

STATE GEOLOGIST R. R. SPURRIER
SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

April 23, 1951

Case No. 1

Mr. R. R. Spurrier,
Oil Conservation Commission,
Box 871,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

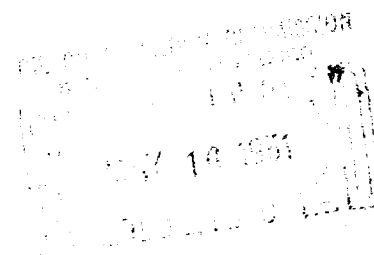
In regard to the hearing concern-
ing the Pechtal Bros. No. 1 Josephine A. Maris, in
Section 23-25S-8E: The fact that they had trouble with
the United States Army does not excuse them from comply-
ing with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.
They brought the trouble on themselves because they did
not cooperate with the Army Officers who were running
the firing range. They violated rules and regulations
both before and after their trouble with the army per-
sonnel.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Justin Howman
Justin Howman
Oil & Gas Inspector

JPN/lp



New Mexico
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

April 23, 1951

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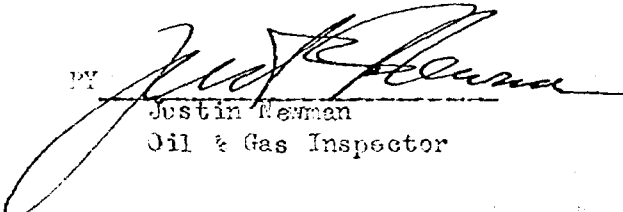
In regard to the hearing on the
Bechtal Bros. well, No. 1 Josephine A. Maris, in the
NW SW Section 23-25S-8E., Otero County: I spent quite
a bit of time trying to keep up with their operations,
but could never get any cooperation from them. I have
warned them by letter, and personally, that the Commission
could have them plug the well or have the bonding company
plug it.

If you want me to be present at this
hearing, please let me know by telephone immediately.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman
Oil & Gas Inspector

October 11, 1919

Beetel Bros.
Pecos, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please send in a form C-102 on your well,
showing where the pipe is set and how deep the well is.

If you are no longer the operator on this
well, it would be to your advantage to relieve yourself
of the obligation of plugging the well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY

Justin Newman

Artesia Representative

by DN

JN:dn

July 13, 1949

Frank Bechtel
Bechtel Bros.
Pecos, Texas

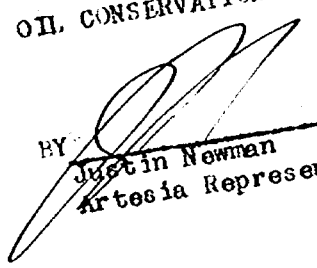
Dear Mr. Bechtel:

Will you please let me know whether you
are still working on the Bechtel Bros. Maris-State
in Otero County and what you plan to do with this
well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY


Justin Newman

Artesia Representative

JN:dm

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JUL 15 1949
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ARTESIA REPRESENTATIVE

November 8, 1948

Beetal Brothers
Beetal Building
Pecos, Texas

Gentlemen:

When I talked to Mr. Frank Beetal on October 18, he told me that he would have a bond up on the Beetal well in Otero County within two or three days. You should have this bond in the Santa Fe office by November 12, 1948. Your only alternative to getting this bond up on the well is to have the well plugged and abandoned by that date. It will be necessary to get the approval of the Oil Conservation Commission before plugging the well.

I should like you to note that the State law provides a penalty for drilling a well without an approved form C-101. I should like to call your attention to the first paragraph on page 17 in the enclosed pamphlet.

Yours very truly,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY 

Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

cc: R. R. Sparrier

Form 8811
Rev. 1-4-40

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Frank & Elmer Bechtel
(Signature or name of addressee)

Mrs Elmer Bechtel
(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery *MAR 26 1951*, 19

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-12421-1

Form 8811
Rev. 1-4-40

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Edwin Davis Crowell & Co.
(Signature or name of addressee)

W. K. Davis
(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery *MAR 23 1951*, 19

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-12421-1

Form 3806-S (Rev. 3-49)

Receipt for Registered Article No. **9748**

Postmaster per *[Signature]*

Fee paid *2.5* cents Class postage *1*

Declared value *100* Surcharge paid, \$

Return Receipt fee *3* Spl. Del'y fee

Delivery restricted to addressee:

In person or order Fee paid

Accepting employee will place his initials in space indicating restricted delivery.

NOTICE TO SENDER—Enter below name and address of addressee as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

E. C. H. [Signature]
(Name of addressee)

(P. O. and State of address)

07-16-19123-4 GPO

Form 3806-S (Rev. 3-49)

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(Name of addressee)

(P. O. and State of address)

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Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Return to *Oil Co. Corp.*
(NAME OF SENDER)
Box 871
Street and Number,
Post Office Box,
REGISTERED ARTICLE
No. *9749*
INSURED PARCEL

**SANTA FE,
NEW MEXICO.**

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Street and Number,
Post Office Box,
REGISTERED ARTICLE
No. *9748*
INSURED PARCEL

**SANTA FE,
NEW MEXICO.**

Registered Mail—Fees for indemnity limited to:

\$5.....	25¢	\$200.....	60¢	\$700.....	\$1.20
25.....	35¢	300.....	70¢	800.....	1.25
50.....	40¢	400.....	85¢	900.....	1.40
75.....	45¢	500.....	1.00	1,000.....	1.50
100.....	50¢	600.....	1.10		

The fee on domestic registered matter without intrinsic value and for which indemnity is not paid is 25 cents.

Domestic registered mail is subject to surcharges when the declared value exceeds the maximum indemnity covered by the registry fee paid. Fees on domestic registered C. O. D. mail range from 55 cents to \$1.55. Indemnity claims must be filed within 1 year (C. O. D., 6 months) from date of mailing.

Consult postmaster as to the registry fees chargeable on registered parcel post packages for foreign countries.

c7-16-19433-4

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50.....	40¢	400.....	85¢	900.....	1.40
75.....	45¢	500.....	1.00	1,000.....	1.50
100.....	50¢	600.....	1.10		

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ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421
EL PASO, TEXAS

April Morning

January 25, 1951.

Gladstone

Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Secretary and Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: CENTRAL SURETY AND INSURANCE CORPORATION BOND NO.
165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba
Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to
State of New Mexico - \$5,000.00 - 12-14-48.

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Have you as yet received Report on Result of Plugging
(C-103) approved by the Oil & Gas Inspector?

If so, will you please let us have cancellation evidence
under this bond? If not, please let us know the current
status.

Yours very truly,

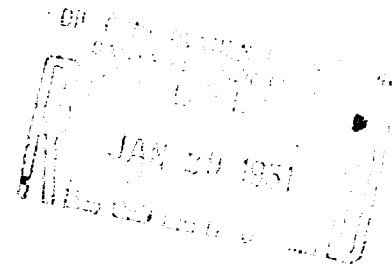
ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO

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C. E. Foote

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*Have some bearing
under the bond
to show the plug*



November 6, 1950

RE: Frank and Elmer Bechtel d/b/a Bechtel Brothers - No. 165064 -
NW SW 23-258-8E

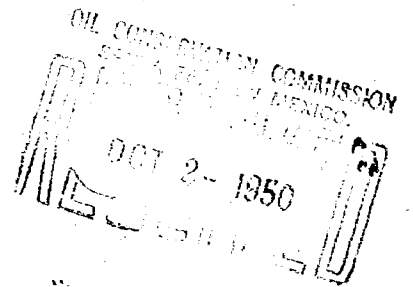
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ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421
EL PASO, TEXAS

September 29, 1950.



Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Secretary and Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: CENTRAL SURETY AND INSURANCE CORPORATION BOND
No. 165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba
Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to
State of New Mexico covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23,
T 25S, R. 8 E.

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Please refer to your letter of August 22nd.

We would appreciate you advising us if this well has
now been properly plugged and abandoned and if our
liability has been discharged.

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO

BY:

C. E. Foote

CEFoote: ld

August 22, 1950

Echlin-Irvin-Crowell & Co.
355 Myrtle Avenue
El Paso, Texas

RE: Frank and Elmer Bechtel d/b/a Bechtel Brothers -
one-well bond - Central Surety & Insurance Corp.
165064 - NW 34 23-251-38

Gentlemen:

With reference to the Bechtel Brothers, Josephine A. Maria State
No. 1, NW/4 SW/4 section 23, T.25 S, R.3 E, Otero County, New Mexico,
we wish to advise that no forms have been filed with this Commission.

Under our Rule 202 (c) it provides that when drilling operations
have been suspended for 60 days, the well shall be plugged and abandoned.

Therefore, it might be in line for the American Employers to
petition for an order directed to Bechtel Brothers to show cause why the
well in the NW/4 SW/4 section 23, T.25 S, R.3 E should not be declared
abandoned and ordered plugged.

Very truly yours,

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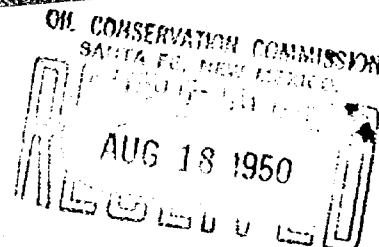
Secretary and Director

cc: OGC, Artesia
Bechtel Bros.,
Pecos, Texas

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.
GENERAL AGENTS

355 MYRTLE AVE + PHONE 2-4421
EL PASO, TEXAS

August 16, 1950



Mr. R. R. Spurrier
Oil Conservation Commission
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Central Surety & Insurance Corporation Bond No.
165064 - Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel dba
Bechtel Brothers - One Well Drilling Bond to
State of New Mexico covering NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23,
T. 25 S., R. 8 E.

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

We would appreciate you advising us the status of the
above well.

If same has been plugged and abandoned, will you please
let us have cancellation evidence?

Yours very truly,

ECHLIN-IRVIN-CROWELL & CO.

By: *C. E. Foote*

CEFoote/jm

*Has + competent to plug?
yes*

January 25, 1950

Mr. Justin Newmann
Oil Conservation Commission
Artesia, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Newmann:

This is in reply to your letter of January 24 in which you suggest that we cancel the bond on the Bechtel Brothers well in Otero County.

I suggest that we keep the bond in effect until we have notified the surety company and until they have plugged the well.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Secretary and Director

RHS:bpw

cc: Bechtel Brothers
Pecos, Texas

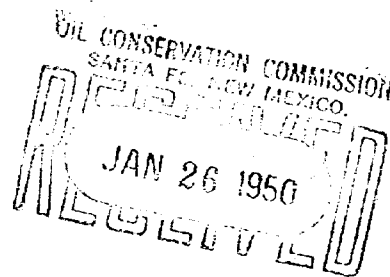
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SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR



ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING
Artesia, New Mexico

January 24, 1950



Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

In regard to the Bechtel Brothers, J. A. Maris-State No. 1, in the NWSW of 23-25S-8E, I have come to the conclusion that we will get no cooperation from the operators. I would suggest that we cancel the bond and have the Central Surety and Insurance Corporation plug the well, as provided by law.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY

Justin Newman
Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

JN:dn

cc: Bechtel Brothers
Pecos, Texas

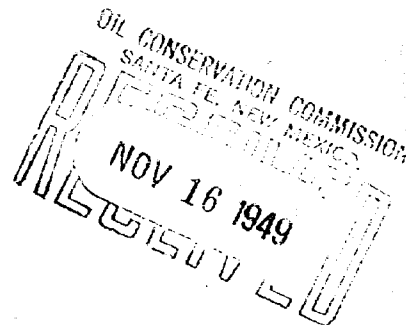
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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING
Artesia, New Mexico

November 14, 1949



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Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 671
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Frank and Elmer Bechtel
\$5000 one-well bond-Central Surety Co.
NW SW Sec. 23-25S-8E

Dear Mr. Spurrier:

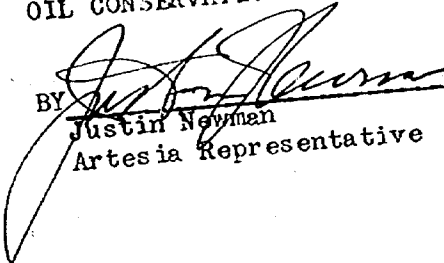
I have just received your letter to the Dean and Dean Insurance Agency in Pecos. The Bechtel brothers have never cooperated with this office in any way during the drilling of this well. They started operating without a bond or an approved C-101 and they would not keep us informed as to their progress. This cost us a great deal of time and money since it is a long way from our office and the roads are unimproved.

I hardly think Bechtel Brothers will plug the well or send in any of the forms as you outlined, but if they wish to cancel the bond, we will help them get permission from the army to go in and plug the well. *(The army will cooperate if we ask them to)*

We have had the same trouble with Holland Page, Jr. in the same area. Either of these operators may want to use the army as an excuse for not plugging the wells but they brought the trouble they had with the army on themselves.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY 
Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

JN:dn

November 9, 1949

Dean & Dean Insurance Agency
Dean Camp Building
Pecos, Texas

RE: Frank Bechtel and Elmer Bechtel
d/b/a Bechtel Brothers -- \$5,000
one-well bond - Central Surety
NW SW 23-25S-8E

Gentlemen:

With reference to the captioned bond, status of the well is unknown at present. Bond cannot be released until logs have been filed (C-105) and forms submitted showing how the well is to be plugged (C-102) and final approval given to the plugging (C-103) by our oil and gas inspector Mr. Justin Newman.

As soon as the operators have complied with the requirements of the Oil Conservation Commission, the bond may be released.

Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director

bpw

cc: Mr. Justin Newman,
Artesia

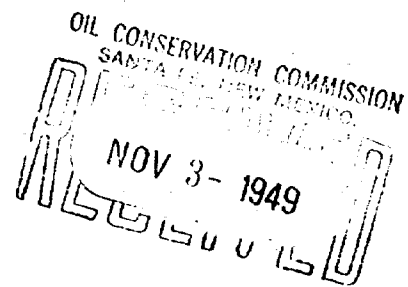
Justin - Would you please keep your eye on this well so they will comply with our regulations. Thanks



DEAN & DEAN INSURANCE AGENCY
DEAN CAMP BUILDING
PECOS, TEXAS

October 31, 1949

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico



Re: Central Surety & Insurance Corp#165064
Frank Betchel and Elmer Betchel dba
Betchel Brothers.

Dear Sir:

The captioned bond was effective December 14, 1948, and is an oil well drilling bond to State of New Mexico, and covered a well known as Bechtel Brothers-Josephine A. Maris--State No.1, on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Twp 25 S, Range 8 East, in Otero County, New Mexico.

We will appreciate it if you will advise us as to the status of this bond and if all covenants have been complied with, if you will forward release of letter releasing the bonding company from its liability under this bond.

We are enclosing self addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

DEAN & DEAN INSURANCE AGENCY

By: *K. Bynum*

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ROOM 205, BOOKER BUILDING

Artesia, New Mexico

December 2, 1948

Mr. R. R. Spurrier, Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

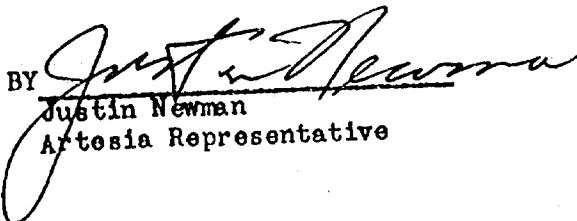
Dear Mr. Spurrier:

Mr. Frank Beetel, who is drilling a well near Newman in Otero County, called me to say that their financial statement was inadequate for a Bonding Company to issue a bond on their well. He thinks that they will be refinanced in such a manner that the well can be bonded by December 15th, 1948. He has asked that the Commission be patient with him a few more days.

We have been put off on this bond six times. I have not turned it over to our legal department yet and I am not in favor of attempting to fine these operators before December 16th. However, at that time, I would like to turn the whole matter over to the Santa Fe office or the legal department.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BY 
Justin Newman
Artesia Representative

JN:fo

cc: Beetel Bros.