

CASE 6056: PLUGGING CASE - OCC
JULIUS CHODOROW, AMERICAN
EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

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Case Number

6056

Application

Transcripts.

Small Exhibits

ETC.

14-20-604-80A
Federal Building
701 Camino del Rio
Durango, Colorado 81301

April 17, 1978

Julius Chodorow, Trustee
9811 Snow Heights Boulevard, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

Gentlemen:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission Order No. R-5557 ordered you to plug the Ute No. 1 well, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 20, T. 31 N., R. 15 W., San Juan County, New Mexico, on lease No. 14-20-604-80A.

The Mountain Ute Tribe has advised us that the lease has terminated and that they wish to include the land on a pending lease sale. The Tribe wishes to advertise this land for sale with the unplugged well on it.

Consequently, you are requested not to plug the well at this time. However, you will be responsible for liability of this well until a new lessee accepts the responsibility.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission for their file.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry W. Long
District Engineer

cc: NMOCC Aztec NM



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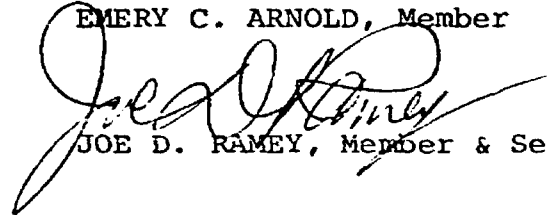
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
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Order No. R-5557

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
P. O. BOX 2088 - SANTA FE
87501



DIRECTOR
JOE D. RAMEY

LAND COMMISSIONER
PHIL R. LUCERO
October 26, 1977

STATE GEOLOGIST
EMERY C. ARNOLD

Julius Chodorow
Suite 202
1420 Carlisle, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Re: CASE NO. 6056
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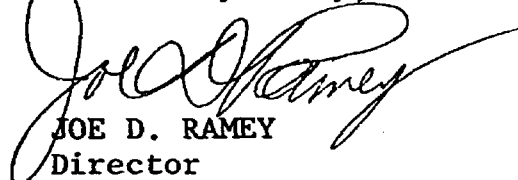
Applicant:

OCC (Julius Chodorow)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the above-referenced Commission order recently entered in the subject case.

Yours very truly,


JOE D. RAMEY
Director

JDR/fd

Copy of order also sent to:

Hobbs OCC	<u>x</u>
Artesia OCC	<u>x</u>
Aztec OCC	<u>x</u>

Other American Employers' Insurance Company

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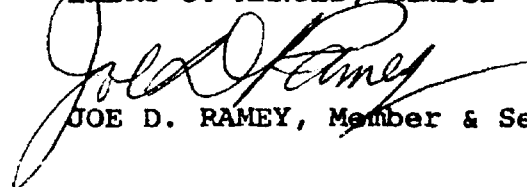
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P. O. BOX 2088

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

September 19, 1977

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RECEIPT REQUESTED

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1420 Carlisle, NE
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American Employers' Insurance Company
110 Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02107

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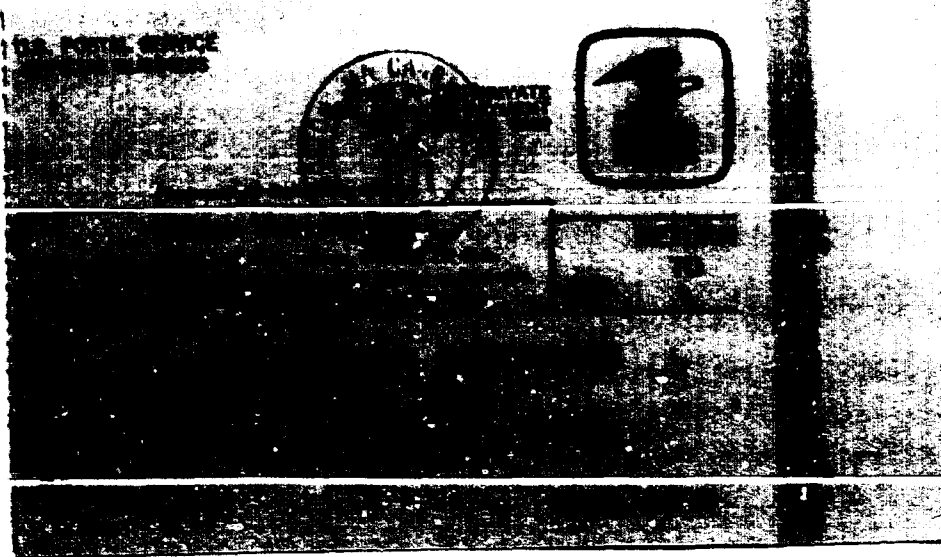
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Very truly yours,

LYNN TESCHENDORF
General Counsel

LT/fd
enc.



No. 481759

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—30¢			POSTMARK OR DATE
SENT TO American Employers' Ins. Co.			
STREET AND NO. 110 Milk Street			
P. O., STATE, AND ZIP CODE Boston, Massachusetts 02107			
EXTRA SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL FEES			
Return Receipt Shows to whom and date delivered <input type="checkbox"/> 10¢ fee	Shows to whom, date, and where delivered <input type="checkbox"/> 35¢ fee	Deliver to Addressee Only <input type="checkbox"/> 50¢ fee	
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 San Antonio
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 Mr. Nutter

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 EXHIBIT NO. 2
 CASE NO. 6053

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DIRECTOR
JOE D. RAMEY

September 30, 1977

Mr. Dan Nutter
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Plugging cases heard on September 28, 1977

Dear Dan:

Proposed time schedules for completion or plugging of the wells is listed below:

Case No. 6048: Noel Reynolds should own well in his name within 30 days if he intends to test it for a sustained period. If he does initiate a test he should be required to test continuously until he determines the well to be either an oil producer or a water well. No piddling around. Six months should be the limit.

Case No. 6049: Since the bond has been cancelled and we are going to do the plugging, 30 days should suffice.


Case No. 6050: Since J. Felix Hickman plans to plug, 60 or 90 days should be ample time. If he runs into trouble we can stall a bit.

Case No. 6051, No. 6053, No. 6054, and No. 6056: All these wells are on Federal leases. We only have a bond for No. 6056. We will probably have to let these for bid and collect the hard way. Sixty days should be sufficient time to contract for plugging at an early date.

We will need the plugging rigs next summer for other holes; so, let's get these done this fall.

If there are other remarks, I will call.

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August 22, 1977



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Ms. Lynn Teschendorf
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Julius Chodorow

Ute #1

F-20-31N-15W

San Juan County

Dear Ms. Teschendorf:

Please docket a case to allow the operator of the subject well and other interested parties to appear and show why the well should not be properly plugged and abandoned.

If there are questions please contact us.

Yours very truly,

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Supervisor, District #3

xc: Operator:

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on or before January 1, 1978

(2) That ~~Julius Chodorow and American Employers~~

~~Insurance Company~~, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-
described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the
Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and
abandoning, and shall notify said Aztec office of the date
and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may,
at its option, witness such work.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the
entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove
designated.