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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico March 8, 1978

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of the Oil Conservation)
Commission on its own motion to permit)
Saguaro Oil Company and others to appear)
and show cause on the Tenneco Santa Fe)
Well No. 1, McKinley County, New Mexico.)

CASE

BEFORE: Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

For the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

Lynn Teschendorf, Esq.
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MR. NUTTER: The hearing will come to order. The
first case this morning will be Case 6167, which is in the
matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation
Commission on its own motion to permit Saguaro Oil Company
and all other interested parties to appear and show cause
why the Tenneco Santa Fe No. 1 Well located in Unit D of
Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, McKinley County,
New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance
with a Commission-approved plugging program.

Call for appearances?

MS. TESCHENDORF: Lynn Teschendorf appearing on behalf of the Commission and I have one witness.

(THEREUPON, the witness was sworn.)

A. R. KENDRICK

was called as a witness by the Commission, and having been first duly sworn, testified upon his oath as follows, to-wit:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. TESCHENDORF:

- Q Would you state your name, position and place of residence for the record, please?
- A. A. R. Kendrick, District Supervisor for the Oil Conservation Commission. I live at Aztec, New Mexico.
 - Q How long have you held that position?

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Q Have you testified before the Commission previously and are your credentials a matter of record?

A. I have and they are.

MS. TESCHENDORF: Is the witness qualified?

MR. NUTTER: Yes.

Q (Ms. Teschendorf continuing.) Does District Three include that part of McKinley County involved in this case?

A. Yes.

Q And do your duties as the District Supervisor include making recommendations to the Commission as to when wells should be plugged and abandoned?

A. Yes.

Q Are you familiar with the subject matter of Case 6167?

A. I am.

Q What is the purpose of this case?

A. The purpose of this case is to cause the well drilled by Saguaro Oil Company, namely the Tenneco Santa Fe No. 1, located nine ninety from the north line and three hundred thirty feet from the west line of Section 31, Township 18

North, Range 8 West, to be plugged and abandoned in accordance with the Commission-approved plugging program.

Q. Have any reports been filed with the Commission concerning this well?

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Q Do you have these records with you?

A. I have a copy of all of the information in our files regarding this well.

Q Would you please summarize it?

A Yes. The intent to drill was filed, that is the form C-101 and C-102, was filed in the Aztec office on April 18th, 1975, with a cover letter wherein it was stated that the state plugging bond has been obtained by the operator and if another is needed let me know and I will make sure that you have it shortly.

We have not yet received that bond for this well.

A copy of an induction electric log was received in the

Aztec office on July 21st, 1975, and the only other information
in our well file is the letter from my office to them asking

for information dated October 21st, 1977.

The well has been drilled and a well marker has been erected and we have no information as to how deep the hole is or what type of casing was run in the hole, if any, or what the plugging program used by the operator was.

Q Do you have any other communications relative to this case?

A. I received a telephone call here yesterday stating that forms were delivered to my office yesterday afternoon regarding this well.

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It is the opinion of the persons on my statt that insufficient reports have been filed -- and what was delivered yesterday.

Not having seen those I don't know whether or not sufficient reports were filed.

- Q In your opinion could the failure to plug this well in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program cause waste?
 - A I could.
 - Q Would you elaborate on who waste could be caused?
- A. This well is on the edge of the Hawpau upper sand pool in McKinley County and could possibly be leaking petroleum products into the water sands or leaking the water into the oil sands.
- Q Because no reports have been filed you don't know whether they have properly plugged these zones or not?
 - A That's true.
 - Q Do you have any exhibits?
- A Yes. I have a copy of the information that I referred to to be submitted as an exhibit and I have a photograph of a marker. The photograph is not distinct enough to identify it as the marker in that hole but it was taken by Charles Gossen who is a field man in my office on February 15, 1978.
 - Q Which is Exhibit One and which is Exhibit Two?

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- A I have marked the photograph as Exhibit One, and I will mark the copies of the well file as Exhibit Two.
- Q Are you prepared to recommend a plugging program at this time or would you prefer to describe the plan at the time of the plugging?
- A I would recommend that this well have all the plugs that are in it drilled out to a total depth as certified by the operator and then plugs replaced at that time.
 - Q Do you have anything further?
 - A. No.
- MS. TESCHENDORF: At this time I will offer Exhibits
 One and Two.
- MR. NUTTER: Exhibits One and Two will be admitted in this case.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. NUTTER:

- Q Mr. Kendrick, the log there indicates the well had been drilled to what depth at that time?
- A. The driller's total depth as shown on the log was eighteen hundred fifty-three feet. The logger's total depth was eighteen hundred and thirty-seven feet.
- Q What was the well projected as originally on the 101, to what formation and to what depth?
 - A. Estimated proposed depth depth eighteen hundred

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- A. Yes, it is within the pool.
- Q So, the chances are that the well doesn't exceed that depth, then?
- A. Well, I doubt that it would exceed eighteen hundred and fifty feet by an appreciable amount.

Is this in an area where there is Hawpau drilling?

Q Now, Mr. Kendrick, you stated in your direct testimony that you would recommend that the existing plugs, if any, be drilled out and the well replugged.

If it can be substantiated that the well has been properly plugged that would not be necessary would it?

- A. Not if it can ben substantiated. This operator is not in the habit of hiring commercial service companies to perform those services for them. They do their own servicing.
- Q So, there might not be any public service company's records to substantiate these plugs, is that correct?
- A That's correct. In fact, if I may elaborate on that they are doing the plugging on a well thirteen hundred feet from this one, or thirteen hundred twenty feet from this one, at the present time.

I use the term doing the plugging loosely because the rig has been on that hole since last October and they have not finished plugging the well yet.

Q On the nearby well?

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A. On the offset well.

MR. NUTTER: Are there any further questions of Mr. Kendrick? He may be excused.

Do you have anything further, Ms. Teschendorf?

MS. TESCHENDORF: No, sir.

MR. NUTTER: Does anyone have anything to offer in Case 6167? Take the case under advisement.

(THEREUPON, the case was concluded.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SIDNEY F. MORRISH, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Transcript of Hearing before the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission was reported by me, and the same is a true and correct record of the said proceedings to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

LAND COMMISSIONER PHIL R. LUCERO



DIRECTOR JOE D. RAMEY

April 12, 1978

Saguaro Oil Company Box 51	ORDER NO.R-5694
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Yours very truly, JOE D. RAMEY Director	
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Re: CASE NO. 6167 ORDER NO. 8-5694

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6167 Order No. R-5694

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT SAGUARO OIL COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE TENNECO SANTA FE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION-APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 8, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner, Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>llth</u> day of April, 1978, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

- (1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
- (2) That Saguaro Oil Company is the owner and operator of the Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico.
- (2) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights said Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by the Aztec District Office of the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy and Minerals Department on or before June 1, 1978, or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed on production.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

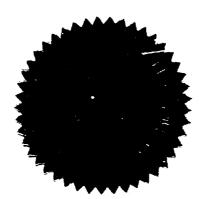
(1) That Saguaro Oil Company is hereby ordered to plug and abandon the Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1, located in Unit D of Section 31, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico, or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling status or place the well on production on or before June 1, 1978.

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- (2) That Saguaro Oil Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described well, shall obtain from the Aztec office of the Division, a Division-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 Division may, at its option, witness such work.
- (3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION



PHIL R. LUCERO, Chairman

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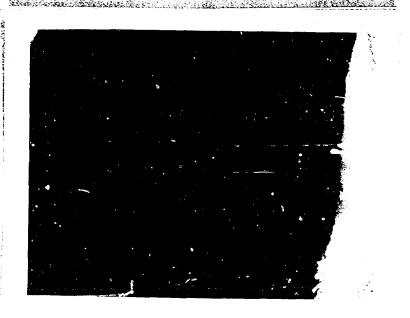
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960 East Second Ave. - P.O. Box 776 - Durango, Colorado 81301 AC 303-247-0025

April 16, 1975

Mr. Emery C. Arnold, Supervisor New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission 1000 Rio Brazos Road Aztec , New Mexico 87401

Re: Well Location
Saguaro Dil Company
No. 1 Tenneco-Santa Fe
NWNW Sec. 31 T18N R8W NMPM
McKinley County, New Mexico

Dear Emery:

Enclosed are six (6) copies of the Application to Drill plus surveyor's plat for the above captioned well.

A State plugging Bond has been obtained by the operator. If another is needed let me know and I'll make sure you have it shortly.

Upon approval would you kindly send an approved copy to the Operator in Farmington, New Mexico and a copy to me at the above Letterhead address.

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Thank you

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Lauth CPG

Encl. copy .Tenneco & Saguaro



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD. · AZTEC

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STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

DIRECTOR JOE D. RAMEY October 21, 1977

Saguaro Oll Co. Box 51 Farmington, New Mexico

Re: Operator-

Operator- Saguaro 011 Co. Well- Tenneco-Santa Fe #1

Location- P=31=18N=8W

Our records for the subject well indicate the well to have been drilled.

File reports as indicated:

C-103 or 9-331, casing C-103 or 9-331, intent to Plug and abandon C-105 or 9-330, well record report C-103 or 9-331, subsequent report of abandonment One copy of each wire line log run

Rule 202 allows drilling wells to be shut down up to 60 days without temporary abandonment.

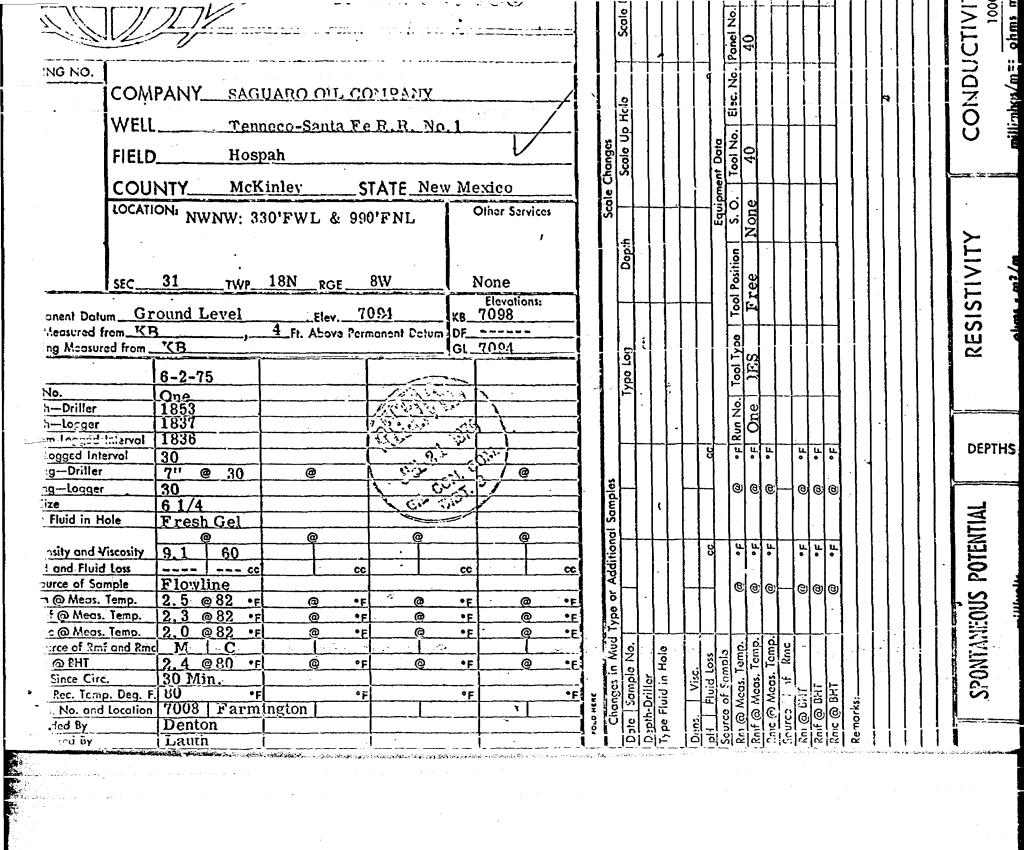
Please cause this well be be a useful well or plug and abandon it.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Kendrick Supervisor, District #3

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xc: 011 Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico



OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

February 27, 1978

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Saguaro Oil Company
Box 51
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

Re: Tenneco Santa Fe Well
No. 1, located in Unit
D of Section 31, Township
18 North, Range 8 West,
McKinley County
Plugging Bond

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the docket of the Examiner Hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1978, at 9:00 a.m. in the Oil Conservation Commission Conference Room, State Land Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Case 6167 concerns the above captioned subject matter.

Very truly yours,

LYNN TESCHENDORF General Counsel

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OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO 1000 RIO BRAZOS RD. - AZTEC

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DIRECTOR
JOE D. RAMEY

LAND COMMISSIONER
PHIL R. LUCERO

STATE GEOLOGIST EMERY C. ARNOLD

January 30, 1978

Case 616>

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

5-9433

Re: Saguaro Oil Company

Tenneco Santa Fe #1

990/N: 330/W

D-31-18N-8W

M. Exclay Co.

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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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION OP-THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 6167

Order No. R- 5694

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS OWN MOTION TO PERMIT SAGUAROOIL COMPANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE TENNECO SANTA FE WELL NO. 1 LOCATED IN UNIT D OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SHOULD NOT BE PLUGGED AND ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMMISSION- APPROVED PLUGGING PROGRAM. ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

on production.

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on March 8
19 78, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.
NOW, on this day of March, 19 78, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,
FINDS:
(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.
(2) That Saguaro Oil Company is the owner and
operator of the
located in Unit D of Section 31 , Township 18 North
Range & West . NMPM. McKinley County, New Mexico.
(3) First is the
surety on the Oil Conservation Commission plugging bond on which
is principal.
(4) That the purpose of said bond is to assure the state
that the subject well(s) will be properly plugged and abandoned
when not capable of commercial production.
(5) That in order to prevent waste and protect correlative
rights said Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1 should
be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a program approved by

Conservation Commission on or before Que 1 1978,

or the well should be returned to active drilling status or placed

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED!
(1) That Saguaro Oil Company
is axa hereby ordered to plug and abandon
the Tenneco Santa Fe Well No. 1,
located in Unit_D of Section 31 , Township 18 North ,
Range 8 West , NMPM, McKinley County, New Mexico,
or in the alternative, to return the well to active drilling
status or place the well on production on or before
19 78.
(2) That Saguaro Oil 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 Genmission may deem necessary.
DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove
designated.
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