

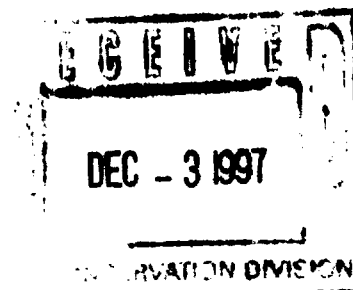
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Re: Hanson Energy - Plugging of 17 Wells in Eddy County, New Mexico
OCD Case Number 11811

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Please be advised that my clients have discussed the above matter with Tim Gum, of the Artesia OCD office, and believed that all matters had been resolved. However, Hanson Energy received the Commission Hearing Docket for December 4, 1997, wherein the Application for the plugging of these wells is set for hearing.

This office was not notified of this hearing until today's date, nor was the bond company, Gulf Insurance Company. Therefore, I am asking that the hearing set for December 4, 1997, be vacated and rescheduled for a more convenient time, so that I may be timely informed of same.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please advise if I must file a formal motion to vacate. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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