

Gulf Oil Exploration and Production Company

R C Anderson
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P. O. Box 670
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Re: Gulf's D. A. Williams Lease
S/2 SE/4, Section 29-T19S-R37E
Lea County, New Mexico

Mr. Leonard Robinett
P. O. Box 732
Lovington, New Mexico 88260

Dear Mr. Robinett:

This is in response to your recent letter to Gulf Oil Corporation (Gulf), as the lessee of the subject property, requesting permission to produce oil found within the fresh water zone located on your property.

Gulf understands that the oil contained in the referenced fresh water zone is believed to have originated from a leak in the Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Company pipe located near Monument Village Well No. 1. Any such oil, therefore, is not either owned or claimed to be owned by Gulf Oil Corporation as a result of its status as lessee pursuant to our lease dated August 24, 1928.

Gulf expressly disclaims any ownership interest in any oil found in the fresh water zone beneath our lease. For this reason, we would have no objection to your proposal to recover this oil. However, we make no representations on behalf of any royalty owners holding a royalty interest in this property. This disclaimer is expressly limited to the rights of Gulf Oil Corporation pursuant to the above described oil and gas lease.

Yours very truly,



R. C. ANDERSON

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BEFORE EXAMINER STOGNER
Oil Conservation Division
<u>ROBINETT</u> Exhibit No. <u>5</u>
Case No. <u>8599</u>

