

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

15 July 1987

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The matter called by the Oil Conser-  
vation division on its own motion  
to permit C. R. (Carl) Robinson, et  
al, to appear and show cause why a  
certain well in Valencia County, New  
Mexico, should not be plugged and  
abandoned in accordance with a Div-  
ision approved plugging program.

CASE  
9169

BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

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3 MR. STOGNER: Call next Case  
4 Number 9169, which is in the matter of the Oil Conservation  
5 Division on its own motion to permit C. R. (Carl) Robinson,  
6 Jane Iley, Eastern Indemnity Company of Maryland, and all  
7 other interested parties to appear and show cause why a  
8 certain well in Valencia County should not be plugged and  
9 abandoned.

10 At the applicant's request this  
11 case will be continued to the Examiner's Hearing scheduled  
12 for July 29th, 1987.

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14 (Hearing concluded.)  
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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, SALLY W. BOYD, C.S.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing Transcript of Hearing before the Oil Conservation Division (Commission) was reported by me; that the said transcript is a full, true, and correct record prepared by me to the best of my ability.

Sally W. Boyd CSR

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete record of the proceedings in the Examiner hearing of Case No. 9169 heard by me on 1987.

[Signature], Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

29 July 1987

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

In the matter of the hearing called                   CASE  
by the Oil Conservation Division on                   9169  
its own motion to permit C. R. (Carl)  
Robinson, et al, to appear and show  
cause why a certain well in Valencia  
County should not be plugged and  
abandoned in accordance with a Divi-  
sion approved plugging program.

BEFORE: David R. Catanach, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

A P P E A R A N C E S

For the Division:                   Jeff Taylor  
  Attorney at Law  
  Legal Counsel to the Division  
  State Land Office Bldg.  
  Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

For the Applicant:

MR. CATANACH: This hearing will come to order for Docket No. 24-87.

Call first Case 9169.

MR. TAYLOR: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to permit C. R. Robinson, John Iley, and Eastern Indemnity Company of Maryland, and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the O. F. Baca Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the north line and 12 -- 1920 feet from the west line of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 4 East, Valencia County, New Mexico, as projected into the Tome Land Claim, should not be plugged and abandoned.

The applicant has requested that this case be continued.

MR. CATANACH: Case 9169 will be continued to the August 12th, 1987, docket.

(Hearing concluded.)

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David R. Catamb, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
STATE LAND OFFICE BLDG.  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

9 September 1987

EXAMINER HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:

The hearing called by the Oil Conser- CASE  
vation Division on its own motion to 9169  
permit C. A. (Carl) Robinson, et al,  
to appear and show cause why a cer-  
tain well in Valencia County, should  
not be plugged and abandoned in ac-  
cordance with a Division-approved  
plugging program.

BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

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5 by the Oil Conservation Division on its own motion to show  
6 cause why a certain well in Valencia County, New Mexico,  
7 should not be plugged and abandoned.

8 Call for appearances?

9 MR. TAYLOR: May it please the  
10 Examiner, I am Jeff Taylor, Counsel for the Division and I  
11 have one witness who has previously been sworn today.

12 MR. STOGNER: Let the record so  
13 show that Mr. Johnson was previously sworn in the previous  
14 case.

15 Please continue.

16 MR. TAYLOR: And I'd also like  
17 the record to reflect that he's already been qualified as an  
18 expert.

19 MR. STOGNER: The record will  
20 so show.

21 ROY JOHNSON,  
22 being previously sworn and remaining under oath, testified  
23 as follows, to-wit:  
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## DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. TAYLOR:

Q Mr. Johnson, does District IV include that part of Valencia County involved in this case?

A It does.

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

A They do.

Q What is the purpose of today's case, then?

A The purpose today's case is this well has not been properly plugged and abandoned according to our rules and regulations.

Q And that is the O. F. Baca Well No. 1?

A It is.

Q Have you reviewed the reports filed with the Commission concerning these wells?

A I have.

Q And do you have those records with you?

A I do.

Q Would you then just briefly summarize the history of this well?

A This well was spudded in March of 1983 and was TD'ed at a depth of 2639 feet on April 12th, 1983.

Completion attempts have been made on

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2 this well in June and sporadically -- June of '83 and spor-  
3 adically up to September of 1985, and no other work has been  
4 performed on this well in the last two years.

5 Q What then was the date of the last form  
6 filed with the Commission? Was that '85?

7 A The date -- yes, sir, 8-14-85.

8 Q And nothing at all has happened since  
9 that time.

10 A Nothing at all has happened.

11 Q And do you have any other communications  
12 relative to this case which should be brought to our atten-  
13 tion?

14 A Yes. There have been several certified  
15 letters sent to both Mr. Carl Robinson and the insurance  
16 company, Eastern Indemnity Company of Maryland, both noti-  
17 fying them of a forced plugging case in this matter if the  
18 operator did not plug it himself.

19 Q You know of no response from any of those  
20 parties?

21 A I've had no response whatsoever.

22 Q In your opinion would failure to plug this  
23 well cause waste or result in the contamination of fresh  
24 water resources?

25 A Yes.

Q Are you prepared to recommend a plugging

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2 program at this time or do you prefer to wait until the time  
3 when we let a contract?

4 A I prefer to wait for time for a contract  
5 because a lot will depend on much casing can be pulled out  
6 of it.

7 Q Okay. Do you have anything further in  
8 this case?

9 A I do not.

10 MR. TAYLOR: And we have no ex-  
hibits, so that's all we have in this matter.

11 MR. STOGNER: Let the record so  
12 show that the record contains the well file and any perti-  
13 nent correspondence between said parties and the OCD Dis-  
14 trict Office.

15 MR. TAYLOR: We will submit --

16 MR. STOGNER: And, Mr. Johnson,  
17 you have several field records in your file, is that cor-  
rect?

18 A Yes.

19 MR. STOGNER: Okay. Mr. Tay-  
20 lor, you were saying --

21 MR. TAYLOR: We would submit  
22 records of our notice of the hearing and notice of the need  
23 to plug the well to the Examiner.

24 MR. STOGNER: The record will  
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so show and we'll take administrative notice of all the records we have available here on this well.

MR. TAYLOR: That's all we have in this matter.

MR. STOGNER: I have no further questions of Mr. Johnson.

He may be excused.

Do you have anything further in this case, Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: No, sir.

MR. STOGNER: Case Number 9169 will be taken under advisement.

(Hearing concluded.)

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Michael E. Wagner, Examiner  
Oil Conservation Division

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ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

12 August 1987

EXAMINER HEARING

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CASE  
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BEFORE: Michael E. Stogner, Examiner

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8 show cause why a certain well in Valencia County, New  
Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned.

9 MR. TAYLOR: That should be  
10 Eastern Indemnity, Mr. Examiner.

11 MR. STOGNER: What did I say?

12 MR. TAYLOR: Western

13 MR. STOGNER: Oh, well, my  
14 mistake.

15 MR. TAYLOR: I'm Jeff Taylor,  
16 Counsel for the Division and I believe the respondents in  
this case have requested that it be continued.

17 MR. STOGNER: Case Number 9169  
18 will be continued to the Examiner's Hearing scheduled for  
19 September 9th. Mr. Taylor, is that correct?

20 MR. TAYLOR: That's fine.

21 MR. STOGNER: September 9th,  
22 1987.

23 (Hearing concluded.)  
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