

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CASE NO. 5344
Order No. R-4898

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON ITS
OWN MOTION TO PERMIT AMERICAN FUELS
CORPORATION AND AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY
COMPANY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES
TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY CERTAIN AMERICAN
FUELS WELLS ON THE W-S RANCH IN COLFAX 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 October 16,
1974, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this 4th day of November, 1974, 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 American Fuels Corporation is the owner and
operator of the following described wells in Colfax County:

NM-B Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6,
Township 30 North, Range 19 East;

NM-B Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 16,
Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 18,
Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 30,
Township 30 North, Range 19 East; and

NM-B Well No. 10, located in Unit N of Section 24,
Township 31 North, Range 19 East.

(3) That the surface locations of said Wells Nos. 1, 2,
5, and 10 have not been cleaned and levelled as required by
Commission Rules and Regulations.

(4) That Commission Form C-105 "Well Log" has not been filed with the Commission for said Wells Nos. 4, 5, and 10 as required by Commission Rules and Regulations.

(5) That said Wells Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 10 are not capable of production in commercial quantities.

(6) That in order to confine all oil, gas, and water to the strata in which they are found, said Wells 2, 4, 5, and 10 should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program on or before February 1, 1975.

(7) That the surface locations of said Wells Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 10 should be cleaned and levelled in accordance with Commission Rules and Regulations.

(8) That Commission's Form C-105 "Well Log" should be filed with reference to said Wells Nos. 4, 5, and 10.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company are hereby ordered to plug and abandon the following wells in Colfax County, New Mexico, on or before February 1, 1975:

NM-B Well No. 2, located in Unit P of Section 16, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 4, located in Unit H of Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 18 East;

NM-B Well No. 5, located in Unit P of Section 30, Township 30 North, Range 19 East; and

NM-B Well No. 10, located in Unit N of Section 24, Township 31 North, Range 19 East.

(2) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, prior to plugging and abandoning the above-described wells, shall obtain from the Santa Fe Office of the Commission, a Commission-approved program for said plugging and abandoning, and shall notify said Santa Fe office of the date and hour said work is to be commenced whereupon the Commission may, at its option, witness such work.

(3) That American Fuels Corporation and Aetna Casualty and Surety Company are hereby ordered to clean and level the surface location of Wells Nos. 2, 5, and 10, as described in Order No. (1) above, and the NM-B Well No. 1, located in Unit G of Section 6, Township 30 North, Range 19 East, NMPM, Colfax County, New Mexico, in accordance with Commission Rules and Regulations on or before February 1, 1975.