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Mr. M. L. Armstrong
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Dear Mose:

In this morning's mail I received a letter from Henry Etz concerning his Rice-Andrews Well in Unit C, Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 25 East, Chaves County, New Mexico. A copy of his letter is shown to have been directed to you.

Mr. Etz certainly makes an urgent plea not to have to re-enter this well, and I am wondering what your thinking is in this matter. Do you think that it would be appropriate for us to call a hearing allowing Mr. Etz to show cause why he should not be required to drill this well out and replug it in accordance with your instructions? Our next examiner hearing will be scheduled for October 25th and will be advertised on October 5th. Please let me hear from you on this before October 5th if you think we should have a hearing.

If we are going to press this matter, I believe we should have a hearing before taking the matter to court.

Very truly yours,



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