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July 5, 1983

Mr. Jack Pugh  
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Mesa, Arizona 85208

Re: Tonkin Plugging Bonds  
Chaves County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Pugh:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 1983, concerning the plugging bonds required by the State of New Mexico on two open well bores which you previously operated.

As you know the purpose of a plugging bond is to insure the proper plugging and abandonment of old wells. Inasmuch as you were the operator of the property, it would appear to be your responsibility to properly plug and abandon each of the wells located on our mineral interest. That is the purpose of the plugging bonds to insure that state requirements will be met.

We note that in October of 1974 that a Notice to Plug and Abandon the No. 1-B Tonkin Well was filed with the Conservation Commission in Artesia, New Mexico; however, we find no record where the well was actually plugged. May we suggest that the way to be relieved of the responsibility to maintain plugging bonds would be to properly plug and abandon the bore holes in question. This should be done in accordance with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

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CARL A. SCHELLINGER

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ✓  
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July 2, 1983

Mr. Jack Pugh  
7120 East Wismar Avenue  
Mesa, Arizona 85208

Re: Lookin Plugging Bonds  
Chavez County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Pugh:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 1983, concerning the plugging bonds required by the State of New Mexico on two open well bores which you previously operated.

As you know the purpose of a plugging bond is to insure the proper plugging and abandonment of old wells. Inasmuch as you were the operator of the property, it would appear to be your responsibility to properly plug and abandon each of the wells located on our mineral interest. That is the purpose of the plugging bonds to insure that state requirements will be met.

We note that in October of 1977, that a notice to plug and abandon the No. 1 & 2 wells was filed with the Conservation Commission in Arizona, New Mexico, however, we find no record where the well was actually plugged. May we suggest that the way to be relieved of the responsibility to maintain plugging bonds would be to properly plug and abandon the bore holes in question. This should be done in accordance with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

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