

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

September 18, 1951

Mr. C. D. Murphy, Field Agent
New Mexico Drilling Syndicate
General Delivery
Deming, New Mexico

Re: Murphy #1
Sec. 31-20S-11W
Grant County

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of September 10, 1951, regarding the above captioned well.

As per your request, I am mailing you all revisions to the rules and regulations which were effective January 1, 1950. This will bring your copy of the rules and regulations up to date.

You inquire as to the procedure to follow in the event that an exploratory hole is to be either temporarily or permanently abandon this well it will be necessary for you to apply to the commission by letter or on a C-102 for temporary abandonment stating precisely your reason for wanting to temporarily abandon. If this application is approved the well must be left in a condition to properly protect all mineral or water zones for the period of temporary abandonment. The period of temporary abandonment is 60 days and at the end of the 60-day period another application must be submitted and approved before the well can be temporarily abandoned for a longer period.

In the event you wish to permanently abandon this well it is somewhat simpler. The procedure being to supply us with your intended plugging program which if not satisfactory we will work out one that is satisfactory to both parties based on the formations and the water zones or mineral zones which you have encountered. The point being that these zones must be permanently protected by either cement through the zones or cement plugs on either sides of the zones. The top of the hole must be closed by a 15' cement plug and a 4" x 4' steel marker placed in the cement to permanently mark the old location.