



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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GOVERNOR

December 13, 1994

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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. W.J. Conover  
Rt. 2 Box 10  
Maysville, OK 73057

Re: W.J. Conover  
J.M. Lewelling Well No.1  
Unit D, Sec. 12, 12S, 9E, Otero Co., New Mexico

Dear Mr. Conover:

Enclosed is a copy of a July 6, 1994, letter to you from Jim Morrow, Acting Supervisor for New Mexico Oil Conservation Division District II, requesting that you inform the OCD by August 1, 1994, of your plans to plug the above-referenced well.

The OCD has not received such plans as of the above date and is therefore by this letter informing you of its intent to hold a "show cause" hearing directing you to show cause why an order should not be entered determining that the well should be plugged, directing the plugging bond you posted to be forfeited, and directing you to plug the well. If you do not plug the well and the OCD is required to do so, the OCD will seek to recover any monies expended in plugging the well from you through all available legal means.

If we do not hear from you by January 13, 1995, we will set this matter for the above-described show cause hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rand Carroll".

Rand Carroll

Legal Counsel  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

cc: Tim Gum, Supervisor, OCD District II  
Ray Smith, Oil & Gas Inspector





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July 6, 1994

Mr. W.J. Conover  
Rt. 2 Box 10  
Maysville, Okla 73057

Re: W.J. Conover  
J.M. Lewelling Well No.1  
Ut. D, Section 12, Township 12S  
Otero Co., New Mexico

Dear Mr. Conover:

Our records show that your J.M. Lewelling Well No.1 was drilled in 1974 and has never produced. The well is therefore not in compliance with OCD rules requiring that wells be produced, plugged, or placed in temporary abandonment status. Copies of OCD General Rules Nos. 201, 202, and 203 are attached for your convenience.

We will appreciate your cooperation in bringing this well into compliance. Please let us hear from you by August 1, 1994.

Yours Truly,



Jim Morrow  
Acting Supervisor, Dist. II  
JM/sp



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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II  
FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING THE J.M. LEWELLING WELL NO. 1  
LOCATED 660 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 660 FEET FROM  
THE WEST LINE, UNIT D, SEC. 12, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH,  
RANGE 9 EAST, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TO BE PROPERLY  
PLUGGED, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL AND  
ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY.

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING

1. W. J. Conover, (hereinafter called "Operator") is the operator of the J.M. Lewelling Well No. 1, located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line, Unit D, section 12, Township 12 South, Range 9 East, NMPM, Otero County, New Mexico.
2. W. J. Conover, as Operator, has posted a one-well plugging bond in the amount of \$10,000 in compliance with Section 70-2-14 N.M.S.A. 1978 and Rule 101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil Conservation Division, which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the Statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules and Regulations of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the well operated by said Operator.
3. The subject well has not produced hydrocarbon substance or has otherwise been inactive for more than one year or is no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator and approved by the Division.



4. By virtue of the failure to use the well for beneficial purposes or to have an approved current temporary abandonment permit, the subject well is presumed to have been abandoned and is required to be plugged.

5. By authority of Section 70-2-12 N.M.S.A. 1978, the Rules and Regulations of the Division require wells which are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.

6. Demand has been made upon the Operator to either place the subject well to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District II of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

1. Determining whether or not the J.M. Lewelling #1 well should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program:

2. Upon determination that said well should be plugged directing W. J. Conover as Operator to plug said well.

3. Further ordering that if operator fails to plug and abandon said well as ordered by



the Director, that the Division be authorized:

- a. to plug said well;
  - b. to declare forfeit on said bond and to take such action to  
foreclose on said bond; and
  - c. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging in excess  
of the amount of the bond.
4. For such other and further relief as the Division seems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RAND CARROLL  
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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
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