STATE OF NEW MEXICO



ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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August 3, 1995

John R. Stearns dba Stearns P. O. Box 988 Crossroads, New Mexico 88114

Re: Betenbough B #3-B. Sec. 14. T98, R358

Dear Mr. Stearns:

According to our records, the above referenced well was approved for use as a disposal well by Division Order SWD 424, in 1991. To date, we have not received any reports of work being done to bring the well into a satisfactory condition for use as a salt water disposal well.

Our records show that the well was shut in for an extended period of time prior to the order approving the well for disposal.

To insure the integrity of the well, and prevent possible damage to the surrounding area and/or formations in offsetting wells, the following options are available:

- 1> Set a plug and test the casing to 500# for 30 minutes, and request temporary abandoned status.
- 2> Plug and abandon the well after submitting a proposal and receiving approval for the procedure.

We request that you exercise one of the above options no later than October 5, 1995.

Very truly yours

OTL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Jerry Sexton Supervisor, District I

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cc: Gary W. Wink File