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Mobil Oil Corporation
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RE: J.C. Maxwell #1
Unit letter P, Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 37 East

Gentlemen:

Through routine inspection, oil contaminated soil and dripping oil was discovered around the PA marker at the above referenced well. This well was plugged in 1968 by the Mobil Oil Corporation. A review of our wellfile shows that this well only has 2 cement plugs. The top of the bottom plug is at 11930 ft, the only other plug is 10 ft of cement at the surface. The NMOCD is requesting that Mobil investigate the oil contamination and the possible flow of oil to the surface around this well. The 2 plugs do not meet the current requirements for plugged wells; therefore, it may be necessary to replug this well. We appreciate your timely response to this letter. On completion of your review, please contact this office.

NMOCD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy Prichard".

Billy Prichard
Deputy Inspector, District 1
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CC:

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