



MARATHON ROAD WATER STATION
Lea County, New Mexico
Brine and Fresh Water

April 14, 1982

Oil Conservation Commission
Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Attn: Mr. Joe Ramey

Dear Mr. Ramey:

Enclosed is the "Windmill Map" we discussed in the vicinity of our brine pit, water station, and brine supply well. I think the locations are accurate to within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. I spotted them by eyeball from nearby oilwells with proper location signs. I don't know if any of them are producing water now or not, but two or three of them were turning.

It has always been common knowledge in this area that there is practically no shallow water. Mark Smith, rancher, lives a few miles northwest, and ranches west and southwest. I am pretty sure he will agree. He invited us to pipe water across any of his pastures so he could get stock water from us.

We respectfully request that we not be required to install the sensors. Our pit does not leak and never has. It now has a thick layer of salt deposited on the plastic liner. This protective layer of salt would tend to seal any leak that might occur. Our pit liner is 39 mils thick with nylon reinforcing strings on small mesh. It is the most expensive, and supposedly the best we could buy. It was installed in 3 pieces, but is now permanently glued together into one 150' square piece. We would be inviting future leaks to try to remove it to install the sensors.

Perhaps we could periodically test for leaks for you by carefully observing the pit level for a period of time with no additions or withdrawals from the pit.

Thank you for any consideration you give our request.

Sincerely,

C W Trainer

Enclosures

xc: Les Clements
John Burleson

