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Rustler Anhydrite cap immediately above the top of the Salado salt (@ $\pm 1630'$). This string will also be cemented to surface to insure that near-surface ground waters are safely isolated from all well fluids. The well will then be drilled to the base of the salt interval (@ $\pm 2770'$) and completed open hole. Prior to installing production equipment, a Cement Bond Log will be run. A copy of that log will be forwarded to your office for reference. A proposed wellbore diagram is included as Attachment 5.

As is the case with the current brine well, the well will be completed by running tubing through the open hole section and circulating fresh water from our brine facility across the salt section to create a brine with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 267,000 mg./liter. The wellhead will be constructed so as to allow for circulation in either direction. Surface piping from the brine facility to the well will simply be an extension of the piping going to and from the existing well.

Plug and Abandonment Plans - Existing & Proposed Wells:

Once a replacement well is drilled, the existing brine well will be plugged and abandoned. A brief outline of that procedure is as follows:

1. Pull all production equipment from the well.
2. Set a cast iron bridge plug at the bottom of the cased hole section of the well ($\pm 1400'$) to isolate the open hole cavity from the wellbore.
3. Go in the hole with open ended tubing and set a cement plug from 1400' to surface.
4. Pull the tubing out of the hole.
5. Cut off the wellhead and erect a P&A marker.
6. Re-seed the location.

A wellbore diagram detailing the proposed plugging and abandonment of the existing well is included as Attachment 6.

The plugging and abandonment plan for the proposed brine well will be identical to that of the existing well.

Bearing in mind the current marginal status of our existing brine well, Conoco requests your office review our proposal as quickly as reasonably possible so that we may commence drilling operations.