

New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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October 30, 1937

Hon. Guy Shepard
State Oil and Gas Inspector
Oil Conservation Commission
Hobbs, New Mexico

Re: Brown State No.1 Well
SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ 22-21S-34E.

Dear Guy:

The Merchant Livestock Company makes a complaint regarding the state of the cellar and the slush pit of the above designated well, which I understand was recently abandoned, as being very hazardous to livestock.

The rectifying of the alleged unsatisfactory condition of the premises just named would be to the interest of the owner of the well, to preclude possible damages to livestock, and, no doubt, the parties in interest would give this matter speedy attention, as the exigencies of the case demand when it is brought to their attention.

A carbon copy of Mr. Merchant's letter is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Carl B. Livingston
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THE MERCHANT LIVESTOCK COMPANY
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

October 28, 1937

Mr. Carl B. Livingston
Attorney for State Land Office,
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Carl:

John Merchant reports to me that the oil well test made by J. S. Brown et al in Section 20 or 22 Twp. 21S., Range 34 East has been left in a very hazardous condition as it relates to our livestock.

The cellar has been left open and cattle can fall into this pit and never get out. The slush pit has never been covered up and the hole set up is a menacing trap for our cattle.

Is there some way to make this outfit take care of this hazard as it seems the whole attitude has been any thing but dependable since they started the test.

The reason I am taking this matter up through you is the fact that we had the matter up with you trying to work out some plan to handle the water in the hole which we were never able to work out as it developed it was a quicksand well and questionable if it could be used for a water well.

Thanking you for past favors and any thing you or the Commissioner can do to make this fellow clean up his death trap, which all responsible oil operators have heretofore done when abandonment of an oil well test.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. H. MERCHANT.

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