

THE BRITISH-AMERICAN OIL PRODUCING COMPANY

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July 14, 1966

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Joe D. Ramey

Re: North Wilson Deep Unit No. 3
Section 6, 21-S, 35-E,
Lea County, New Mexico
File No. 909.0

Gentlemen:

We have received a copy of the approved Form C-103 on the above well which reports the setting of a 9-5/8" OD casing string and whipstock to drill around drill collars which were lost in the hole. This form was approved by your office on July 12, 1966. Your comments on this form were: "No allowable will be assigned this well until a hearing is held to obtain approval for directional drilling."

The work described above was reported as a change of plan and was approved by your office on Form C-103 dated June 29, 1966. Prior to this time, I had talked with Mr. Engbrecht by telephone and received verbal approval to proceed with the program as subsequently reported on the "Notice of Intention to Change Plans."

It is standard practice in deviating holes around junk to orient the whipstock prior to drilling off. This orientation is made to determine the relative relationship between the new hole and the abandoned hole to lessen the possibility of drilling back into the old hole. The setting of subsequent whipstocks also requires knowledge of hole direction to prevent dog legs or running together of the two holes. The fact that this well was purposely deviated had nothing to do with gaining structural advantage.

This well is now drilling at a depth of 6911' with a deviation of 3/4° from vertical. No attempt to control or even determine hole direction has been made since passing the bottom of the original hole which was at 4572'.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the requirement that a hearing be held to obtain approval for directional drilling.

Yours truly,

THE BRITISH-AMERICAN OIL PRODUCING COMPANY

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