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RE: **RECOMMENDED PLUGGING PROCEDURE
PLATINUM STATE '17' #1
21S, 34E, Sec. 17, Lea County, NM
Unit G, 1980' FNL, 2310' FEL
API# 30-025-33108**

Can you advise me on two questions regarding the plugging of this well?

1. Our records are possibly incomplete on the current status of this well. This well was supposed to have been traded to EOG Resources (with the rest of our operated SE New Mexico properties) a couple of years ago, but for reasons unknown to me we apparently retained ownership of this well.

The last information I have is that the well was shut-in on 11/28/95 after initial completion efforts (the well was wet). However, the report said we intended to TA the well at a later date. I have no information that indicates we ever TA'd the well.

Are there any State records that indicate that this well was ever TA'd? If so, can I receive the current wellbore information (schematic and/or description or work done).

2. See attached schematic. **My main question is what needs to be done about a possible low cement top behind the 7".** I have no idea how the estimated top of 4,700' (on the attached schematic) was determined. Drilling records indicate that the top could be as high as 1,581' (using my own volumetric calculation), but I understand that the Capitan Reef (being cemented) is quite vugular and much of the cement could have been lost to formation. The information I have states that the job bridged off 135 bbls into displacement. And where they tagged upon drill out (3,413') indicates 90 bbls of slurry inside the casing, and 110 bbls of slurry outside the casing (the basis for my volumetric calculation).