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MEMO TO: Mr. William J. LeMay
Director

FROM: Jerry Sexton
Dist. I Supervisor

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLUGGING OF MICHAEL S. MORRIS, BAKER C WELL #2
Unit G, Section 15, T22S, R37E
Lea County, NM

On January 13, 1992, Michael Morris called and said the above-referenced well was flowing salt water out on the surface of the land and that he did not have the money to plug the well.

The water flowing out on the ground was saturated salt water and there was no control of the well since a wellhead was not installed on the well.

The OCD rented a flange and spool with a valve and got the well shut in, but it closes in with 800 psi pressure.

To properly plug the well we will drill out two cement plugs, one at the surface and one from 1100 to 1200 feet and check the next plug at 2200 feet. Then a cement retainer will be set at 1050 feet and the shoe of the 8 5/8" squeezed with 250 sx cement.

Although the flow is contained, because of the pressure we will go ahead and plug the well at this time to prevent any potential of water contamination.

A rough estimate of the plugging cost of this well is \$20,300. See itemized list of estimated plugging expenses.

Also, a well data sheet is attached for your information as well as a copy of the letter from Michael Morris stating he is unable to stop the referenced well from flowing.

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Attachments

