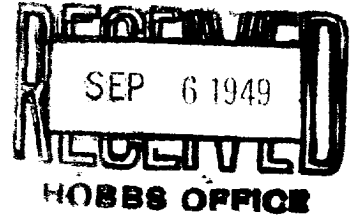


TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

MID-CONTINENT DIVISION

Drawer KK,
Hobbs, New Mexico.
September 6, 1949.



Oil Conservation Commission
Hobbs, New Mexico.

Subject: Blowout-Tide Water Associated Oil Company's
State "T" #1 Gas Well, Sec. 2-24S-36E.

Gentlemen:

Tide Water Associated's State "T" #1 blew out at approximately 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday August 31st. while drilling at 3090' in the Yates. The crew had just got back on bottom after making a trip. The kelly was put on and the Blowout Preventer rams were closed, venting the gas to the pit through two 4" bleed lines. The engines and light plant were shut down to prevent fire.

At 11:00 A.M. on September 1st. the gas was shut off at the blowout preventer. Pressure built up to 1050# psi in a few minutes. At 11:15 A.M. a valve on one of the bleed lines was opened to blow off the pressure. As soon as the valve was opened a nipple between the valve and blowout preventer broke letting gas escape through a 3" opening. The well was out of control and blowing until approximately 12:17 A.M. Saturday September 3, 1949, at which time it was killed by pumping 110 tons of 18# mud down through the drill pipe. The well is now under control and drilling ahead below 3130 using 11.6# mud. The blowout preventer equipment has been repaired.

The well flowed at an estimated rate of 10,000,000 ft. per day for 66 hrs, venting a total of approximately 27,500,000 ft.³ of gas into the atmosphere.

Yours very truly,

TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY

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