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TO: Operators of Wells in the Ignacio-Blanco Field, La Plata County, Colorado.

FROM: William R. Smith, Director-Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

DATE: February 8, 1989

SUBJECT: Cathodic Protection Wells

It has recently come to my attention that many operators of gas wells in the Ignacio-Blanco Field are utilizing cathodic protection "wells" for corrosion protection of their gas wells.

While these structures are not water wells or oil and gas wells as defined by the Colorado Division of Water Resources or the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and we certainly have no problem with this practice, they do have a potential for pollution of a groundwater aquifer in some areas if improperly completed.

In order to assure the protection of groundwater as provided in the Oil and Gas Conservation Act as well as in the Rules and Regulations of this Commission, we must have the information on these wells. I am therefore requesting that you submit to this office, within thirty days, a Sundry Notice, OGCC Form 4, on each of these structures indicating the approximate distance from the gas well, total depth, geology encountered in drilling, if water or gas was encountered giving the depth encountered and estimate of quality of the water and how the structure was completed.

I am also requesting this information be submitted on all new structures with the completion report for the gas well. Although we do not have a specific regulation covering this matter at the present time, if results of this request indicate a specific regulation is in order, you will be advised.

If you have any questions regarding the above or need additional time in responding, please contact me.

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