



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

IN REPLY REFER TO:
C-09141 - O&G

COLORADO LAND OFFICE
15019 FEDERAL BUILDING
1961 STOUT STREET
DENVER, COLORADO 80202

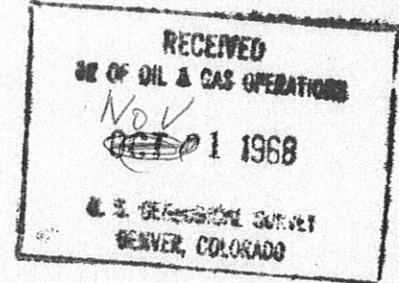
OCTOBER 29, 1968

MEMORANDUM

To: E. R. HAYMAKER, DISTRICT ENGINEER
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
ROOM 6041-A, FEDERAL BLDG.
1961 STOUT STREET
DENVER, COLORADO 80202

FROM: STATE DIRECTOR, COLORADO

SUBJECT: WATER WELL -- O&G Lse C-09141



PURSUANT TO YOUR MEMORANDUM REQUEST OF OCTOBER 21, WE ARE RETURNING THREE EXECUTED COPIES OF A STATEMENT WHEREIN THIS BUREAU ASSUMES ALL FUTURE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUBJECT WATER WELL AND ALSO RELIEVES THE OIL AND GAS LESSEE, OPERATOR AND U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ANY FUTURE LIABILITY. THE WATER WELL IS LOCATED IN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SEC. 30, T. 2 S., R. 98 W., 6TH PM, COLORADO.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE WATER WELL. WE ARE PREPARING AN INSTRUCTION MEMO WHICH WILL BE DIRECTED TO ALL OF OUR DISTRICT MANAGERS. THIS MEMO WILL ESTABLISH EXACT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE CONVERSION OF WATER WELLS TO PUBLIC WATER RESERVES. THE MEMO WILL BE REVIEWED WITH YOU BEFORE BEING MAILED TO THE DISTRICT MANAGERS.

LAND OFFICE RECORDS WILL BE NOTED TO SHOW THAT THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SEC. 30 IS WITHDRAWN FOR PUBLIC WATER RESERVE No. 107.

FOR THE STATE DIRECTOR

J. Elliott Hall

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : State Director for Colorado, Bureau of
Land Management

DATE: **October 21, 1968**

FROM : District Engineer, Denver, Colorado

SUBJECT: Water Well - Oil & Gas Lease Colorado 09141

Attached is the original and one copy of "Release of Water Well" signed by Equity Oil Company and Fred H. Evans as operator and/or lessee of the subject lease at the time an oil and gas well was drilled on NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30, T. 2 S., R. 98 W. This well was drilled to a depth of 1691 ft. --and failed to encounter oil or gas but did find a fresh water horizon in the Green River formation and was subsequently left for completion as a water well. The attached outline describes the current status of the well along with recommendation for any operations that may be needed.

You made a formal request by ~~memorandum of~~ personal interview that we transfer jurisdiction of this well to the Bureau of Land Management and agreed that BLM will assume control and responsibility for the well under authority provided in Sec. 40 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended June 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 977).

We now consider the well as plugged and abandoned insofar as oil and gas purposes are concerned as of 9-8-68 and relinquish to the Bureau of Land Management all control and jurisdiction of said well.

E.R. Haymaker
District Engineer

Accepted October 20 ¹⁹⁶⁸ by the BLM which now assumes all future responsibility for same, thereby relieving the oil and gas lessee, operator, and Geological Survey of any future liability.

FOR THE STATE DIRECTOR:

J. Elliott Hall
State Director

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LAND OFFICE MANAGER

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
DENVER, COLORADO

RELEASE OF WATER WELL

WHEREAS, that certain Oil and Gas Lease was made and entered into on 11-1-54, by and between the United States of America, Lessor, and Equity Oil Co., Lessee, bearing serial number C-09141; and

WHEREAS, Equity Oil Company whose address is Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 is the present Lessee of record; and

WHEREAS, said Lease provides that there is reserved by the Lessor all rights pursuant to Section 40 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, (41 Stat. 437, as amended) to acquire casing and lease or operate valuable water wells located on said Lease and lands; and

WHEREAS, Equity Oil Company, as operator has drilled an oil or gas test well located 610 ft. from the North ~~South~~ line and 610 ft. from the ~~West~~ East line of Section 30 in Township 2S, Range 98W, and said well being located in ($\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ or lot) NE4 NE4 of the said Section 30, a portion of the above lease, which well appears to contain water of such quality and quantity to be valuable and useable at a reasonable cost for agriculture, domestic or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Oil Company, as lessee and the Equity Oil Co., as operator desire to release, relinquish and quitclaim all right, title and interest in and to said well to the United States of America in lieu of plugging same to surface; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior desires, pursuant to said Lease and said Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, to take over said well with the express understanding and agreement that the taking over of such well will not restrict operations of said lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the undersigned has released, relinquished and quitclaimed, and does hereby release, relinquish and quitclaim unto the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior, all right, title and interest in and to said above described well, reserving only the right to operate said well for the production of water therefrom for other operations under this lease during the term thereof.

This instrument, regardless of the date of execution thereof, shall be effective as of 9-30-66 (expired).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Release on this 30th day of September, 1968.

EQUITY OIL COMPANY

BY:

Frank J. Coanus
President