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Mr. Jack Danford, President
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Re: H & R Well Service, Danford #4-1, NW NW 4-3S-64W and
Benson Mineral Group, Danford #4-4, SW NW 4-3S-64W
L. P. Moore, Inc., #4-5 Danford, NE SW 4-3S-64W

Dear Mr. Danford:

After receiving your letter of August 19th we investigated the situation regarding the referenced wells.

We offer the following observations regarding the Danford #4-1:

- o The Commission generally does not require wells to be plugged and abandoned unless they pose a threat to public health, safety or welfare. Are you aware of such a threat?
- o We actively pursue operators to plug wells which are incapable of production. If you can verify for the Commission that H & R no longer has a valid mineral lease for this acreage then we will take appropriate action.
- o H & R Well Service has filed an intent with the Commission to either restore this well to production or to plug and abandon the well by the end of this summer.
- o We believe the production pad on the north border of the NW NW quarter-quarter is associated with the Danford #4-1. We do not require its closure until the well(s) it services are plugged. At such time the well is plugged we will verify this location is closed properly.
- o The lease road servicing this well is not required to be closed until the well is plugged and abandoned.
- o Oil spills are of concern to and within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Mr. Ed Binkley, our field inspector, has been requested to visit this location in the near future to make a determination of possible Rule violations.

In regards to the Danford #4-4, which has been plugged, Mr. Binkley inspected this location on 7/23/90. His inspection indicates the location had been plowed and there was no apparent violation. However it is possible to overlook something and so he has been requested to revisit this site.

In regards to the Danford #4-5, which is also plugged, Mr. Binkley's inspection of 7/23/90 indicates the field had been plowed and there was no apparent violation. This was a follow-up inspection pursuant to his notice-of-violation to the operator on 4/30/90. He has been asked to revisit this site.

We assure you that we actively inspect plugged and abandoned locations with the best interest of the landowner in mind. This office will be in contact with you in the near future as a follow-up to these issues.

Yours truly,



James Kenney
Sr. Engineer

cc: EB, JRS, well files
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