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Dear Steve:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with Dale Hart in December, permission is hereby granted to defer the final plugging and abandonment of the Northwest Brandon Unit # 7 well located SWSW 4-19S-45W, Kiowa County, to allow Bill Dawson to secure a water well permit for this well. If the water well permit is not secured by March 1, 1999 or we do not receive notice that the permit is pending and will be granted shortly thereafter, then final plugging and abandonment must be completed no later than April 1, 1999. The Denver office of the COGCC must receive a copy of the water well permit before you are relieved of the plugging obligation for this well.

If you have any questions about this letter please call me at (719) 336-2843.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Van Sickle".

Robert J. Van Sickle
Field Inspector, SE Colorado

Cc: Dale Hart