

# State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

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## MEMORANDUM ON NORTHWESTERN OILS, INC. WELL

### Operator

Northwestern Oils, Inc., James E. Morris, President, Crooked River Court, Prineville, Oregon.

### Location

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 18, T. 12 S., R. 15 E., Crook County, Oregon.

This well was visited on July 29, 1955. According to the operator the well at that time was at approximately 3000 feet. Drilling was not in progress while I was visiting the well because of lost circulation troubles. Mr. Morris apparently has not been taking any ditch samples for the Department files and is apparently under the impression that all he needs to submit is a driller's log. Examination of the cuttings nearest the shale shaker showed mostly bentonitic clay material with a fairly large amount of coal fragments scattered through it. Although this well has supposedly penetrated the Tertiary section on this structure, none of the drilling cuttings that I examined look like they could be as old as pre-Tertiary. The latest information on this well is that it has shut down once more at slightly over 3000 feet depth because of the continued lost circulation troubles that they have been experiencing. In any event, a copy of the Oil and Gas Rules and Regulations was sent to Mr. Morris with the pertinent information on drill cuttings underlined.

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