CASING FAILURE - RRGE#1 The following is an analysis of the probable causes of the production (13-38") casing fin RRGE#1 which occured on 2/24/75 during comenting of the production casing . Zonto of collapse to certed Halliburton contends that the last 3584 unent slurry thickened to the point of non-pumpability due to loss of water to the formation. The cement composition shows no water loss control additive in the slurry. Tresure reached 2000 psi of pumping stopped, 45 seconds later the casing partil through relieving the pressure inside the casing and trapping the prissure in the annulus between the thickened cement and the float shoe The 2000 psi trapped pressure efceeded the 1540 psi Collage resistance of the casing resulting in the collapsed casing. Clarence Mason (Reeco Delg Superintentant) reports the assentially the same analysis but with more detail. Increased pump presure was due to cement dehydration,

most likely occurring due to forcing

the cement through too small annular space resulting in count bridge. Bottom hole pressure reached 3824 psi at the point pumps were stopped. The casing parted due to difficult "make up" (which could show wear on the torque chart at the 6th joint from surface relieving ensidy pressure. Annular pressure was maintained by the Sloat collar smulting on awang casing to collapse. These wents were observed by easing pistoning upward twice and two definate surges of water at the 2" circulating lines Keeco's John auten analysid the events somewhat differently. He agrees the casing parted due to "make - up!" But casing was off bottom one foot and when it parted the weight, 174,000 pounds, of the casing falling caused sottopse. Ouchling: The pistioning action was caused by release of tension on the string of reverse flow of fluid with the pressure drop spring the partid top casing section up although he discribes 3 pluses on the 2" lines, the third Jasing fell back down after second toplet Thise reports are located in Seothermal

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Efforts to "kill" the flow by injecting cold water were halted when this activity resulted in development of a major "thief zone," principally between 1600 feet and 1700 feet. The flow was successfully controlled by staging plugs of sand (862 feet), barite (12 feet), and cement (120 feet) pumped down the drill pipe. The top of the cement plug was tagged at 3,642 feet.

Based upon a 4-arm caliper log the average hole diameter from the 13 3/8-inch casing setting depth was approximately 20 1/4 inches, and a minimum diameter of 16 1/2 inches. A 15-inch diameter bit was run to the top of the cement plug at 3,642 feet to assure clearance and to circulate before running the 13 3/8-inch casing. A total of 3,651 feet of 13 3/8-inch, H-40, 54.5 and 61.0-lb/ft casing with float shoe and two collars (see Section 4.2 - Production Casing) were run and set at 3,623 feet (GL).

While cementing the first stage through the shoe with 405.5 barrels of cement displaced and 92 barrels remaining to be displaced, the casing parted at a coupling at approximately 210 feet (seven joints). The casing was successfully screwed back together, torqued and pressure tested. Before proceeding with the second stage, a cement bond log was run which indicated an annulus cement top at approximately 1,820 feet. The second cement stage was pumped through the casing head ports (Braden head) in accordance with the cementing program. A total of 407 barrels of cement slurry were pumped until the pumping pressure rise indicated the annular space was cemented. A cement bond log was run to confirm the cement in place outside the casing from 1,838 feet to the surface.

While drilling out the casing below the tagged top of cement at 2,837 feet, collapsed casing was encountered at 3,325 feet. A total of 13 milling tool runs were made in addition to numerous runs with magnets (11 1/2-inch and

9 inch) and various junk baskets before drilling out of the 13 3/8-inch casing shoe at 3,642 feet. The actual zones of casing collapse were determined to extend from 3,325 feet to 3,338 feet and from 3,584 feet to 3,591 feet. These depths were determined from strapped drill pipe lengths and were at variance with the 4-arm caliper log (schlumberger) on April 6, 1975. Pressure tests of the hole to 300 psi were conducted during milling operations. The cement plug below the 13 3/8-inch casing shoe was drilled out and the barite and sand plugs were circulated out of the hole to 4,650 feet.

After drilling new formation from 4,651 feet to 4,686 feet, Core #2 was cut with an 8 3/4-inch diamond bit from 4,686 feet to 4,698 feet. Nine feet of core was recovered. The cored interval was reamed to 11 inches and drilled to 5,005 feet. A bottom hole core (#3) was cut with an 8 3/4-inch diamond bit from 5,005 to 5,007 feet with 2 feet of recovery.

Upon completion of the drilling and coring operations, a retrievable bridge plug was set in the hole to allow for removal of the blowout equipment. A master gate valve was installed to allow for future flow tests and temperature measurements.

A summary of the daily drilling reports from mobilization through rig-down is presented as Appendix A.

Figure 4 shows an as-built sketch of the Present Subsurface Well Status of RRGE-1 and figure 5 depicts the Drilling and Operations Summary.

IDAHO GEOTHERMAL R&D PROJECT DAILY DRILLING REPORT

DATE 2-24-75	LOCATION_	RRGE-1		
PRESENT OPERATION WOC FORMATION	- w		HOLE SIZE_	Same
casing set at 3642 PRESENT T.D. 4650 DRILLED FROM FEET	TOFEET:	MADE	FEET	OF HOLE
IN HOURS: TRIPS HOURS: SERVICE RIG	HOURS: I).S.T		
HOURS: OTHER DOWNTIME: 24	HOURS		•	
MUD LOG TEMPERATURES: MUD IN-HIGH °C @ MUD OUT-HIGH °C @	FEET T.D.	, LOW D., LOW_	°C @	FEET T.D.
ZEMARKS: 2 hours rig up to circulate with recirculating and wash casing to bot with Halliburton, parted casing who waiting on cement. Screwed back in Picked up 100,000 lb of pipe. Pre	ig pump and tom from 362T ile displacin to casing 16	fill casi to 3642. g cement turns. 6.	ng. 2-1/2 3-1/4 hou at 2:45 PM.	hours rs cement 16 hour
(over)				
RILLING INFORMATION: ROTARY RPMPUMP PI	RESSURE	PUMP ON	HOLE	
PUMP STROKES	WEIGHT ON	BIT	1	
UD INFORMATION: WT. VISCOSITY				
WATER LOSS FILTER CAKE				
IT INFORMATION: PRESENT BIT# DEPTH	I IN .	MAKE	TYPE	
JET NOZZLES		· .		
LAST BIT RUN #	MAKE		TYPE	
JET NOZZLES			TH IN	,
DEPTH OUT	FOOTAGE		HOURS RUN_	
CONDITION OF BIT				Trabated sequence servedences
RILL COLLAR INFORMATION: NO. OF COLLARS IN U	SE	O.D	I.D.	
ACEMENT OF STABILIZERS				
UEL CONSUMPTION: BUTANE 164 GAL.	DIESEL	00 GAL	•	
JMP NO. 1 LINEAR SIZE 7-1/4	PUMP NO. 2	LINEAR S	1ZE 7-1	/4

MIGURE XI-1--DAILY DRILLING REPORT

Temp 0500 20

Run in hole with sand line, top of cement in casing at 2950.

Cement information - pumped 100 barrels of gel water ahead of cement. Mixed 1500 sacks of 50-50 pos mix with HR-12 (0.5%). 15.1 lb slurry. Mixed 400 sacks of 50-50 pos mix (15.1 lb slurry). Total slurry 568 barrels. Displaced with 454 barrels of water. Pressure into increased to 2000 psi. Halliburton stopped pumping. Casing held pressure approximately 45 seconds before parting. Weight indicator showed 6 to 8,000 lbs on hook. Pumped 130 barrels of water to clear parted casing.

IDAHO GEOTHERMAL R&D PROJECT DAILY DRILLING REPORT

DATE 2-23-75	LOCATION RRGE-1
PRESENT OPERATION Rig up and circulate casing FORMATION	HOLE SIZE 12-1/4 to 4650
PRESENT T.D. 4650 DRILLED FROM FEET T	O FEET: MADE FEET OF HOLE
IN HOURS: TRIPS HOURS: SERVICE RIG	HOURS: D.S.T.
HOLE SURVEY HOURS: OTHER DOWNTIME: 24	HOURS
MUD LOG TEMPERATURES: MUD INHIGH C@ MUD OUTHIGH C @	FEET T.D., LOW °C @ FEET T.D. FEET T. D., LOW °C @ FEET T.D.
REMARKS: 1-1/2 hours levelling rig. 3 hours the same. 2-3/4 hours trip out of install Grant 13-xmgx 3/8 in. casing.	rigged jacking equipment and load out hole. 5-1/4 take off Grant rotating head g stripper. 11-1/2 hours rig up and run
(over)	
DRILLING INFORMATION: ROTARY RPM PUMP PR	ESSURE PUMP ON HOLE 1 2 WEIGHT ON BIT #
MUD INFORMATION: WT. VISCOSITY	PLASTIC VISCOSITY
	PH SAND CONTENT
BIT INFORMATION: PRESENT BIT# DEPTH	IN MAKE TYPE
JET NOZZLES	
	MAKE TYPE
JET NOZZLES	DEPTH IN
	FOOTAGE HOURS RUN
COMPLETION OF BIT	
DRILL COLLAR INFORMATION: NO. OF COLLARS IN US	EO.DI.D
PLACEMENT OF STABILIZERS	×
FUEL CONSUMPTION: BUTANE 246 GAL.	DIESEL 100 GAL.
PUMP NO. 1 LINEAR SIZE 7-1/4	PUMP NO. 2 LINEAR SIZE 7-1/4

Temp 0500 120 FIGURE XI-1--DAILY DRILLING REPORT

The casing data

Total 92 joints, total footage 3651.25 ft 50 joints of 61 lbs J-55 1976.35 ft on bottom from 3642 up to 1665 41 joints of 5450 J55 - footage 1634.84 from 1665 up to 30.81ft 1 joint of 61 lbs J55 40.06 ft from 30.81 to surface.

Centralizers - 1 20 ft up from shoe, then every third collar up to 1497. Cement Baskets - 1 at 3206, 1 at 2738, 1 at 2302, and 1 at 1829. Float Equipment consists of 1 guide shoe, 1 differential flow collar on bottom, and No. 2 differential collar, 1 joint up from shoe



P. C. Box 339 Vernal, Utah 84078 March 17, 1975

Mr. John Auten Reynolds Electric and Engineering Co. P. O. Box 14400 Las Vegas, Nevada 89114

Dear Sir:

The following is an analysis of the probable cause of the collapsed 13 3/8" casing in the RRGE #1 in Cassis County, Idaho:

Hole Data: Plugback TD 3,651'

Hole Size 20" average 20" Casing set to 900'

13 3/8" Casing set to 3,650' +

Discussion:

After plugging back with sand and cement to 3,651', 13 3/8" casing was run to TD and the hole circulated for approximately 3 hours to stabilize the temperature. Following this, 100 BBL gel water was pumped into the This fluid was to prepare the formation for cementing and to attempt to slow the water loss from the cement into the formation. A high water loss will cause cement to thicken prematurely. The cementing operation commenced with the mixing of 1500 sacks 50-50 Poz-mix containing 60% silica flour and 0.5% HR-12 followed by 400 sacks 50-50 Pozmix containing 60% silica flour. This amount of cement yields 570 BBL of slurry when The top plug was dropped and displacement A pressure rise was encountered with 150 BBL started. of displacement in. The pressure continued to rise until, with 454.5 BBL pumped, the pressure reached 2000 psi. At this time pumping stopped. Pressure held for approximately 45 seconds. Then the casing parted near the surface, releasing all pressure inside the casing. Later the casing was screwed back together and was determined to be holding.

Conclusions:

The increasing pressure during displacement was

probably due in a small part to the changing hydrostatic head and the most part to thickening of the cement slurry due to loss of water into the formation. The first portion of the slurry would thicken to the point of non-pumpability because it had the longer contact time with the formation. When the lead slurry was no longer pumpable at 2000 psi, movement ceased. The 2000 psi was trapped inside the casing and also in the annulus between the thickened slurry at the top and the float shoe at the bottom. When the casing parted, the pressure inside the pipe was relieved to hydrostatkinstantly while the pressure in the annulus, trapped between the thickened cement and the float shoe, could not be relieved. At this point the 2000 psi trapped exceeded the 1,540 psi collapse of 13 3/8", 61# casing. This excess pressure collapsed the casing from 3,325' to 3,340'.

The attached diagram shows graphically the probable cause of the collapsed casing.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to you. Should you require further information, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

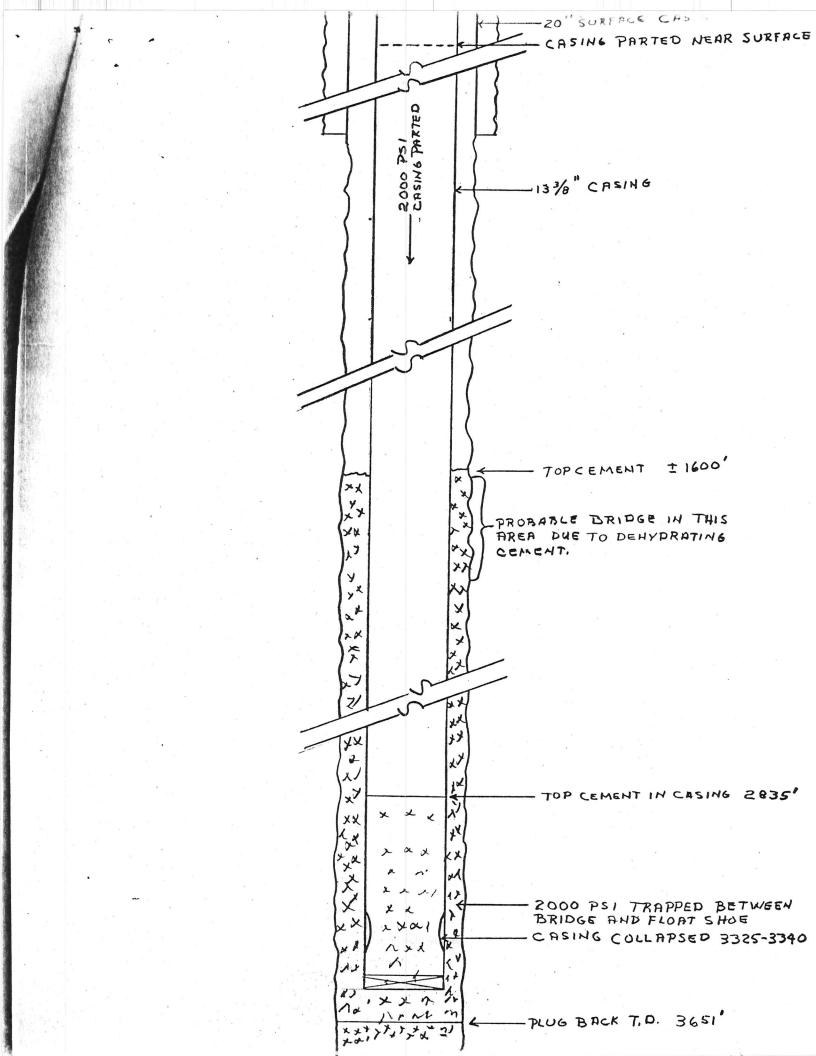
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CEMENTING OF THE 13 3/8" CASING RRGE #1

On February 23, after displacing 405.5 barrels of 15.1 lbs. cement out of the 3,651' of 13 3/8" casing with water, the displacing pump pressure, being applied by Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co., increased to 2,000 PSI. (as per guage on the pump truck, viewed by the Hawco cementer and Mr. McClure, District Supt. for Hawco). This 2,000 PSI is 73% of the design burst pressure of the 8 round short thread and coupled casing. Halliburton stopped pumping. Pressure held @ 2,000 PSI. Approximately 45 seconds elapsed before the casing "parted" 6 or 7 joints down from the top. The top 6 or 7 joints of casing was "pistoned" up to the hook, (note: the 13 3/8" casing was packed off, about 15' down from the top, with a Grand Oil Tool 13 3/8" casing stripper rubber. There were three 2" open lines under the pack off to allow circulation while cementing). Some 2 seconds later, as witnessed by the driller, as the top of the casing started downward, it was again "pistoned" upward--then fell free to the elevators. There were also two definite surges of water pressure at the 2" circulating lines. Another 130 barrels of water were pumped into the casing after it parted to clear the top 6 or 7 joints of any possible cement around it.

The weight left hanging on the elevators corresponded to the weight of 6 or 7 joints of casing. (Actual weight made difficult to read by the friction of the casing stripper rubber). The casing was lowered approximately 16" to "tag" the top of the parted casing, then lowered another 4" while screwing the casing back together with 16 turns and 6,000 lbs. torque. 100,000 lbs. of strain was then pulled on the casing and pressured tested to 500 PSI. The second and final stage of the cementing job was later completed without incident.

The top of the cement inside the casing was at 2,835' while drilling out the cement and 3,328', the 12 1/4" drill bit encountered damaged casing. 10' of casing was milled out from 3,328' to 3,338' before proceding to drill out cement

down to 3,585! At 3,585 more damaged casing was encountered. (Note: the 3,328' depth is 7' below a casing coupling. The 3,585' depth is 12' above the first differential float collar).

Pertinent facts relating to the casing and cementing job are as follows:

There was 900' of 20" surface casing set. A 12 1/4" hole was drilled with clear

water to 4,650' plugged back with sand and topped off with a cement plug @ 3,642'.

The 12 1/4" hole was originally designed to accommodate 9 5/8" casing.

The caliper log showed the 12 1/4" diameter hole had eroded to an average of 20" diameter due to clear water drilling. A 15" bit run was made prior to running casing—the hole was under 15" and was opened up to 15" from 3,167' to 3,257'.

The normal 17 1/2" hole to accommodate 13 3/8" casing was decided against because of the <u>cost</u> of obtaining and installing 20" blow out equipment that would accept a 17 1/2" hole-opener.

The casing string consisted of a 13 3/8" guide shoe, a 13 3/8" differential float collar, a 13 3/8" - 61 lb. shoe joint, a second differential float collar, 50 joints 13 3/8" 61 lb/ft. casing, 41 joints of 13 3/8" 54.5 lb/ft. casing and a 61 lb/ft. landing joint.

'Mudding up" the hole was recommended by Halliburton representatives and others knowledgable in oil-well drilling technology but was decided against because of the cost of mudding up and sealing off an existing loss circulation zone. The cement was retarded for use in a high temperature environment.

An explanation of "what happened" while displacing is as follows:
The increasing pressure, while displacing, encountered by Halliburton was due to
cement dehydration outside the casing. The dehydration was caused by fluid loss
out of the cement to the formation. This dehydration would most likely occur at the

3,257' depth, due to forcing cement by the 13 3/8" casing and the 14 1/2" coupling in a 15" diameter hole, and result in a "bridge" or cement flow stoppage. When Halliburton stopped pumping and 2,000 PSI was held at the surface, the bottom hole pressure, both inside and outside, the casing was 3,824 PSI. When the casing parted, the 2,000 PSI inside the casing was released leaving a 2,000 PSI differential on the outside of the casing. The outside pressure couldn't release because of the back pressure valves in the float collars. The first "pistoning" action of the top casing was caused by the parting and the 2,000 PSI released under it. The second "pistoning" action was caused by the collapse of the casing at 3,328'-3,338' level, also explaining the two surges of water pressure at the circulating lines. The cause of the casing parting at a coupling with 27% less than its rated internal yield strength was partly due to a difficult 'make up" as the torque chart indicated on the sixth joint down from the landing joint. Also the cold water inside and the warmer water outside of the casing may have contributed to weakening the joint. The event described above was the end result of not applying normal oil well drilling technology. (Note: it is not a normal oil well drilling practice to run 13 3/8" casing in a 15 inch diameter hole. It is not a normal oil well drilling practice to run or cement casing in an "unmudded" hole.

Preceding the casing job, there was a meeting of project personnel, ANC, ERDA, and REECo with Rich Spillman, Assistant District Superintendent of Halliburton at the drill site. The cementing procedure was discussed at length. A second meeting at the drill site with "Mac" McClure, District Superintendent for Halliburton was held. On both occasions, Halliburton representatives recommended "Mudding up" the hole.

It is recommended by the undersigned that future holes, if not drilled using normal oil well drilling techniques, be "mudded up" before running casing and the hole be conditioned to run and cement casing. It is also recommended that

the JAM System on the joint "make up" be used. The "Joint Analyzed Make Up"

System integrates the number of turns with the torque. The "wear" coupling would

have been rejected by the JAM System.

Attached is a drawing explaining "one theory" of the casing event.

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- Hallibuston Comenting Head-2000 PSL Applied po head by Howeo RRGE#1 Hallibueton had displaced 454. 133/8" PHSING 454.5 bbls of cenent out of CASING - Pressure Total Casing 3651,25 set @ 3641' -Climbed To 2000 PSI ----Howeo shut down ----INTERNALYIELD PRESSURC Approx. 45 see's later, Pasing parted 10 + 200' 59.50 16. = 2730 PSI Collapse Prossure down from top of CASING. 61 B. = 1540 PSL Top + 200' of CASING WAS pistowed "up Appinist hook. AS A cesult of the soopst INside the CASING -As the pressure bled off, then existing open 2" lines below the 13% Asing stripper Deliydented Coment a priy dopth the toptoco' started to Before wing Parted & 1 200'. fall back down toward the Elevators -3624-246 = 3576 PSL Simultaneously, the secons 3824-246 = 3.578 PSL Hallibuctor uns belding on the After Casing parlox (at 200' -3578 - 2000 = 1578 PS.L. júsiles casing before it parted was 3576 PSI cuisede bled off @ Hie 3328 Lt. level- leaving A 2000 PSL differential on the cutside - Halliburlan Differential of the ensing - due to the. Float Collar - Top of 1st Lut. Diff. Float Collar - The carring collapsed (3318' Chusing a second sunge of personer Against the top + 200' Hallibuelow Diff-Float Gllin of Caring - posulting it, it Agnin' being pistened up To the book - holory falling 593 + 1281 +2000 = 3814 PSL face to the Elevators

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March 26, 1975

CASING FAILURE AT RRGE-1

Historical Record

1. Casing program as run in RRGE-1

l joint - 40', 13-3/8", 61# K-55 - ST&C On Top 41 joints - 1640', 13-3/8", 54.5# K-55 - ST&C 51 joints - 2040', 13-3/8", 61# K-55 - ST&C

Properties of this casing -

13-3/8", 54.5% K-55 ST&C - Collapse pressure - 1130 psi Internal yield pressure - 2730 psi Joint strength - 514,000 lbs. 13-3/8", 61# K-55 ST&C - Collapse pressure - 1540 psi

Internal yield pressure - 3,090 psi Joint strength - 595,000 lbs.

Weight indicator reading with all casing suspended from hook -196,000 lbs.

- 2. Depth of hole at time casing was run -3842° to top of cement plug. Casing was run to bottom and raised off bottom approximately one foot.
- 3. 570 barrels of cement was pumped into the hole resulting in 6 to 8 barrels in the annulus. Weight indicator reading - 246,000 pounds.
- 4. Two cementing pump trucks started pumping the plug down. 170 barrels of water was pumped into the hole before pressure started to build up. When the pressure built up, one pump was shut down. The other pump was slowed down as the pressure continued to build up and was stopped when the pressure reached 2000 psi. The weight indicator read 196,000 pounds.
- 5. About 45 seconds after pumping stopped with the pressure steady at 2000 psi, the top portion of the casing jumped enough for the cementing head to hit the hook. It started to fall back but jumped and hit the hook again before falling back to the elevators. Observers noted three distinct pulses from the three 2-inch lines leading from the well head.

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- 6. After a delay of a few hours the top section of casing was successfully screwed into the lower section (separation was at a threaded joint.) The top section was lowered 16 inches during attachment to the lower section. The top section was rotated 16 turns and a torque of 6000 ft/lbs was applied to make up the connection. 100,300 pounds of pull and held. Additionally, 500 psi of pressure was applied and held.
- 7. Cement log showed a good cement bond to 1825' with traces of cement to 1500'. Top of cement inside the casing was found to be at 2835'. Cement of the casing was completed through the well head.
- 8. When drilling was resumed, metal was found from 3328' to 3341'. This metal was drilled out with mills. Junk was cleaned out to the bottom of the hole.

B. Conclusions

- 1. The string parted 6 joints down from the top. The tong torque indicator strip chart showed that the joint was turned more than normal, indicating the coupling had turned on the lower section casing.
- 2. The casing dropped the one foot it was off bottom. The weight of 3143' of casing, 176,000 pounds, falling through this one foot caused the casing to buckle between 3328' and 3341'. This buckling occurred 7' below the coupling and effected the shape of the pipe for 13'. It is felt that if the pipe collapsed, the whole joint would be effected.
- 3. The casing jumped and hit the cementing head the first time due to the tension in the pipe, drilling lines, hook, ect. As it started to fall the reverse flow of fluid caused by the sudden drop of pressure forced the top section against the cementing head a second time. Both of these jumps caused a pulse at the flow lines leading from the well head. The third pulse was caused when the casing fell back into the elevators. These events give no evidence as to the nature of the pipe failure at 3328' to 3341'.

Recommendations

- 1. Casing must be inspected even if it is new.
- 2. The "Joint Analysis Make-Up Lystem" (JAM) be used to record the number of turns and torque of each joint.
- 3. Set 2000' of 20" casing, drill 17" diameter hole to 3600 + feet, cut 60' cores and ream to an agreeable casing point.
- 4. Cement 13-3/8" casing to surface using a method agreeable to all.
- 5. Drill remainder of hole with water with a Polymer added to retard erosion.