

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

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Dear Dave:

As per your request, the following is a brief report of what we have done and propose to do on the well sample committee. During the month of September, we have conducted meetings in Lafayette, New Orleans and Houston. At each meeting a mimeographed list of the following questions was given out:

- (1) What is the best approach for management backing?
- (2) How will we educate the rig personnel who collect the samples, as to purpose and importance of good samples?
- (3) Who, on the rig, should be directly responsible to see that samples are collected in the prescribed manner?
- (4) What instructions do you issue for collecting samples?
- (5) What requirements do you demand of samples coming from the various cutting establishments?
- (6) What suggestions do you have for improving the quality of samples coming from the various cutting establishments?
- (7) What procedures do you use for removal of samples from the rig location?
- (8) In what way would you propose to get companies, not operating Paleo Labs, to collect samples?
- (9) What are your opinions of "Mechanical Devices" for catching samples?

Each company and consultant was asked to list as many opinions and ideas to each question as possible. So far approximately a dozen of these questionnaires have been returned. When we get a complete representation of companies and consultants on this questionnaire, we propose to publish a brochure on the collecting and handling of samples. The brochure will be made up from these questionnaires and will be sent to each company and consultant for approval before final printing.

We hope to come up with a brochure that will be thorough, concise and something that can be inserted as a rider in a drilling contract.

Also, at each meeting a series of slides were shown on a mechanical device for catching samples.

Some time in the near future, we would like to put together a talk equipped with pictures that would be suitable for presentation at the various Geological Societies.

It is hoped that a presentation of this sort would better inform the geologists as to the importance and dependability of good samples in geological work.

Also a report with illustrations might be made that would be suitable for publication in the "Oil and Gas Journal" and/or "World Oil".

Sincerely,

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