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Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
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Attention: **Robert Bullock**

Re: *Amended administrative application dated March 27, 2003 (administrative application reference No. **pKRV0-307027225**) for an unorthodox infill oil well location within the Pecos Slope-Pennsylvanian Pool (97189) for Yates Petroleum Corporation's proposed George "QJ" Federal Well No. 11 to be drilled 2080 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico.*

30-005-63444

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 17, 2003 concerning the subject amended administrative application being incomplete and request for support data.

Approximately two years ago this bureau enacted a policy whereby any incomplete administrative filing older than 30 days is to be withdrawn and returned. This policy, as I understand, was adopted to better serve our customers and help assure a quicker turn around time by this bureau on administrative filings. To date you have not submitted the needed supplemental data necessary to complete your application. In as much as this application had previously been set for hearing because a portion of your request could not be approved through the administrative review process, but was dismissed and resubmitted without including that particular zone; this matter will be placed back on the docket scheduled for May 22, 2003 and re-advertised in the following manner:

"CASE 13045 (REOPENED AND READVERTISED): Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for an unorthodox infill oil well location, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks an unorthodox infill oil well location in the Pecos Slope-Pennsylvanian Pool for its proposed George "QJ" Federal Well No. 11 to be drilled 2080 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line (Unit F) of Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, which is located approximately 13.5 miles north of the Pecos River bridge on U. S. Highway 70. This location will be an exception to the well location requirements provided within the "(Temporary) Special Pool Rules for the Pecos Slope-Pennsylvanian Pool", as promulgated by Division Order No. R-11721, and made permanent by Division Order No. R-11721-A, for an infill oil well within an existing standard 320-acre stand-up oil spacing and proration unit comprising the W/2 of Section 26. This 320-acre Pennsylvanian oil unit is currently dedicated to the applicant's George "QJ" Federal Well No. 10 (API No. **30-005-63368**), located at a standard oil well location 660 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the West line (Unit N) of Section 26".