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Oil Conservation Division

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.

Dear Mr. Bullock:

This letter acknowledges the Division's receipt on March 31, 2003 of your amended administrative application for the above-described unorthodox infill oil well location.

Our preliminary review indicates that the information provided in the application is not sufficient to process an administrative order at this time. While your geologic explanation was clear in explaining several points you failed to provide support data in the form of subsurface mapping and/or cross-sections to illustrate your points, making your reasoning meaningless.

Since the submitted information is insufficient to review, the application was ruled as incomplete on April 17, 2003. Please submit the necessary supplemental geologic data by Friday, April 25, 2003.

The Division cannot proceed with your application until the required information is submitted. Upon receipt, the Division will continue to process your application. If the necessary information is not submitted, your application will be returned to you.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact your legal counsel, Mr. William F. Carr in Santa Fe at (505) 988-4421. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner
Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
William F. Carr, Legal Counsel for Yates Petroleum Corporation - Santa Fe
U. S. Bureau of Land Management - Roswell