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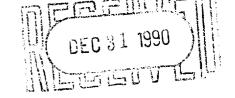
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December 19, 1990

Mr. Bob Lane New Mexico Potash P. O. Box 610 Hobbs, NM 88241

Dear Mr. Lane:



Yates Petroleum Corporation is the operator of the State Oil & Gas Lease V-1673. We have staked the following locations:

Los^ Tank "AIS" State #1 19c FSL & 660' FEL Sec. 36-T21S-R31E

Lost Tank "AIS" State #2 660' FSL & 1980' FEL Sec. 36-T21S-R31E

Lost Tank "AIS" State #3 660' FSL & 1980' FWL Sec. 36-T21S-R31E

Applications to Drill have been filed with the Oil Conservation District.

We have been advised that your company is the owner of record of certain potash leases in this area. We respectfully request that you waiver any objection you may have to these proposed wells and so indicate by signing and returning one copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Clifton R. May Permit Agent

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NO OBJECTIONS OFFERED

NEW MEXICO POTASH

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