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RE: API Number 30-015-21998
State HC #1
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Eddy County, New Mexico

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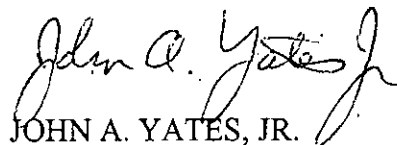
Gentlemen:

The captioned well is currently on your list of inactive non-compliance wells. Please be advised I have had the well evaluated for the potential to return it to a producing status. There is potential for Yeso production, if the well can be deepened. The acreage is currently part of a Working Interest Unit with 45 different working interest owners involved. It is my intention to approach all the working interest owners and attempt to make deals in order to get this well deepened and tested for production. This obviously will take time and effort on my part, which I am willing to expend. Accordingly, I would like to request a six (6) month extension from your office within which to make arrangements and hopefully move on the well. I fully realize your last notice was dated some time ago, however, I wish to keep you updated and I truly believe it is in everyone's economic interest for this well to be deepened and not prematurely plugged.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please advise.

Very truly yours, .


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