

EXHIBIT A
APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
FOR POOL CREATION AND SPECIAL POOL RULES
INCLUDING SPECIAL WELL SPACING AND LOCATION
REQUIREMENT AND A SPECIAL OIL DEPTH BRACKET
ALLOWABLE, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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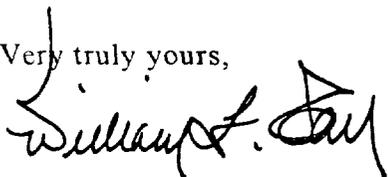
This letter is to advise you that Yates Petroleum Corporation has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the creation of a new oil pool to be known as the Pecos Slope Deep Oil Pool for all formations below the base of the Abo formation as the result of the discovery of oil in its George "QJ" Federal Well No. 10, located 660 feet from the South line and 1500 feet from the West line of Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. Yates seeks the adoption of Special Pool Rules and Regulations for the pool including provisions for 320-acre oil well spacing, a pre-approved infill well in the quarter section not containing the original well and, pursuant to Division General Rule 505-D, a special depth bracket allowable of 694 barrels of oil per day.

This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on November 1, 2001. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Prehearing Statement three days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need

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to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,


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