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October 6, 1993

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.  
550 West Texas, Suite 1330  
Midland, Texas 79701

Attention: Mr. Curtis Smith

Re: SFEOP Cont. #NM-4517-2  
Unorthodox Location  
N. Pure Gold "9" #2  
660' FSL & 660' FWL  
Section 9  
Township 23 South, Range 31 East  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Smith:

By your letter dated October 6, 1993 we were informed of your proposal to drill the N. Pure Gold "9" #2 well, located 660' FSL, 660' FWL, Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico. We understand that you are set for a hearing before the NMOCD on Thursday, October 7, 1993.

We understand that the late notice of your application for this unorthodox location was merely an oversight. When companies are as busy as ours, we realize an oversight such as this is easy to make. In an effort of cooperation and promotion of good relations between our companies, Yates is pleased to help rectify this situation immediately. We trust that should we find ourselves in a similar situation, we can rely on Santa Fe to give us similar consideration.

Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby grants to Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. a waiver of the twenty-day notification requirement; further Yates Petroleum Corporation hereby grants a waiver of objection to the unorthodox location for the drilling of the N. Pure Gold "9" #2 well, 660' FSL, 660' FWL of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Should you need anything further please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Randy G. Patterson  
Land Manager

NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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## **Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P.**

**Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company  
Managing General Partner**

October 6, 1993

Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 South 4th Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

ATTN: Mr. Randy Patterson

Re: **SFEOP Cont. #NM-4517-2**  
Unorthodox Location  
N. Pure Gold "9" #2  
660' FSL & 660' FWL  
Section 9  
T-23-S, R-31-E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Randy:

In connection with our telephone conversation Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. proposes drilling the N. Pure Gold "9" #2 Well to be located 660' FSL & 660' FWL Section 9, T-23-S, R-31-E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Enclosed is a copy of an Application for unorthodox gas well location filed at the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division by SFEOP, L.P. regarding the S/2 Section 9, T-23-S, R-31-E, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico. Santa Fe's records indicate that you are an Operator or Lessee offsetting the proposed well unit. This matter has been scheduled for hearing on Thursday, October 7, 1993 at 8:15 a.m. at the Division's offices at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. As we discussed today, through an oversight of my own, I failed to notify Yates of this hearing. Please accept my apologies.

Santa Fe Energy Operating Partners, L.P. respectfully requests Yates Petroleum grant a waiver of the twenty day notification requirement and also a waiver of objection to the unorthodox location as described in the attached application by signing this letter in the space provided below and faxing

Permian Basin District  
550 W. Texas, Suite 1330  
Midland, Texas 79701  
915/687-3551

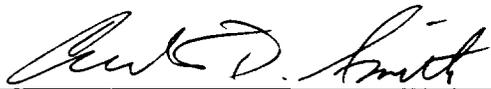
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a copy of this letter to our attorney, Mr. James Bruce at (505) 982-8623. If you have any questions or comments please call me at (915) 686-6631.

Yours very truly,

**SANTA FE ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, L.P.**  
By: Santa Fe Pacific Exploration Company  
Managing General Partner

By:   
Curtis D. Smith, Senior Landman

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**AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED**  
this 6th day of October, 1993.

**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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