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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTERFORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0137  
Expires: July 31, 2010

1a. Type of Work: ☒ DRILL ☐ REENTER

1b. Type of Well: ☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone

2. Name of Operator

5. Lease Serial No

NM-90

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

N/A

7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.

N/A

8. Lease Name and Well No.

Amazing BAZ Federal #1

9. API Well No.

30-025-39659

3a Address Yates Petroleum Corporation

3b. Phone No (include area code)

105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210 575-748-1471

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory

Livingston Ridge, Delaware, East

4. Location of well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. \*)

At surface

1980' FSL and 1980' FEL, Unit J

At proposed prod zone

same as above

11. Sec., T., R., M., or Blk. And Survey or Area

Section 19, T22S-R32E

14. Distance in miles and direction from the nearest town or post office\*

Approximately thirty five (35) miles northeast of Loving, New Mexico

12. County or Parish

Lea County

13. State

NM

15. Distance from proposed\*

location to nearest

property or lease line, ft.

(Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

1000'

16. No. of acres in lease

1760.00

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well

40 Acres

18. Distance from proposed location\*

to nearest well, drilling, completed,

applied for, on this lease, ft

19. Proposed Depth

8700'

20. BLM/ BIA Bond No. on file

NATIONWIDE BOND #NMB000434

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)

3615' GL

22. Approximate date work will start\*

ASAP

23. Estimated duration

30 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No 1 shall be attached to this form

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor
2. A Drilling Plan.
3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office)

4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by existing bond on file (see item 20 above)
5. Operator certification.
6. Such other site specific information and/ or plans as may be required by the BLM

25. Signature

Cy Cowan

Date

11/11/2009

Title

Land Regulatory Agent

Approved By (Signature)

/s/ Don Peterson

Name (Printed/ Typed)

/s/ Don Peterson

Date

JAN 15 2010

Title

FORFIELD MANAGER

Office

CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to cc. operations thereon

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and wilfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

Previously Approved

CARLSBAD CONTROLLED WATER BASIN APPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHEDSEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
DISTRICT II  
111 South First, Artesia, NM 88210  
DISTRICT III  
1002 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
DISTRICT IV  
2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

Instruction on back  
Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies  
☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30-025-39659	Pool Code 39366	Pool Name East Livingston Ridge Delaware
Property Code 30801	Property Name Amazing BAZ Federal	Well Number 1
OGRID No. 25525	Operator Name YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	Elevation 3615

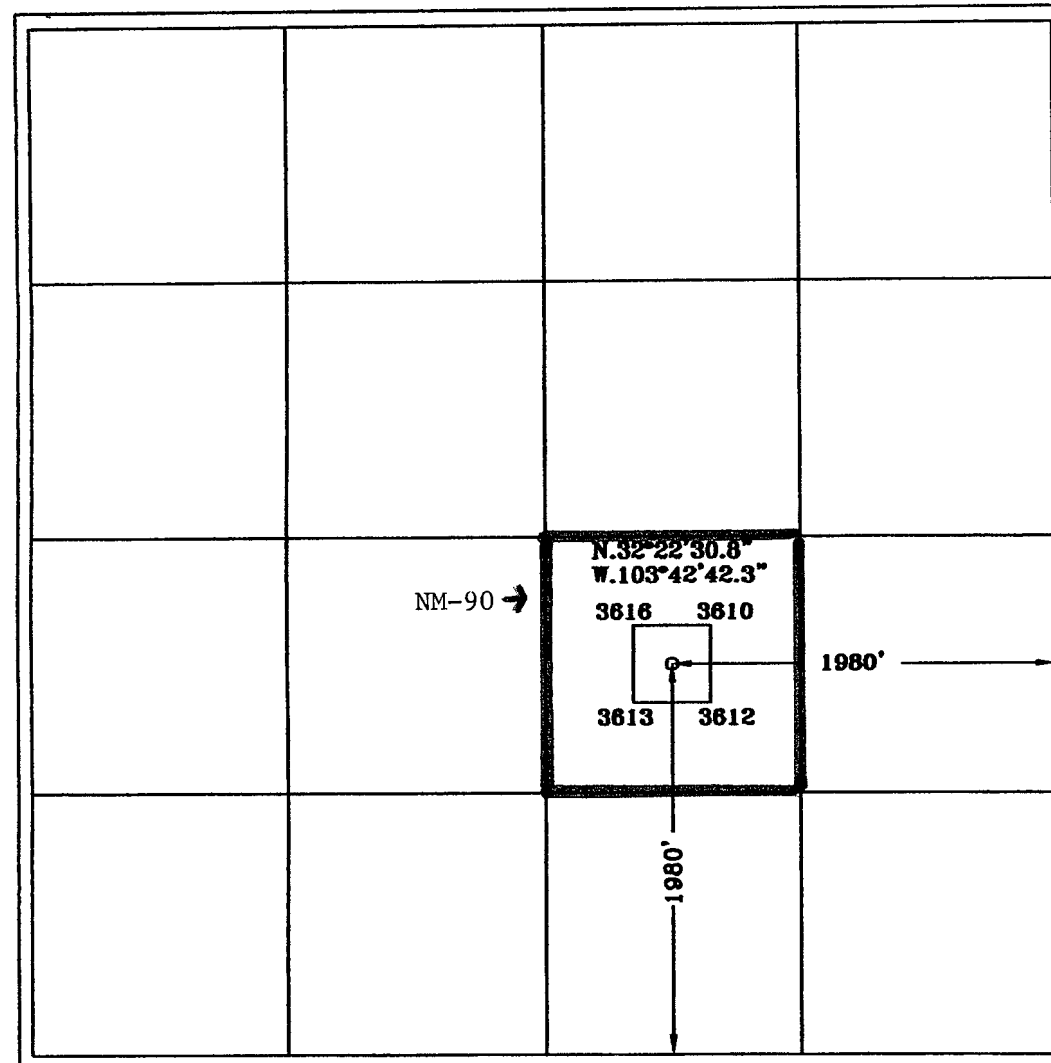
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
J	19	22S	32E		1980	SOUTH	1980	EAST	LEA

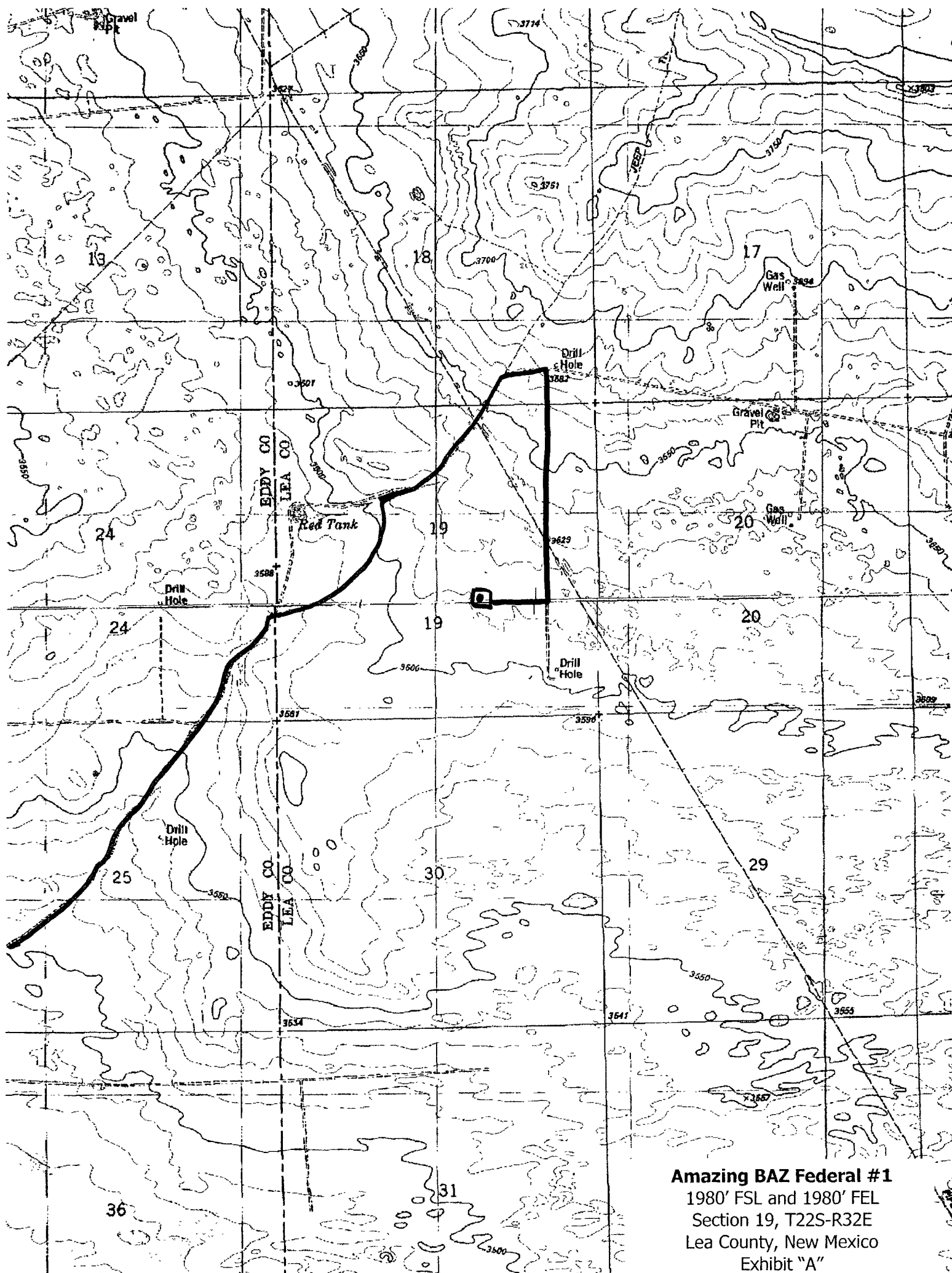
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 40	Joint or Infill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

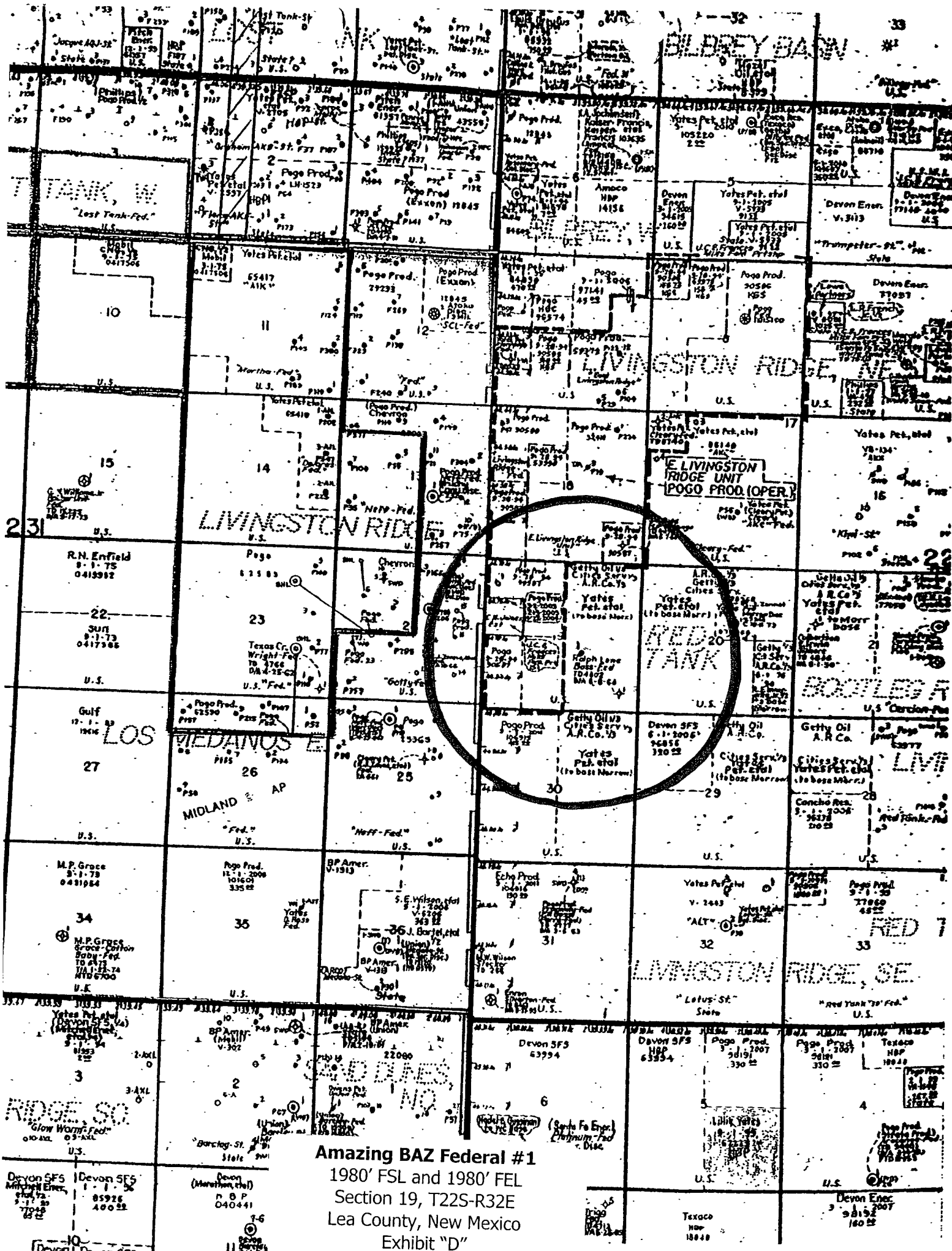
NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED  
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



<b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.</i>  Signature Cy Cowan Printed Name Land Regulatory Agent Title 11/12/09 Date
<b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i> 9/26/2002 Date Surveyed  Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor Certificate No. Herschel Jones RLS 3640 GRACE 2 GENERAL SURVEYING COMPANY



**Amazing BAZ Federal #1**  
1980' FSL and 1980' FEL  
Section 19, T22S-R32E  
Lea County, New Mexico  
Exhibit "A"



**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

**Amazing BAZ Federal #1**

1980' FSL and 1980' FEL

Section 19-T22S-R32E

Lea County, New Mexico

1. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Rustler	770'	Cherry Canyon	5580'
Top of Salt	890'	Brush Canyon	6850'
Base of Salt	4300'	Bone Spring	8570'
Bell Canyon	4660'	TD	8700'

2. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil or gas formations are expected to be encountered:

Water: 250'  
Oil or Gas: 8570'

3. Pressure Control Equipment: BOPE will be installed on the 13 3/8" casing. BOPE will be installed on the 8 5/8" casing and rated for 3000# BOP systems will be consistent with API RP 53. Pressure tests will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings which are set and cemented in place. Blowout Preventor controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventors will be inspected and operated at least daily to ensure good mechanical working order, and this inspection recorded on the daily drilling report. See Exhibit B.

**Auxiliary Equipment:**

- A. Auxiliary Equipment: Kelly cock, pit level indicators, flow sensor equipment and a sub with full opening valve to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position at all times for use when kelly is not in use.

4. THE PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM:

**A. Casing Program: (All New)**

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Wt./Ft</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Coupling</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Length</u>
17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	H-40	ST&C	0-850'	850'
<del>14"</del>	<del>8 5/8"</del>	<del>32#</del>	<del>J-55</del>	<del>ST&amp;C</del>	<del>0-4450'</del>	<del>4450'</del>
7 7/8"	5 1/2"	17#	J-55	LT&C	0-100'	100'
7 7/8"	5 1/2"	15.5#	J-55	LT&C	100-6800'	6700'
7 7/8"	5 1/2"	17#	J-55	LT&C	6800-8700'	1900'

Minimum Casing Design Factors: Burst 1.0, Tensile 1.8, Collapse 1.125

1st Intermediate

<b>1st segment</b>	4,450 ft to 4,200 ft	Make up Torque ft-lbs			Total ft = 250
O.D. 8.625 inches	Weight 32 #/ft	Grade HCK-55	Threads ST&C	opt. min. mx. 2440 1830 3050	
Collapse Resistance 4,130 psi	Internal Yield 3,930 psi	Joint Strength 497,000 #	Body Yield 503,000 #	Drift 7.875-SD	

<b>2nd segment</b>	4,200 ft to 2,100 ft	Make up Torque ft-lbs			Total ft = 2,100
O.D. 8.625 inches	Weight 32 #/ft	Grade J-55	Threads ST&C	opt. min. mx. 3720 2790 4650	
Collapse Resistance 2,530 psi	Internal Yield 3,930 psi	Joint Strength 372,000 #	Body Yield 503,000 #	Drift 7.875-SD	

<b>3rd segment</b>	2,100 ft to 100 ft	Make up Torque ft-lbs			Total ft = 2,000
O.D. 8.625 inches	Weight 24 #/ft	Grade J-55	Threads ST&C	opt. min. mx. 4970 3020 6210	
Collapse Resistance 1,370 psi	Internal Yield 2,950 psi	Joint Strength 244,000 #	Body Yield 381,000 #	Drift 7.972	

<b>4th segment</b>	100 ft to 0 ft	Make up Torque ft-lbs			Total ft = 100
O.D. 8.625 inches	Weight 32 #/ft	Grade J-55	Threads ST&C	opt. min. mx. 3720 2790 4650	
Collapse Resistance 2,530 psi	Internal Yield 3,930 psi	Joint Strength 372,000 #	Body Yield 503,000 #	Drift 7.875-SD	

B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:

Surface casing: Lead with 250 sx C Lite (WT 12.5 YLD 1.96). Tail in with 200 sx Class "C" + 2% CaC12 (WT 14.8 YLD 1.34). TOC-Surface.

Intermediate Casing: Lead with 1150 sx Lite (WT 11.9 YLD 2.5) Tail in with 250 sx C + 2% CaC12 (WT 14.8 TLD 1.34). TOC-Surface.

Production Casing: 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: ~~Lead with 550 sx Super H (WT13 YLD 1.67) DV tool @ 6200'. Tail in with 50 sx Thixset (WT14.4 YLD 1.4) TOC~~  
Stage 1 approximately 6200'.

~~2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: Lead with 350 sx Lite (WT 11.9 YLD 2.5) Tail in with 50 sx Premium (WT 14.8 YLD 1.3) Cement for Stage 2 will be circulated.~~  
Overlap 200' Per Operator 1-11-10 *Removed Per Operator 1-11-10*

5. MUD PROGRAM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

Interval	Type	Weight	Viscosity	Fluid Loss
0-850'	FW/Native Mud	8.2-9.2	28-36	N/C
850'-4450'	Brine	10.0-10.2	28	N/C
4450'-6800''	Cut Brine	8.6-9.1	28	N/C
6800'-TD	Cut Brine/Starch	8.6-9.1	28-32	<15

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blow out will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel.

6. EVALUATION PROGRAM:

Samples: Every 10' from 5000' to TD  
Logging: Platform HALS, CMR.  
Coring: None Anticipated.  
DST's: As warranted.

7. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE, AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0	TO: 850'	Anticipated Max BHP: 400 PSI
From: 850'	TO: 4450'	Anticipated Max. BHP: 2000 PSI
From: 4450'	TO: TD	Anticipated Max. BHP: 4400 PSI

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

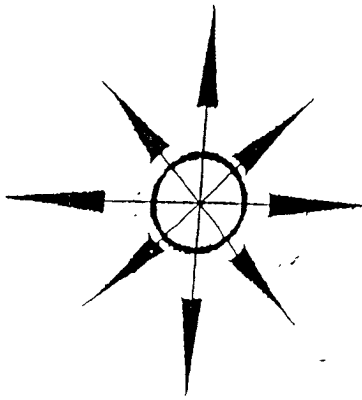
Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: None

H2S Zones Anticipated: None Anticipated

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 140 F

8. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 15 days to drill the well with completion taking another 20 days.

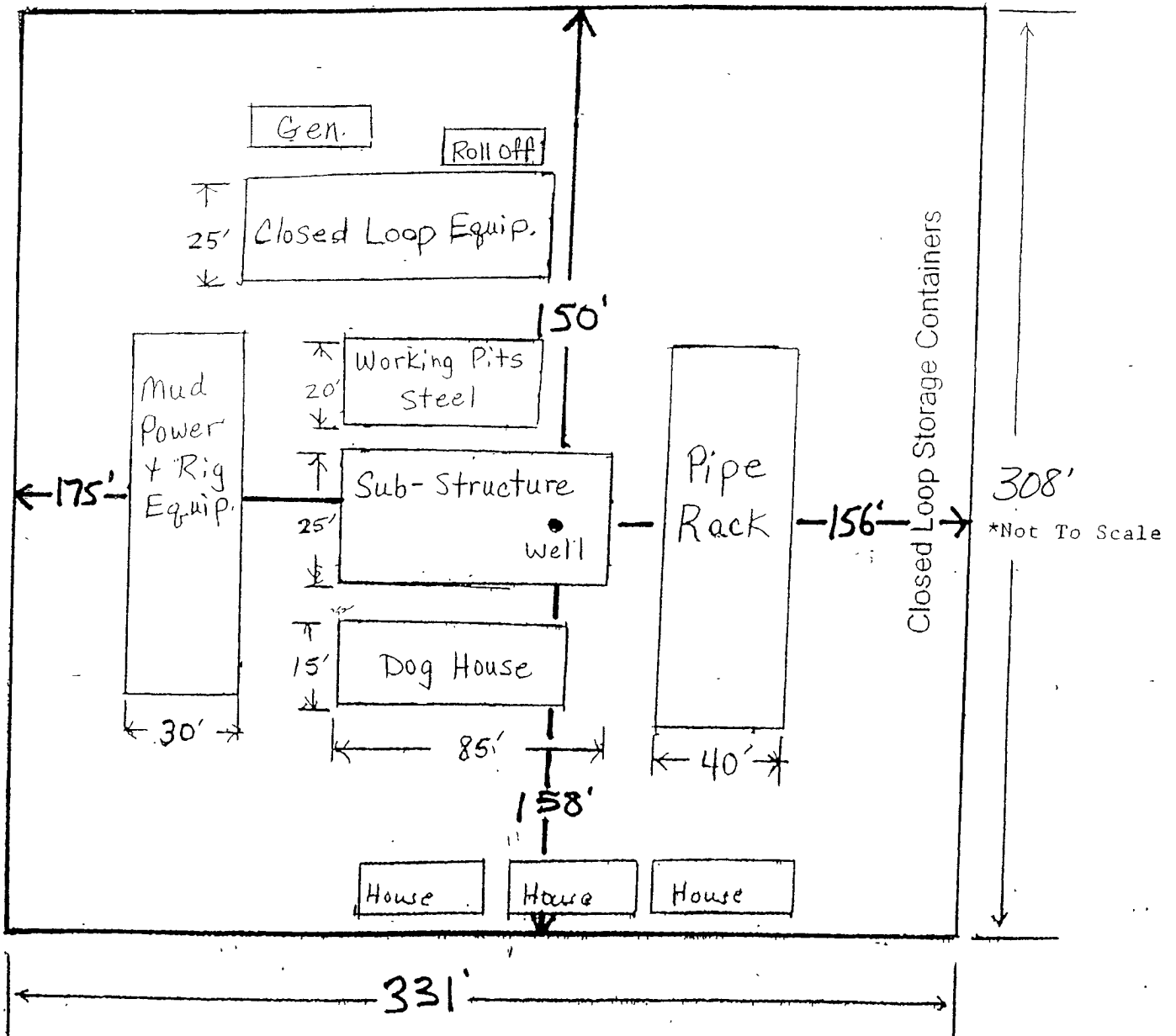


**Yates Petroleum Corporation**  
Location Layout for Permian Basin

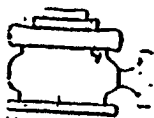
**Closed Loop Design Plan**

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Exhibit "C"

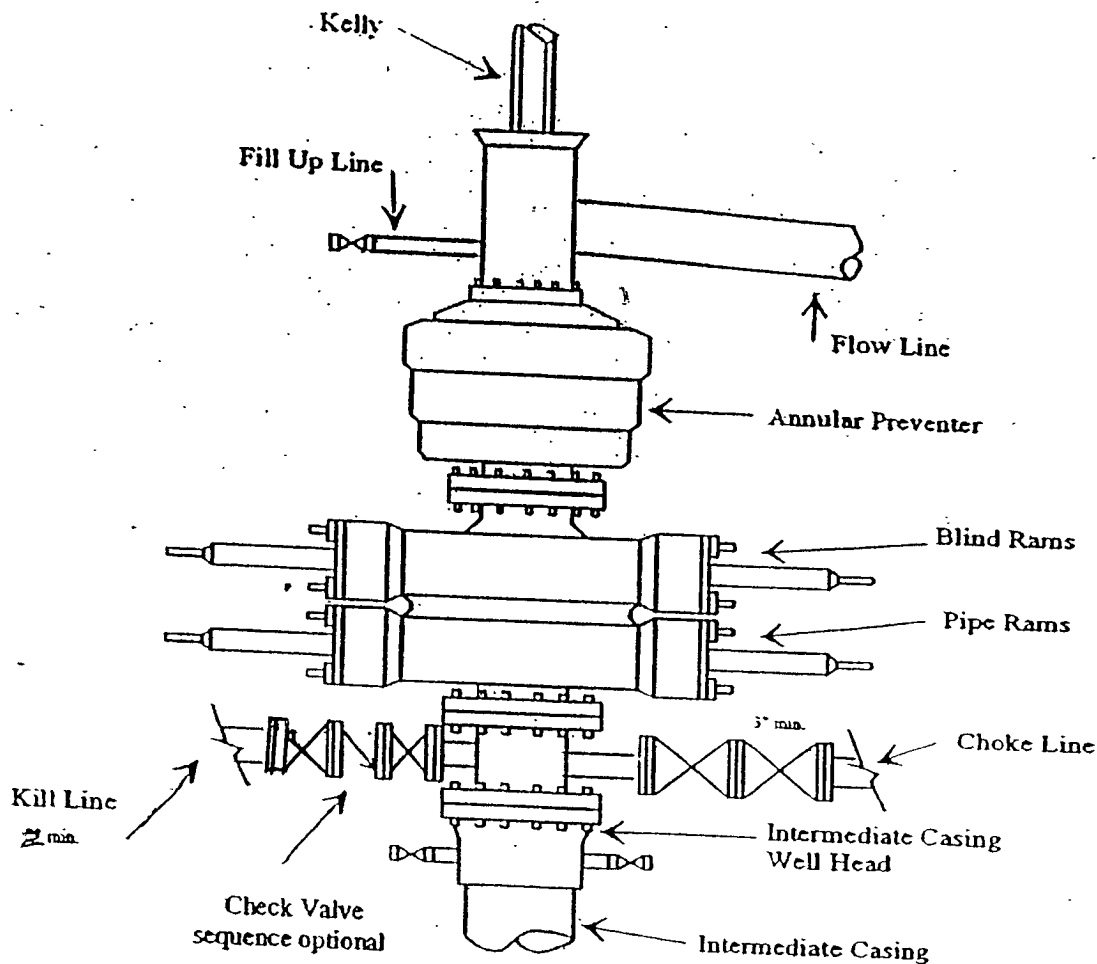




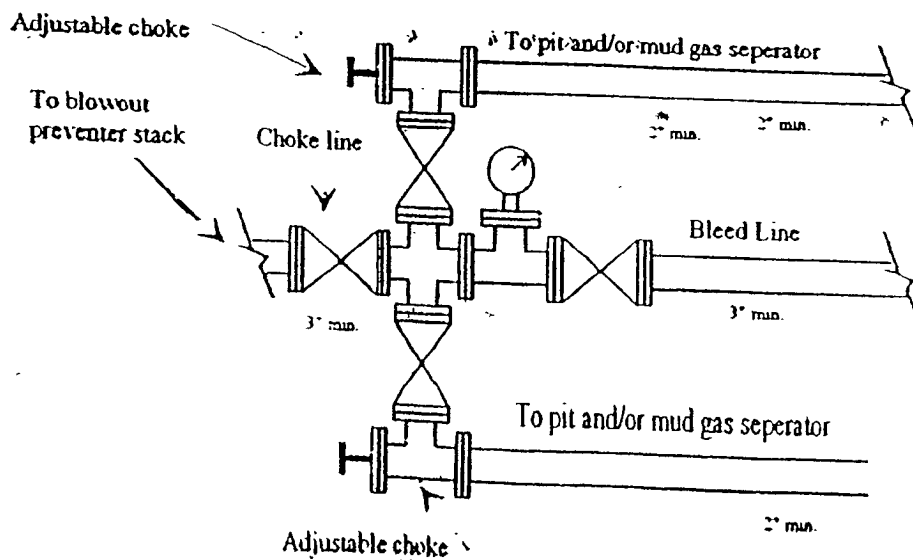


**Yates Petroleum Corporation**  
**Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System**  
**Schematic**  
**Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack**

BOP-3

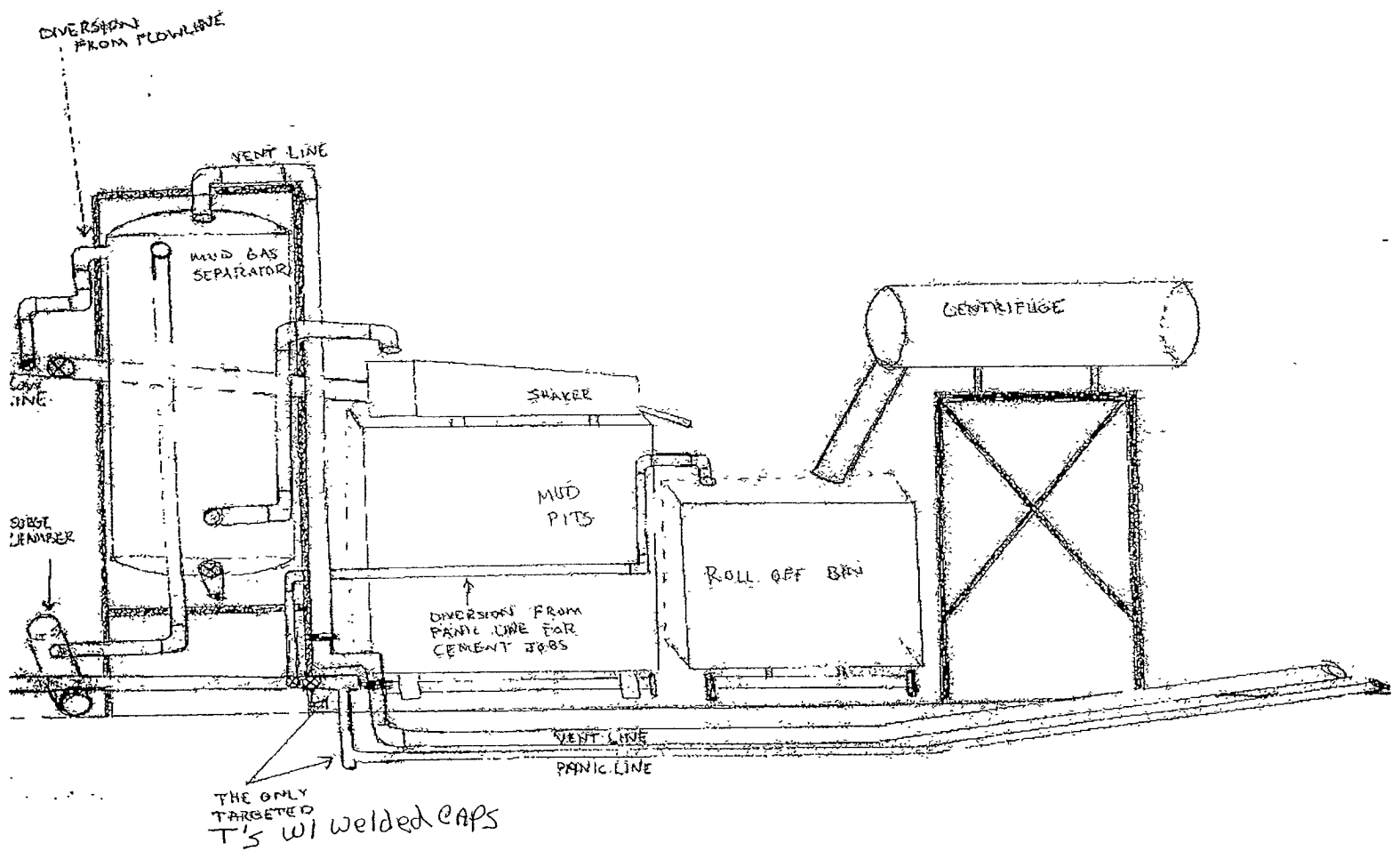


Typical 3,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
Piping from Choke Manifold  
to the Closed-Loop Drilling Mud System



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Exhibit "C-1"

# **Yates Petroleum Corporation**

**105 S. Fourth Street  
Artesia, NM 88210**

## **Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Contingency Plan**

**For**

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Section 19, T-22S, R-32E  
Lea County, NM**

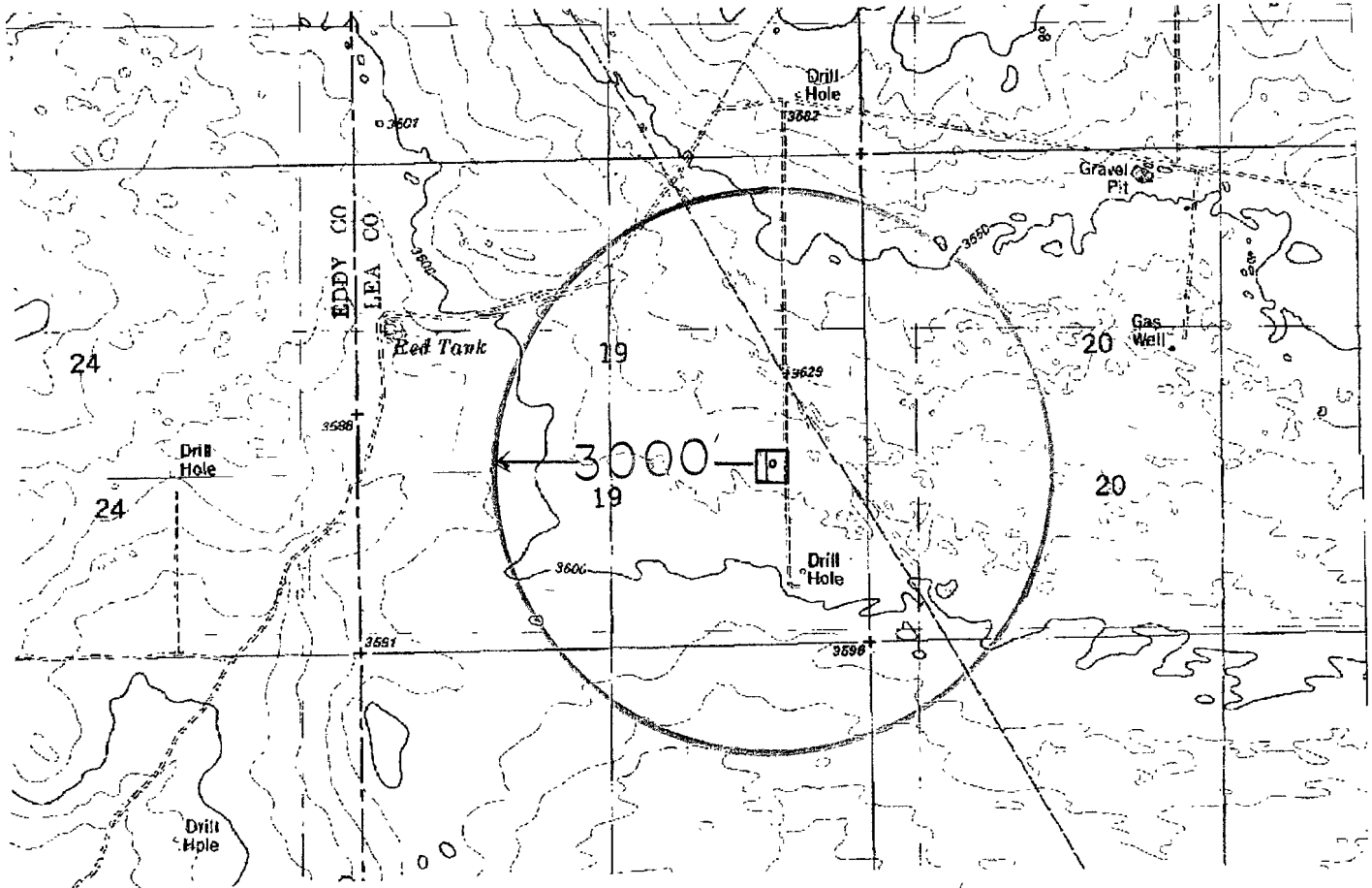
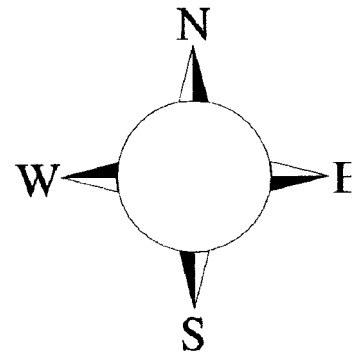
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## Amazing BAZ Federal #1 Location

This is an open drilling site. H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring equipment and emergency response equipment will be used within 500' of zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S, including warning signs, wind indicators and H<sub>2</sub>S monitor.



**Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000'**

**100 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.**

## Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing  $H_2S$ , the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of  $H_2S$ , measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with  $H_2S$  monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries during the response.

## Ignition of Gas Source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide ( $SO_2$ ). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

## Characteristics of $H_2S$ and $SO_2$

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	$H_2S$	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	$SO_2$	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

## Contacting Authorities

YPC personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. YPC Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)

## ***Yates Petroleum Corporation Phone Numbers***

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YPC Office .....	(575) 748-1471
Paul Ragsdale/Operations Manager .....	(575) 748-4520
Ron Beasley/Production Manager .....	(575) 748-4210
Wade Bennett/Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4236
Mike Lankin/Drilling .....	(575) 748-4222
Paul Hanes/Prod. Foreman/Roswell .....	(575) 624-2805
Tim Bussell/Drilling Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4221
Artesia Answering Service .....	(575) 748-4302
(During non-office hours)	

### **Agency Call List**

#### **Lea County (575)**

##### **Hobbs**

State Police .....	746-2703
City Police .....	746-2703
Sheriff's Office .....	746-9888
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department .....	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) .....	746-2122
NMOCD .....	393-6161

##### **Lovington**

State Police .....	885-3137
City Police .....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office .....	887-7551
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department .....	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) .....	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management .....	887-6544

New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	(505) 476-9600
24 HR .....	(505) 827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center .....	(505) 476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC) .....	(800) 424-8802

##### **Other**

Boots & Coots IWC .....	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control .....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
Halliburton .....	(505) 746-2757
B. J. Services .....	(505) 746-3569

Flight For Life -4000 24th St, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare -Rr 3 Box 49f, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb 2301 Yale Blvd SE #D3, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4433
S B Air Med Svc 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4949

CERTIFICATION  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
**Amazing BAZ Federal #1**

I hereby certify that I or the company I represent, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that the company I represent is familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that full knowledge of state and federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that the company I represent is responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 12th day of November, 2009

Printed Name Cy Cowan

Signature 

Position Title Land Regulatory Agent

Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210

Telephone 575-748-4372

E-mail (optional) cy@yatespetroleum.com

Field Representative (if not above signatory) Tim Bussell

Address (if different from above) Same

Telephone (if different from above) 575-748-4221

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Yates Petroleum Corporation
LEASE NO.:	NM-90
WELL NAME & NO.:	Amazing BAZ Federal # 1
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1980' FSL & 1980' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	Same
LOCATION:	Section 19 T. 22S S., R 32 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

Timing Limitation Stipulation / Condition of Approval for lesser prairie-chicken:  
Oil and gas activities including 3 D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhauster noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 dB measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise.

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Hobbs Field Station at (575) 393-3612 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. WIND-DOOR DIRECTION: East**

### **C. TOPSOIL**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **D. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **E. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Hobbs Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

### **F. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance consistent with safety and operational needs.

## G. ON-LEASE ACCESS ROADS

### Road Width

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

### Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### Crowning

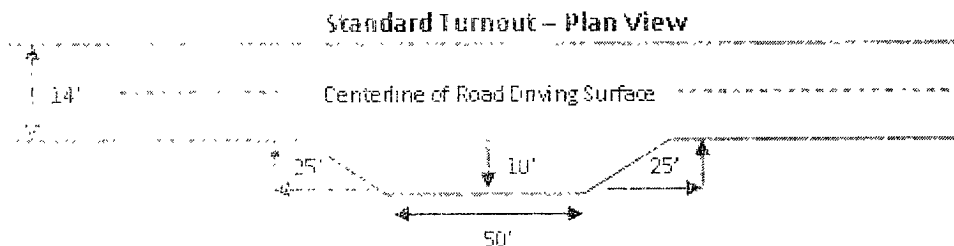
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### Turnouts

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

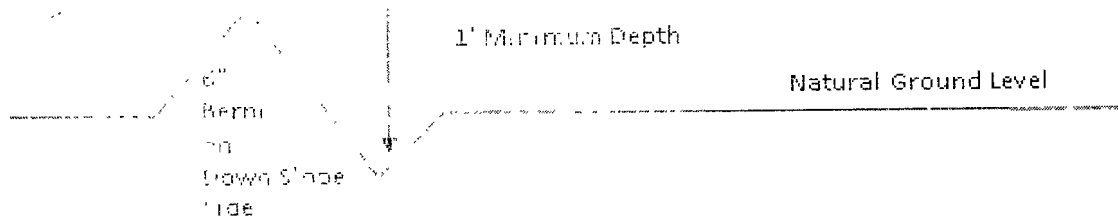


### Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outcropping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

#### Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

#### Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

### Culvert Installations

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

**Fence Requirement**

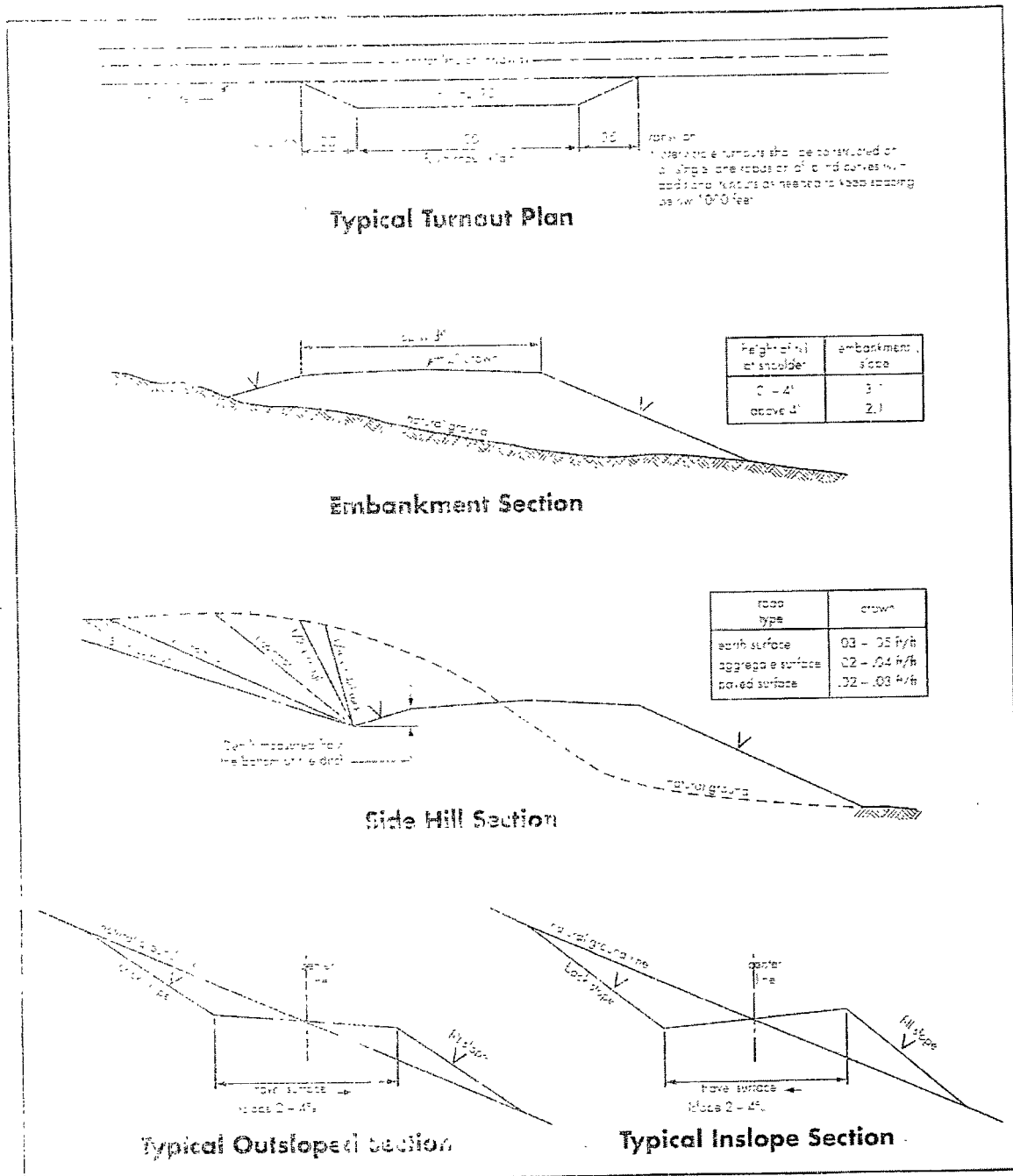
Where a gate is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

**Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 — Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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(505) 393-3612

1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Delaware formation. **As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table, the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. The record of the drilling rate along with the CAL/GR/N well log run from TD to surface will be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.

### B. CASING

**Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.**

**Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.**



Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.

No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.

Possible lost circulation and brine flows in the Salado and Castile groups.  
Possible lost circulation in the Delaware and Bone Springs.

1. The 19 1/2 inch surface casing shall be cemented at approximately 850 feet (a minimum of 25 feet to the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. Additional cement may be needed. Excess cement calculates to only 10 %.
  - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.
  - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
  - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 3-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:  
☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.
3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
  - a. First stage to DV tool, cement shall:  
☒ Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job.

b. Second stage above DM tool cement shall:

☒ Cement should tie-back at least 200 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.

4. If hardhand drill pipe is reached inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

### C. PRESSURE CONTROL

All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17. Flowing from choke manifold to flare to be as **straight as possible**.

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M) psi**.

a. **For surface casing only:** If the BOP/BOPE is to be tested against casing, the well cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section).

3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.

a. Casing shut-off and BOP installation will not be initiated until the cement has had 6 hours of set time in a water basin and 12 hours in the potash areas. This time will start after the cement plug is bumped. Testing the BOP/BOPE for shut-off can commence after meeting the above conditions plus the BOP installation time.

b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug.

c. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.

d. The tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. **A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test** shall be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.

- e. The LOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug or 30 minutes without a test plug.

**D. Drilling Stem Tests**

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

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## **VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the large tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color  
Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

## IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removal caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire breaks or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete well completion operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on WPIs, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION**

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo final reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

### Seed Mixture for LFC Sand/Shinnery Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and title nine (9) no this prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be taked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed† per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A

\*\*Four-winged Saltbush 5lbs/A

\* This can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed.

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed