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Yates Petroleum Company
Attention: Clifton R. May
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Administrative Order NSL-3179

Dear Mr. May:

Reference is made to your application dated September 22, 1992 for an unorthodox oil well location in the Undesignated Burton-Flat Strawn Gas Pool underlying the S/2 of Section 17, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

It is our understanding at this time that Yates is seeking to re-enter the previously plugged and abandoned Aviette "ALK" State No. 1, located 1980 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line (Unit L) of said Section 17, which was originally drilled in 1975 to test the Morrow formation at a total depth of 11,557 feet whereby the W/2 of said Section 17 was dedicated to form a standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit for said zone. Subsequently, the Morrow formation was determined to be dry and the well was eventually plugged and abandoned.

At this time, the applicant has made a proper filing pursuant to Division General Rule 104.F(3) and (4), also during the required twenty-day waiting period, the Division has not received any objection to this application.

Therefore, the above-described unorthodox Strawn gas well location is hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. LeMay".

William J. LeMay
Director

WJL/MES/amg

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Artesia
NM State Land Office - Santa Fe