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May 21, 1997

Mr. Michael Stogner
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

NSL-01L.N16 RE:

Application for Unorthodox Location Barry ARD State No. 1

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COMSERVATION DIVISION

Wildcat Strawn

Township 15 South, Range 35 East

Section 29: NE/4NW/4 Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests administrative approval for an unorthodox Strawn oil well, the Barry ARD State #1. This well is staked on state minerals, 330' FNL and 1360' FWL primarily on the basis of 3-D seismic. All possible standard locations in the NE/4NW/4 forty (40) acres proration unit were carefully considered but were deemed undrillable due to high potential for economic waste. We further request this well location be approved for all formations developed on forty-acre spacing.

Notification to the offset operators to the north, west, northwest and southwest was made by certified mail on May 21, 1997, including a copy of this application letter with all attachments. We request that this unorthodox location be administratively approved if no objections are received with twenty (20) days, or earlier if waivers are received.

Enclosed are Forms C-101 and C-102, a land plat showing all offset operators, a list of the encroached-upon operators, Isopack Map of the Strawn carbonate and a structure map of the top of the Strawn carbonate.

Isopack and structure mapping indicate the area is favorable for Strawn mound development. Seismic combined with subsurface information suggest more than 275' (Isopack map) of Strawn carbonate interval at the proposed location. Mapping indicates that better porosity development tends to occur in the thickest Strawn carbonate. Additionally, this location provides an optimum structural position. Available subsurface and seismic data show a likely closure on the top of the Strawn at a subsea depth of approximately 7,475' (Structure Map). The seismic closure essentially coincides with the Strawn thick. Additional consideration includes seismic wave attributes which further enhance the location.

Page 2 Barry ARD State No. 1

To maximize both initial chance of success and ultimate hydrocarbon recover, the proposed location provides the optimum combination of structure, stratigraph and seismic attributes. Yates believes this location is in the best interest of conservation, protection of correlative rights and the prevention of waste.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call either Mike Hayes or me at (505)748-1471 if you need further information.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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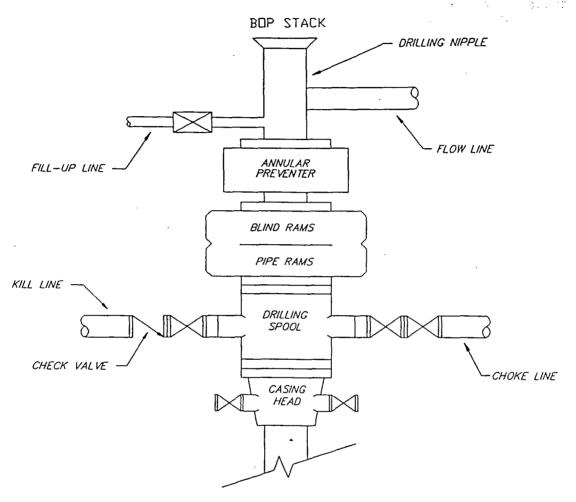
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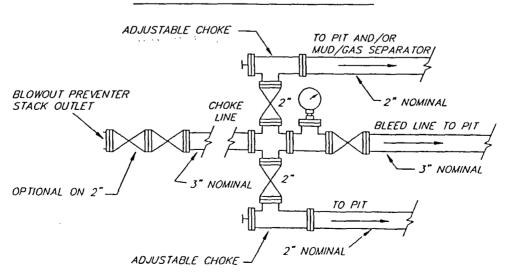
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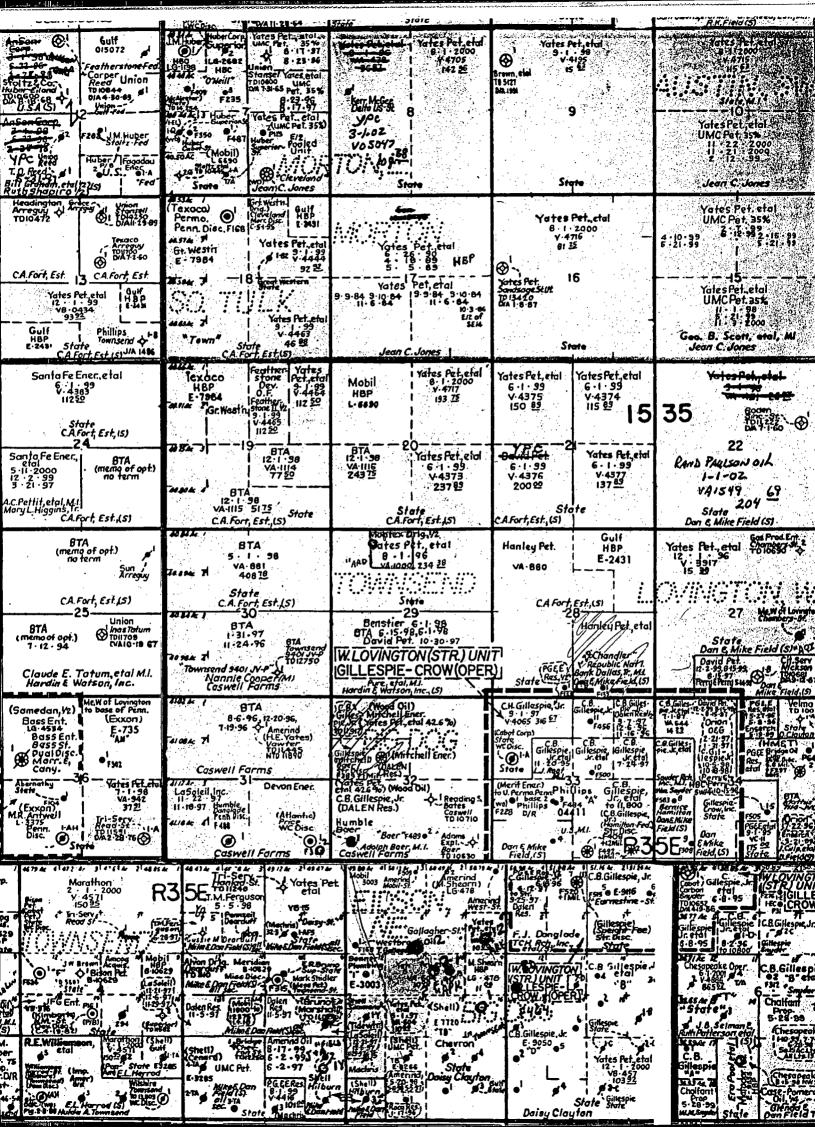
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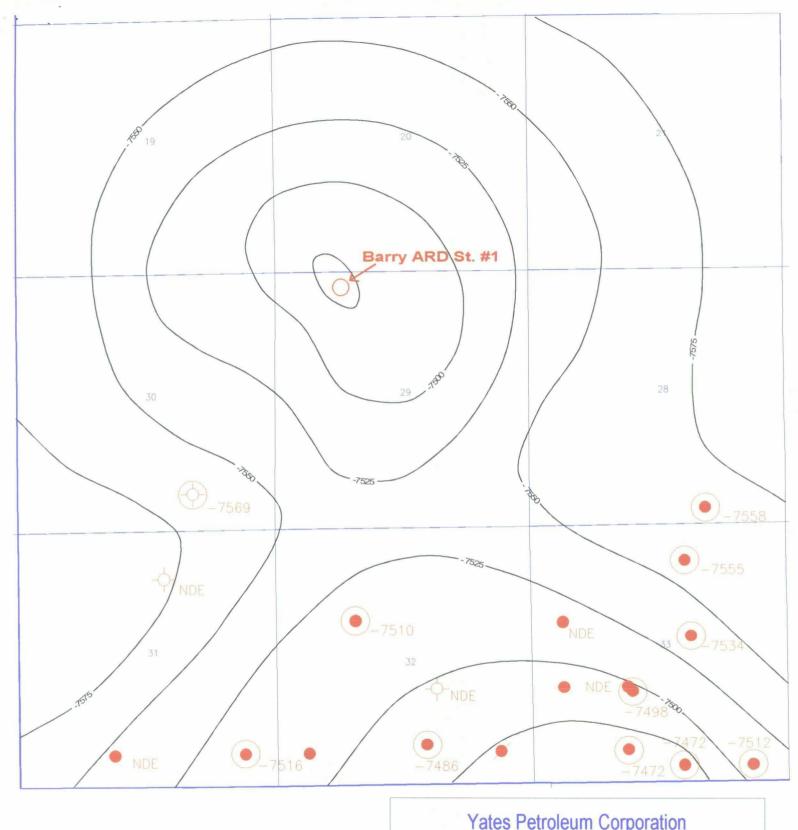
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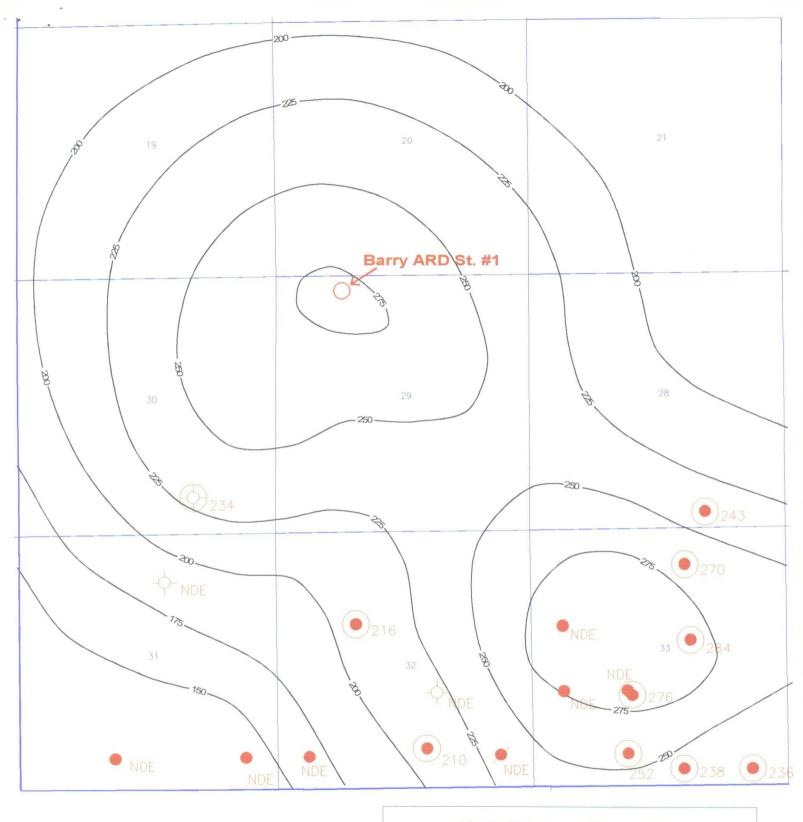
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Top Strawn Carbonate STRUCTURE Subsurface and Seismic Data Barry ARD St. #1 Prospect

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RE: Application for Unorthodox Location

Barry ARD State No. 1

Wildcat Strawn

Township 15 South, Range 35 East

Section 29: NE/4NW/4 Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Please find enclosed a signed letter from BTA Oil Producers in which they waive any objection to the unorthodox drilling location proposed by Yates Petroleum Corporation of the captioned well.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Robert Bullock Landman

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BTA Oil Producers 104 South Pecos Midland, Texas 79701

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> Return Receipt Requested

Attention: Mr. Bob Crawford

RE:

Offset Operator Notification

Unorthodox Location Barry ARD State #1

Township 15 South, Range 35 East Section 29: 330' FNL and 1360' FWL

Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Yates Petroleum Corporation plans to drill the Barry ARD State #1 at the unorthodox location described above. This location does not comply with the well spacing requirements set forth in New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Rule 104.B (1) (b) (Revised 1/96).

If you have no objections to this unorthodox location, please signify your approval by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below and returning same to the undersigned. Any objection must be filed in writing with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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The undersigned hereby waives any objection to the unorthodox location proposed by Yates Petroleum Corporation.

Company:

BTA OIL PRODUCERS

Name:

C. Robert Crawford

Land/Legal Manager

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Title:

May 23, 1997

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