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**RETURN RECEIPT NO: Z-235-437-289**

Ms. Lisa Norton  
Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 South Fourth Street  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

**RE: PIT CLOSURE PLAN**

Dear Ms. Norton:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed Yates Petroleum Corporation's (Yates) undated "PIT CLOSURE" correspondence which was received by the OCD on March 13, 1998. This document contains Yates's plan for closure of unlined oil and gas production pits at the following sites:

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| - | Inex Tank Battery                | NE/4, Sec 26, T18S, R26E |
| - | Lattion Tank Battery             | SE/4, Sec 23, T18S, R26E |
| - | Scripps Tank Battery             | SW/4, Sec 25, T18S, R26E |
| - | Williams Tank Battery            | NE/4, Sec 25, T18S, R26E |
| - | Santa Fe Land Improvement #1 SWD | SE/4, Sec 17, T19S, R26E |

The above referenced pit closure plan is **approved with the following conditions:**

1. During the pit closures, Yates will determine the vertical extent of soil contamination at each pit site.
2. All soil samples for verification of completion of remedial activities including the vertical and horizontal extent of contamination will be sampled and analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, (BTEX), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and chloride in accordance with the OCD's "SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CLOSURE GUIDELINES".
3. Yates will notify the Environmental Bureau Chief of the OCD Santa Fe Office and the OCD Artesia District Office within 24 hours of the discovery of ground water contamination related to any pit closure activity.