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July 20, 2004

Yates Petroleum Corp.

Attn: Dan Dolan

105 S 4th St

Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Biplane SWD #3

16-6s-27e

API: 30-005-62884

Dear Operator,

The Artesia Oil Conservation Division is in receipt of the initial Form C-141 (copy included) dated 7/12/2004 from Yates Petroleum Corp.

Please submit a Corrective Action Work Plan to the Artesia O.C.D. for correction/remediation of this release. Please use the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases as your guide.

A copy of the Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases, published 1993, can be found at the O.C.D. web address WWW.EMNRD.STATE.NM.US/OCD.

The published document can be found on the O.C.D. web page under Publications/Environmental Handbook/Miscellaneous Guidelines/Spill Prevention Clean up.

The work plan presented to the O.C.D. must include general site characteristics, soil remediation action levels, soil remediation methods, and planned analytical testing for TPH, B-TEX and Chlorides if applicable.

A final Form C-141 is required for closure of the event or release and must include a report of remediation actions taken with final analytical results attached.

Please have the requested work plan in the Artesia office on or before August 20, 2004.

The Artesia O.C.D. must be notified 24 hours prior to any remediation actions and/or subsequent soil samples taken for analysis.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of OCD rules.

If I can be of assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-748-1283
Or E-mail me at mbratcher@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Mike Bratcher

Compliance Officer.

N.M.O.C.D.

District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-141
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit 2 Copies to appropriate
District Office in accordance
with Rule 116 on back
side of form

30-005-62884

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company Yates Petroleum Corp.	Contact Dan Dolan
Address 105 S. 4 th St., Artesia NM 88210	Telephone No. 748-4181
Facility Name Biplane SWD #3	Facility Type Salt Water Disposal
Surface Owner Van Eaton	Mineral Owner State
Lease No. API30-005-62884	

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section 16	Township 6S	Range 27E	Feet from the 2310	North/South Line North	Feet from the 1980	East/West Line East	County Chavez
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Latitude _____ Longitude _____

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release Produced Water	Volume of Release 40bbl	Volume Recovered 0bbl
Source of Release 500bbl fiberglass tank	Date and Hour of Occurrence 7-7-04	Date and Hour of Discovery 1100am
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? Mike Stubblefield, Artesia OCD	
By Whom? Dan Dolan	Date and Hour 1030hrs 07-08-04	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*


Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.*

A possible tornado struck a 500bbl tank at the above location, twisting the fiberglass tank off its base, causing approximately 40 bbl of produced water to spill on ground. There was no indication of any hydrocarbon involved in the spill.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*

The affected area was 130' X 250', and 3" deep., the soil will be moved to another location of the pad, placed on plastic, dried, and mixed with clean soil to bring the chlorides down to proper level, it will then be used as berm material at that location.
Ranking is as follows, Depth to ground water-0, wellhead protection-0, surface water-0

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Daniel W. Dolan CWC	Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: Environmental Regulatory Agent	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: ddolan@ypcnm.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 07-12-04	Phone: 748-4181	

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary