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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

FORM APPROVED

OMB NO. 1004-0137

Expires: March 31, 2007

1a. Type of Work: ☒ DRILL ☐ REENTER1b. Type of Well: ☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone

2. Name of Operator

Yates Petroleum Corporation 025575

3a. Address

105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

505-748-1471

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

At surface

200' FNL &amp; 990' FEL, SHL

At proposed prod. zone

330' FSL &amp; 990' FEL, BHL

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

The well is approximately 23 miles east of Carlsbad, NM

5. Lease Serial No.

NM-81953

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

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

8. Lease Name and Well No.

Glow Worm ALX Federal #4H

9. API Well No.

30-015-37075

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory

Livingston Ridge; Delaware South

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

Section 3-T23S-R31E

12. County or Parish

Eddy

13. State

NM

15. Distance from proposed\*

location to nearest

property or lease line, ft.

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

200'

16. No. of acres in lease

1716.94

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well

E2E2 of Section 3-T23S-R31E

18. Distance from proposed location\*

to nearest well, drilling, completed,

applied for, on this lease, ft.

Approx. 400'

19. Proposed Depth

TVD 8160' &amp; MD 12705'

20. BLM/ BIA Bond No. on file

NATIONWIDE BOND #NMB000434

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

3429'

22. Approximate date work will start\*

ASAP

23. Estimated duration

45 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

Name (Printed/ Typed)

Cy Cowan

Date

5/30/12

Title

Land Regulatory Agent

Approved By (Signature)

Name (Printed/ Typed)

Date

Aden L. Seidlitz

DEC 27 2012

Title

STATE DIRECTOR

Office

NM STATE 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 operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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.

\* (Instructions on page 2)

Previously Approved

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

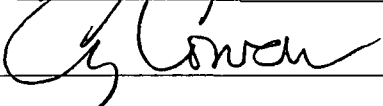
Approval Subject to General Requirements  
& Special Stipulations Attached

CERTIFICATION  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
Glow Worm "ALX" Federal #4-H  
200' FNL & 990' FEL, Surface Hole  
330' FSL & 990' FEL, Bottom Hole  
Section 3-T23S-R31E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that I have 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.

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

## DISTRICT I

1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

## DISTRICT II

1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

## DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

## DISTRICT IV

1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102

Revised October 12, 2006

Submit to Appropriate District Office

State Lease - 4 Copies

Fee Lease - 3 Copies

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505☐ AMENDED REPORT

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number <b>30-015-42067</b>	Pool Code <b>40297</b>	Pool Name Los Medanos; Delaware
Property Code <b>13749</b>	Property Name <b>GLOW WORM "ALX" FEDERAL</b>	Well Number <b>4H</b>
OGRID No. <b>025575</b>	Operator Name <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORP.</b>	Elevation <b>3429'</b>

## Surface Location

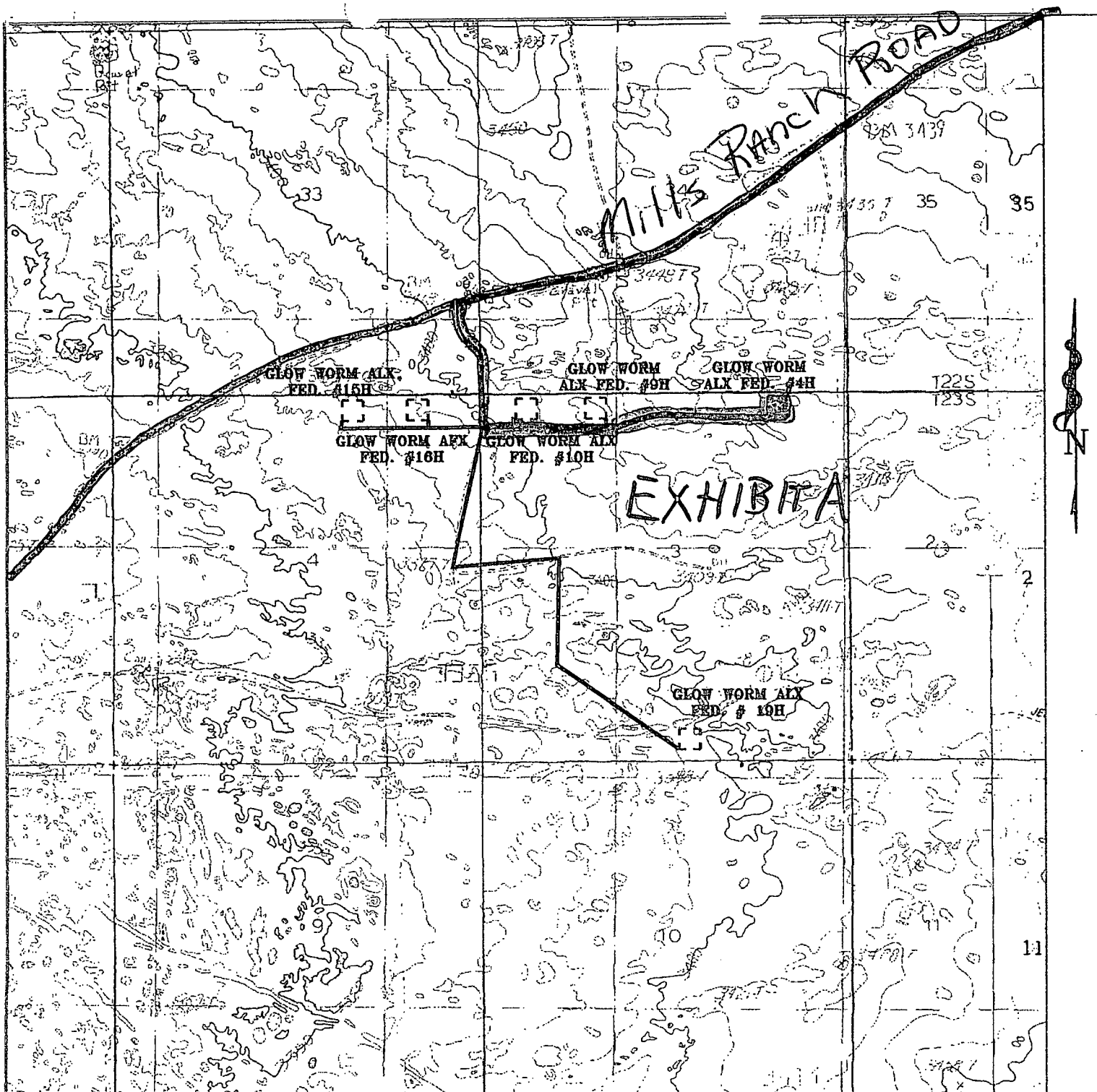
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
<b>1/A</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23 S</b>	<b>31 E</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>EDDY</b>

## 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
<b>P</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23 S</b>	<b>31 E</b>		<b>330</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>EDDY</b>
Dedicated Acres <b>159.45</b>	Joint or Infill	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

<p><b>SURFACE LOCATION</b> Lat - N32°20'24.73" Long - W103°45'37.31" SPC- N.: 487970.911 E.: 718293.516 (NAD-83)</p>		<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Cy Cowan</i> 5/30/12 Signature Date</p> <p>Cy Cowan Printed Name</p>
	<p>Penetration Point 656' FNL &amp; 990'</p> <p>Producing Area</p> <p>Project Area</p>	<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>MARCH 12, 2008 Date Surveyed</p> <p>GARY L. JONES Signature &amp; Seal Professional Surveyor</p> <p>7977</p> <p>Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977</p> <p>BASIN SURVEYS</p>
<p><b>BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION</b> Lat - N32°19'37.86" Long - W103°45'37.20" SPC- N.: 483234.808 E.: 718328.089 (NAD-83)</p>		



**GLOW WORM "ALX" FEDERAL #4H**  
 Located at 200' FNL AND 990' FEL  
 Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 31 East,  
 N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

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W.O. Number: 19326T

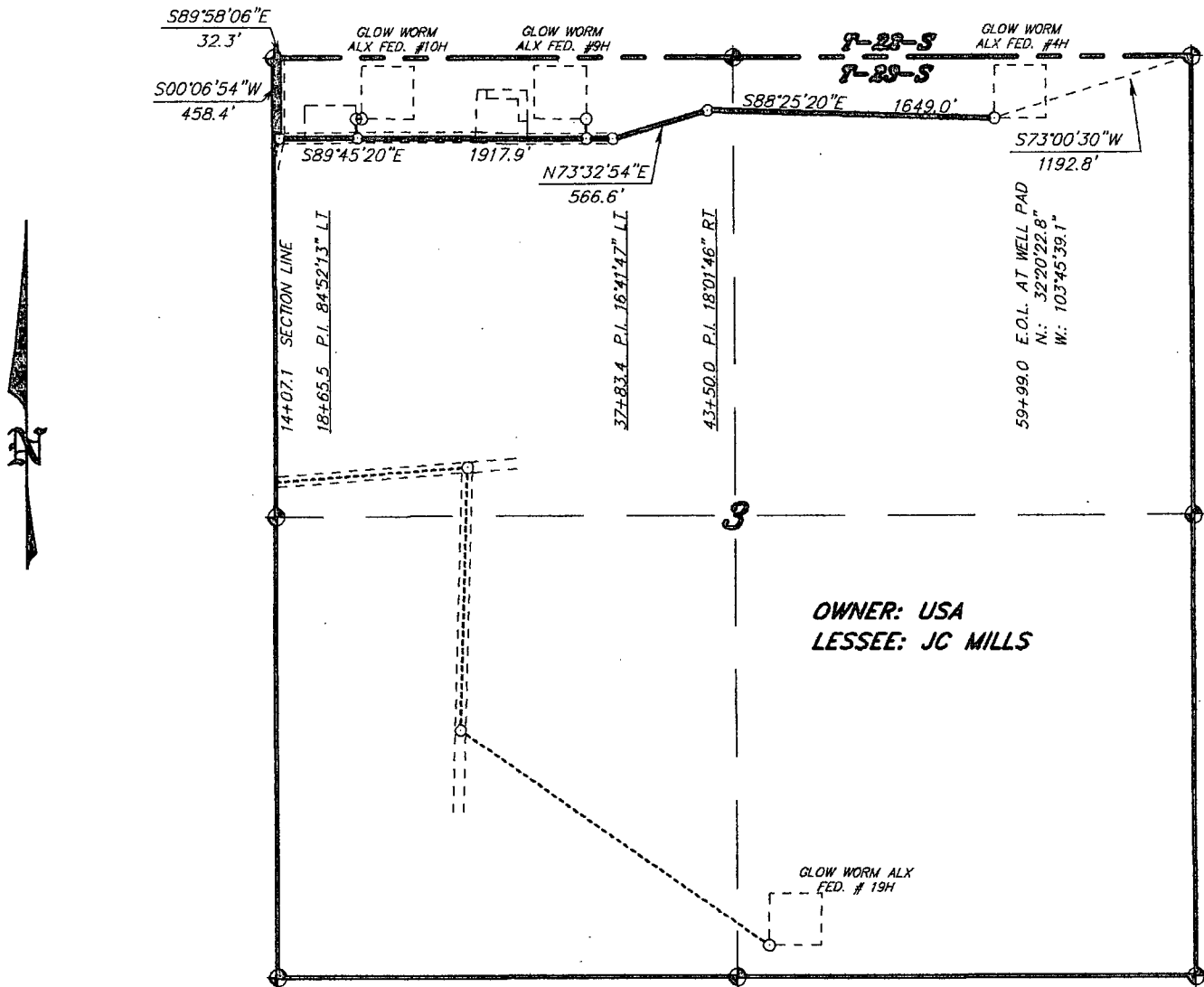
Survey Date: 03-12-2008

Scale: 1" = 2000'

Date: 03-12-2008

**YATES**  
**PETROLEUM**  
**CORP.**

SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

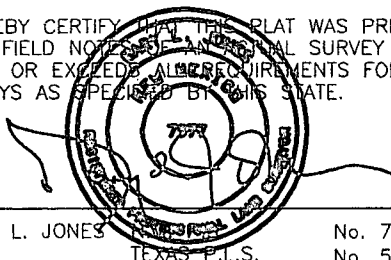


**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A STRIP OF LAND 30.0 FEET WIDE, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING 15.0 FEET LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE ABOVE PLATTED CENTERLINE SURVEY.

SECTION 3 = 4591.9 FEET = 228.30 RODS = 0.87 MILES = 3.16 ACRES

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PLAT WAS PREPARED FROM FIELD NOTES OF A PERSONAL SURVEY AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND SURVEYS AS SPECIFIED BY THIS STATE.



GARY L. JONES

TEXAS P.L.S.

No. 7977

No. 5074

**BASIN SURVEYS** P.O. BOX 1786-HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

W.O. Number: 19326

Drawn By: J. M. SMALL

Date: 03-13-2008

Disk: JMS 19KS/GLOW WORM ROADS

1000 0 1000 2000 FEET

**YATES PETROLEUM CORP.**

REF: PROPOSED LEASE ROAD TO THE GLOW WORM ALX FED. #4H

A LEASE ROAD CROSSING USA LAND IN  
SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST,  
N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

Survey Date: 03-12-2008

Sheet 2 of 2 Sheets



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
 Glow Worm ALX Federal #4H  
 200' FNL and 990' FEL Surface Hole Location  
 330' FSL and 990' FEL Bottom Hole Location  
 Section 3-T23S-R31E  
 Eddy County, New Mexico

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

Rustler	605'	
Top of salt	730'	
Base of Salt	4010'	
Bell Canyon	4375'	
Cherry Canyon	5425'	Oil
Brushy Canyon	7045'	Oil
Brushy Canyon Marker	7948'	Oil
Brushy Sand Target	8412'	Oil
TVD	8160'	
TD	12705'	TMD

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

Water: 170'  
 Oil or Gas: See above

3. Pressure Control Equipment: 3000 PSI BOPE with a 13.625" opening will be installed on the 13 3/8" casing and the 9 5/8" casing. The BOP and related BOPE shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17. Pressure tests to 3000 PSI and held for 30 minutes will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings, which are set and cemented in place. Blowout Preventer controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventers 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)

Hole Size	Casing Size	Wt./Ft	Grade	Coupling	Interval	Length
See COA 17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	H-40	ST&C	0-630'	710' 630'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	40#	J-55	LT&C	0-100'	100'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	36#	J-55	LT&C	100-3200'	3100'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	40#	J-55	LT&C	3200-4160'	425' 960'
8 3/4"	5 1/2"	17#	P110	LT&C	0-7680'	7680'
8 1/2"	5 1/2"	17#	P110	Buttress	7680'-12705'	5025'

This well will be drilled vertically to approx. 7683'. At 7683' well will be kicked off and directionally drill at 12 degrees per 100' with an 8 3/4" hole to 8433' MD (8160' TVD). Lateral will then be drilled with an 8 1/2" hole to 12705' MD (8160' TVD) where 5 1/2" casing will be set and cemented. Penetration point of the producing zone will be encountered at 656' FNL & 990' FEL, 3-23S-31E. The deepest TVD in this well is 8160' in the lateral. No pilot hole.

Minimum Casing Design Factors: Collapse 1.125, Burst 1.0, Joint Strength 1.8

## B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:

Surface casing: Lead with 300 sacks "C" Lite with Gilsonite 3lb/bbl, Poly-E-Flake, CaCl 2% (Yld 1.96 Wt. 12.50) Tail in w/200 sacks Class "C" + 2% CaCl (YLD 1.34 WT 14.8). Cement designed with 100% excess. Cement to Surface.

Intermediate Casing: Lead in with 1175 sacks "C" Lite with Gilsonite 3lb/bbl, Poly- E-Flake, CaCl 2% (Yld 2.00 Wt 12.60). Tail in with 200 sx Class "C" with CaCl 2% (Yld 1.34 Wt. 14.80). Cement designed with 100% excess. Cement to Surface.

Production Casing: Stage I: TOC 6300'. Lead w/ 1550 sacks Pecos VILt with D112, D151, D174, D177, D800. & D046 (Yld 1.41 Wt. 13.00). Cement designed with 35% excess. DV tool will be set at approximately 6300'. Cement to 6300'.

Stage II: Lead with 940 sacks 35:65:6PzC (Yld 2.00 Wt 12.50) Tail in with 200 sacks PVILt with D112, D151, D174, D177, D800, & D046 (Yld 1.41 Wt 13.0). Cement designed with 35% excess. Cement to Surface.

## 5. MUD PROGRAM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

Interval	Type	Weight	Viscosity	Fluid Loss
0-630' <sup>710</sup>	Fresh Water	8.60-9.20	32-34	N/C
<del>630'-4160'</del> <sup>4275</sup>	Brine Water	10.00-10.20	28-28	N/C
4160'-12705'	Cut Brine	8.50-8.80	28-29	<15cc

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: 10' samples from surface casing to TD.

Logging: Horizontal NWD/GR. *See COA*

Coring: None anticipated.

DST's: None anticipated.

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

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0	TO: 630'	Anticipated Max. BHP: 301 PSI
From: 630'	TO: 4160'	Anticipated Max. BHP: 2206 PSI
From: 4160'	TO: 8160'	Anticipated Max. BHP: 3735 PSI

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: None

H2S Zones Anticipated: H2S water flow possible below 2800'.

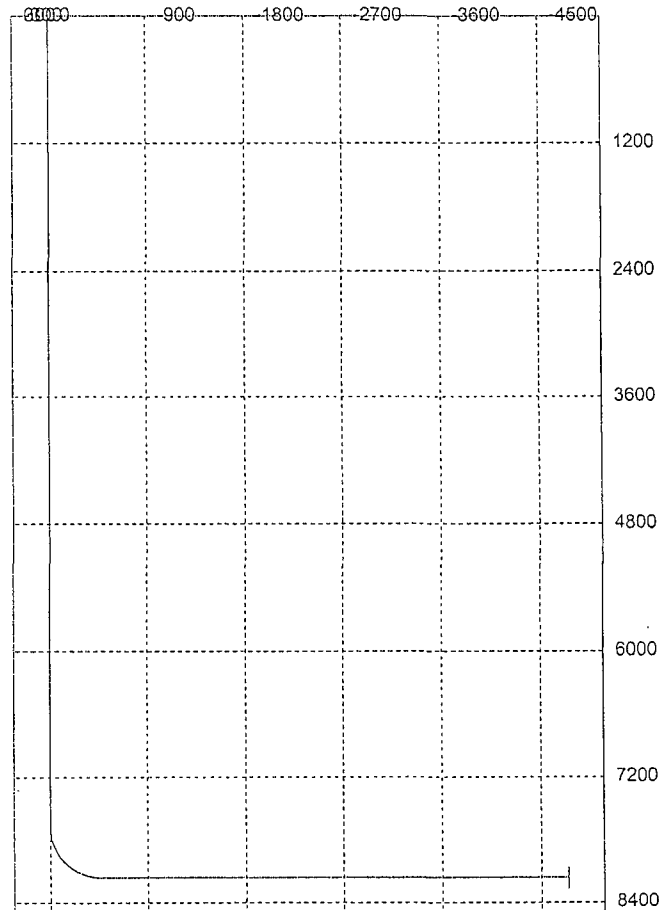
## 8. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 50 days to drill the well with completion taking another 20 days.



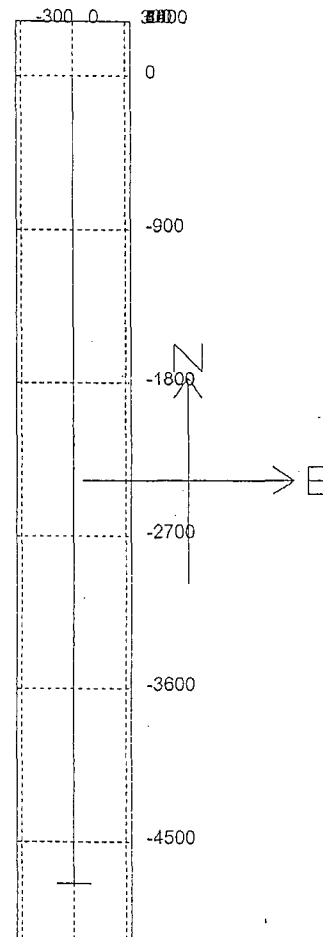
### 3D<sup>3</sup> Directional Drilling Planner - 3D View

Company: Yates Petroleum Corporation  
Well: Glow Worm ALX Federal #4H



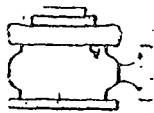
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MD	Inclination	Azimuth	TVD	SN/FS	EPW	BDL	SL	Toolface	FF	FFHS/GN	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
605	0	0	605	0	0	0					RUSTLER
4,035	0	0	4,035	0	0	0					BASE OF SALT
4,375	0	0	4,375	0	0	0					BELL CANYON
5,425	0	0	5,425	0	0	0					CHERRY CANYON
7,045	0	0	7,045	0	0	0					BRUSHY CANYON
7683	0	0	7683	0	0	12	180		GN		KOP
7700	2.04	180	7700	-0.3	0	12	0		HS		
7725	5.04	180	7724.95	-1.85	0	12	0		HS		
7750	8.04	180	7749.78	-4.69	0	12	0		HS		
7775	11.04	180	7774.43	-8.84	0	12	0		HS		
7800	14.04	180	7798.83	-14.26	0	12	0		HS		
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7875	23.04	180	7869.87	-38.09	0	12	0		HS		
7900	26.04	180	7892.61	-48.47	0	12	0		HS		
7925	29.04	180	7914.77	-60.03	0	12	0		HS		
7948.5	31.86	180	7935.03	-71.93	0	12	0		HS		BRUSHY CANYON MARKER
7950	32.04	180	7936.3	-72.73	0	12	0		HS		
7975	35.04	180	7957.14	-86.54	0	12	0		HS		
8000	38.04	180	7977.22	-101.42	0	12	0		HS		
8025	41.04	180	7996.5	-117.34	0	12	0		HS		
8050	44.04	180	8014.91	-134.24	0	12	0		HS		
8075	47.04	180	8032.42	-152.08	0	12	0		HS		
8100	50.04	180	8048.97	-170.81	0	12	0		HS		
8125	53.04	180	8064.52	-190.39	0	12	0		HS		
8150	56.04	180	8079.02	-210.75	0	12	0		HS		
8175	59.04	180	8092.44	-231.84	0	12	0		HS		
8200	62.04	180	8104.73	-253.6	0	12	0		HS		
8225	65.04	180	8115.87	-275.98	0	12	0		HS		
8250	68.04	180	8125.82	-298.91	0	12	0		HS		
8275	71.04	180	8134.56	-322.33	0	12	0		HS		
8300	74.04	180	8142.06	-346.18	0	12	0		HS		
8325	77.04	180	8148.3	-370.38	0	12	0		HS		
8350	80.04	180	8153.27	-394.88	0	12	0		HS		
8375	83.04	180	8156.95	-419.61	0	12	0		HS		
8400	86.04	180	8159.33	-444.49	0	12	0		HS		
8412	87.48	180	8160	-456.47	0	12	0		HS		BRUSHY SAND
8425	89.04	180	8160.4	-469.47	0	12	0		HS		
8433.05	90.01	180	8160.46	-477.52	0	0					
12705.54	90.01	180	8160	-4750	0	0					LATERAL TD

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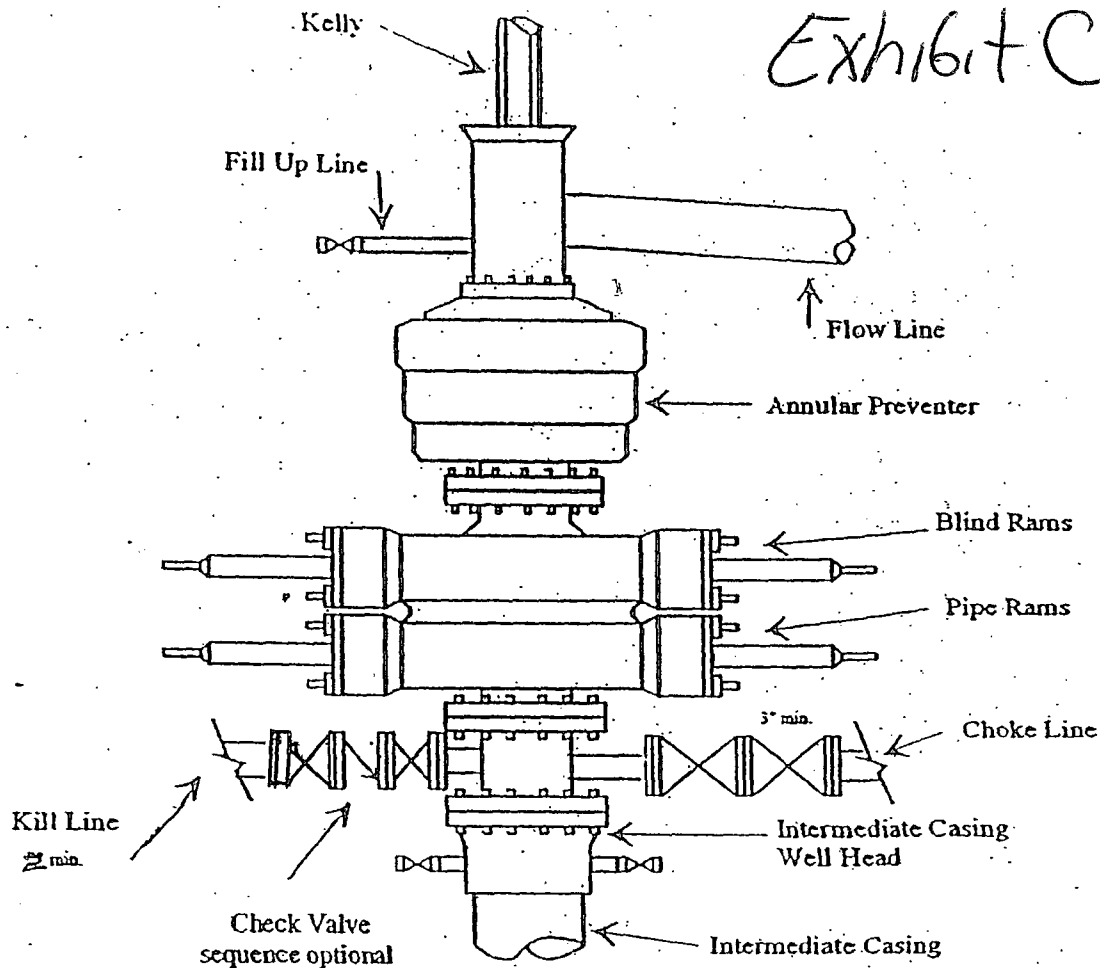
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BOP-3

Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System

Schematic

Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack



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

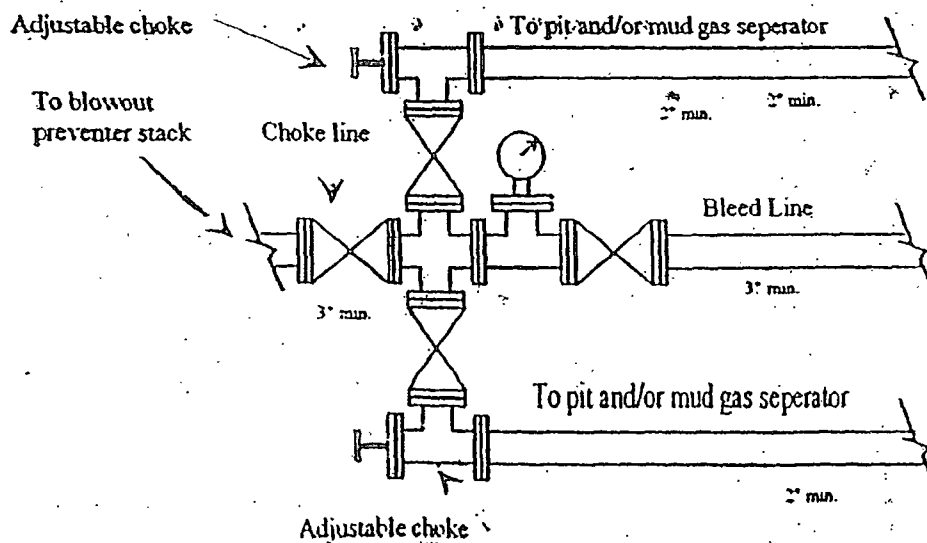
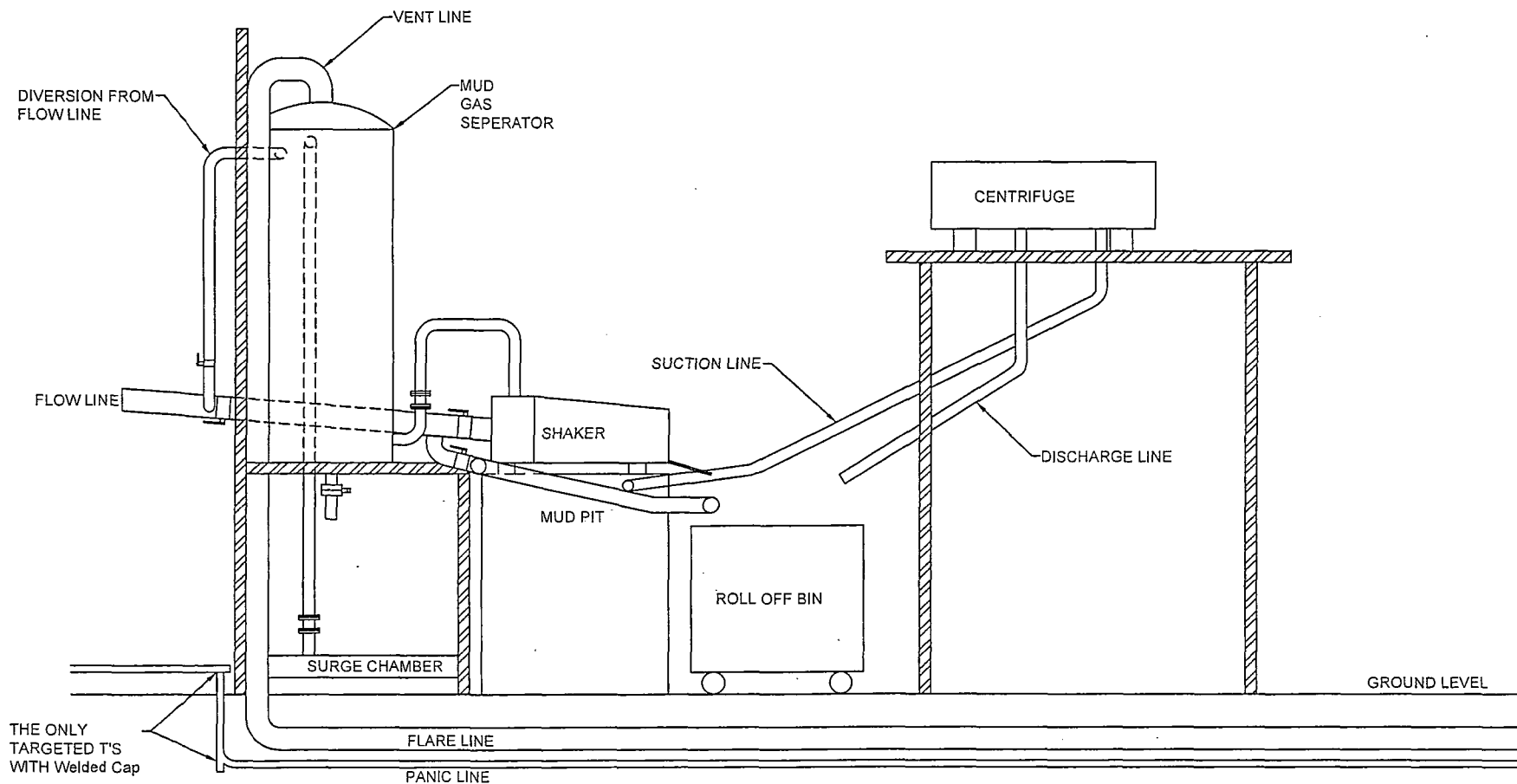


Exhibit D

# YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Piping from Choke Manifold  
to the Closed Loop Drilling Mud System



The flare discharge must be 100' from wellhead for non H<sub>2</sub>S wells and 150' from wellhead for wells expected to encounter H<sub>2</sub>S.

# Yates Petroleum Corporation

## Closed Loop System

### Equipment Design Plan

Closed Loop System will consist of:

1 – double panel shale shaker

1 – (minimum ) Centrifuge, certain wells and flow rates may require 2 centrifuges

On certain wells, the Centrifuge will be replaced by a Clackco Settling Tank System

1 – minimum centrifugal pump to transfer fluids

2- 500 bbl. FW Tanks

1 – 500 bbl. BW Tank

1 – half round frac tank – 250 bbl. capacity as necessary to catch cement / excess mud returns generated during a cement job.

1 Set of rail cars / catch bins

Certain wells will use an ASC Auger Tank

### Operation Plan

All equipment will be inspected at least hourly by rig personnel and daily by contractors' personnel.

Any spills / leaks will be reported to YPC, NMOCD, and cleaned up without delay.

### Closure Plan

Drilling with Closed Loop System, haul off bins will be taken to Gandy Marley, Lea Land Farm, CRI or Sundance Services Inc.

# Yates Petroleum Corporation

105 S. Fourth Street  
Artesia, NM 88210

## Hydrogen Sulfide ( $H_2S$ ) Contingency Plan

For

**Glow Worm ALX Federal #4H**

200' FNL, 990' FEL, Surface Location

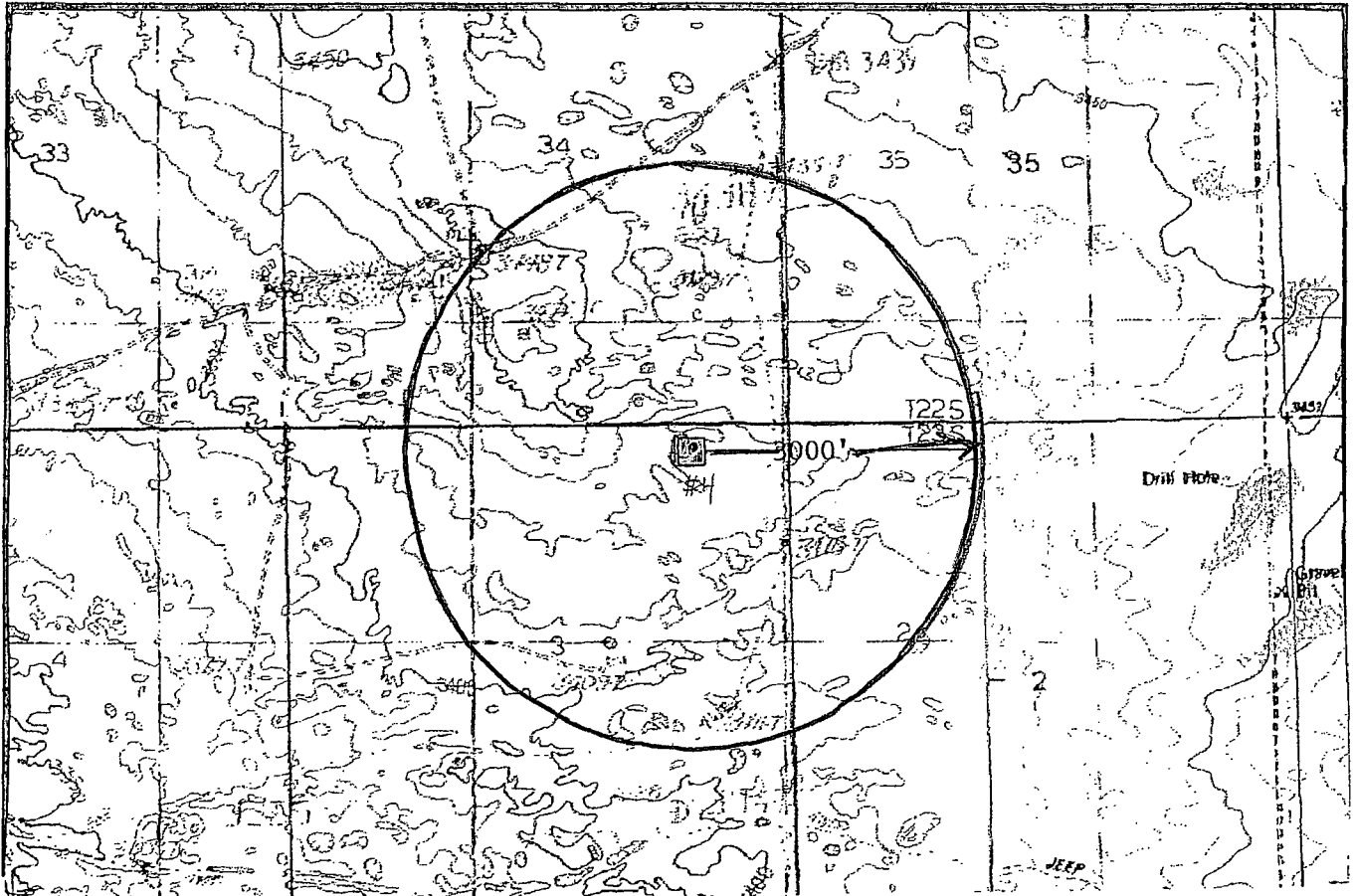
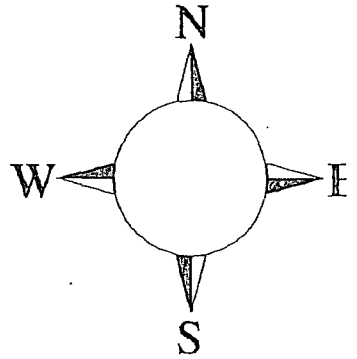
330' FSL, 990' FEL, Bottom Hole

Section 3, T-23S, R-31E

Eddy County NM

## Glow Worm ALX Federal #4H 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<sub>2</sub>S, 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<sub>2</sub>S, measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H<sub>2</sub>S 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<sub>2</sub>). 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<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	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
Pinson McWhorter/Operations Manager .....	(575) 748-4189
Wade Bennett/Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4236
LeeRoy Richards/Assistant Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4228
Mike Larkin/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**

#### **Eddy County (575)**

##### **Artesia**

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.....	748-1283

##### **Carlsbad**

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 .....	(575) 746-2757
B. J. Services.....	(575) 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

## Yates Petroleum Corporation

### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan

#### I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubular are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operation Plan and the H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan. **The location of this well does not require a Public Protection Plan.**

## **II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS**

NOTE: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H2S.

### **1. Well Control Equipment:**

- A. Flare line
- B. Choke manifold
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer & rotating head.

### **2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:**

- A. Mark II Survive Air (or equivalent) 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

### **3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:**

- A. 3 portable H2S monitors positioned at: Shale Shaker, Bell Nipple, and Rig Floor. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 10 PPM are reached.

### **4. Visual warning systems:**

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram (attached).
- B. Caution/Danger signs (attached) shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted with high visibility yellow with black lettering of a sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.

### **5. Mud program:**

- A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

### **6. Metallurgy:**

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H2S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S trim.

**7. Communication:**

- A. Cellular communications in company vehicles.
- B. Land line (telephone) communication at the Office.

**8. Well testing:**

- A. There will be no drill stem testing.

**EXHIBIT**

**DANGER**  
**POISONS GAS**  
**HYDROGEN SULFIDE**

**NORMAL OPERATIONS**  
(GREEN)

**CAUTION POTENTIAL DANGER**  
(YELLOW)

**DANGER POISONS GAS ENCOUNTERED**  
(RED) **AUTHORIZED PERSONAL ONLY.**  
**LOCATION SECURED.**  
**1-575-746-1096**  
**1-877-879-8899**

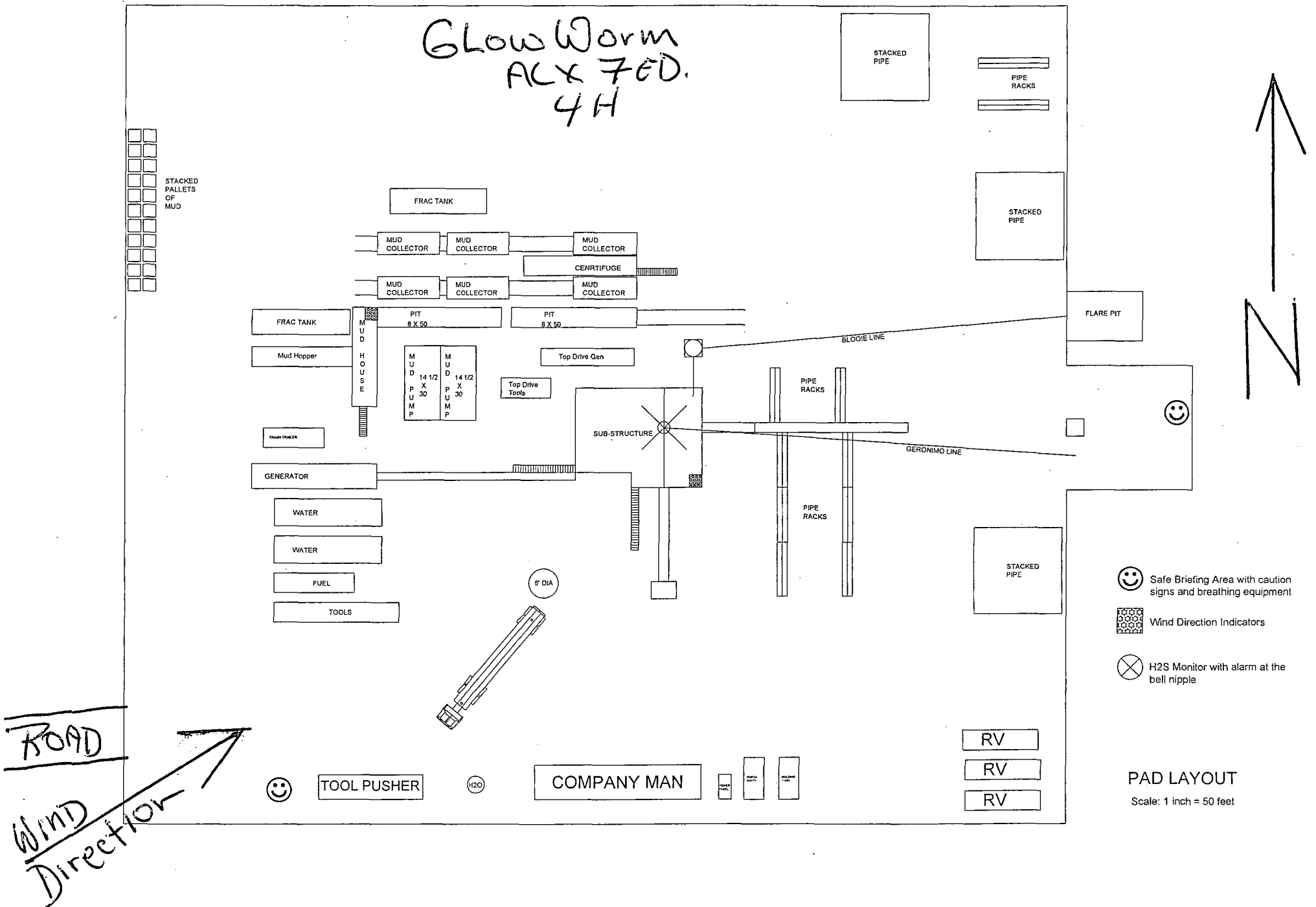
**EDDY COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

ARTESIA FIRE DEPT. 575-746-5050  
ARTESIA POLICE DEPT. 575-746-5000  
EDDY CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-746-9888

**LEA COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

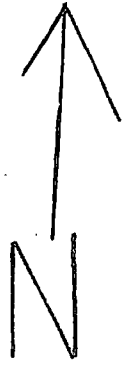
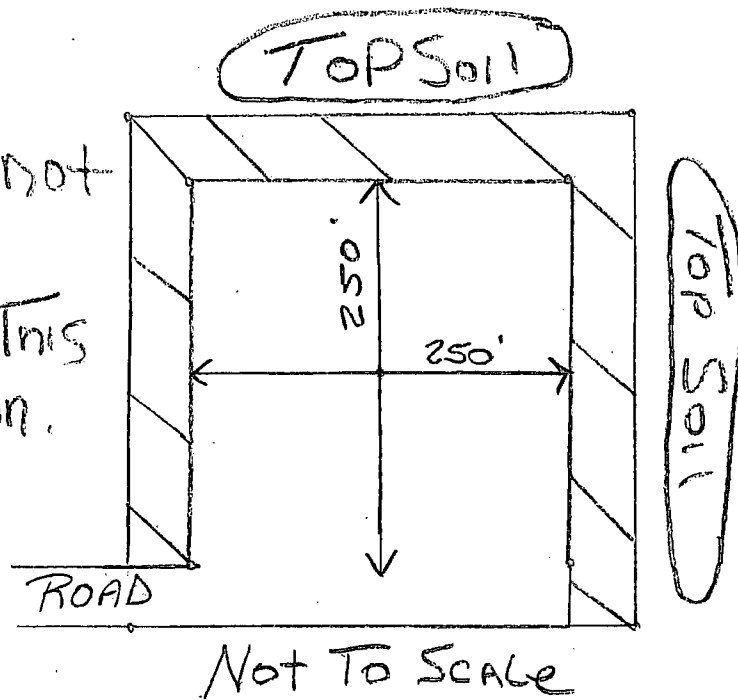
HOBBS FIRE DEPT. 575-397-9308  
HOBBS POLICE DEPT. 575-397-9285  
LEA CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-396-1196

# YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

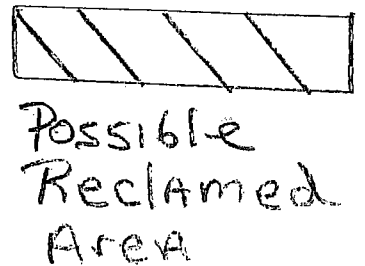


# Reclamation PLAT

There will not  
be A Tank  
Battery on This  
Location.



PLEASE Note:  
FINAL Reclamation  
MAY be different  
THAN THIS PLAT,



## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
LEASE NO.:	NM81953
WELL NAME & NO.:	4H-GLOW WORM ALX FEDERAL
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	0200'/N. & 0990'/E.
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	0330'/S. & 0990'/E.
LOCATION:	Section 3, T. 23 S., R. 31 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy 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.

Exhaust 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 Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-6235 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. TOPSOIL**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

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

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

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

### **E. 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.

### **F. 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 twenty (20) 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

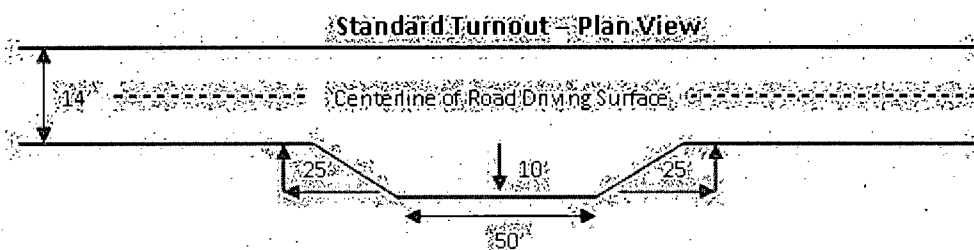
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### 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:

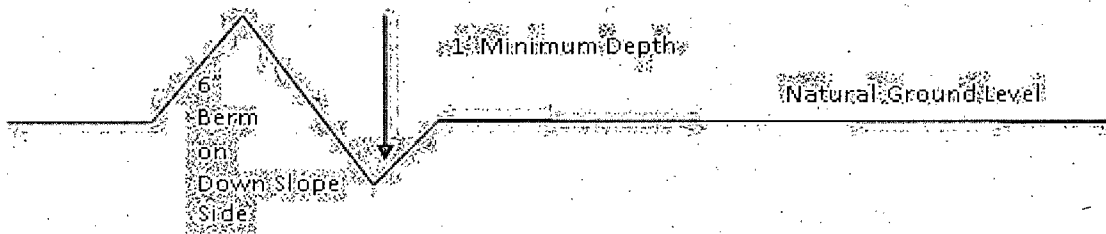


### Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping 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**

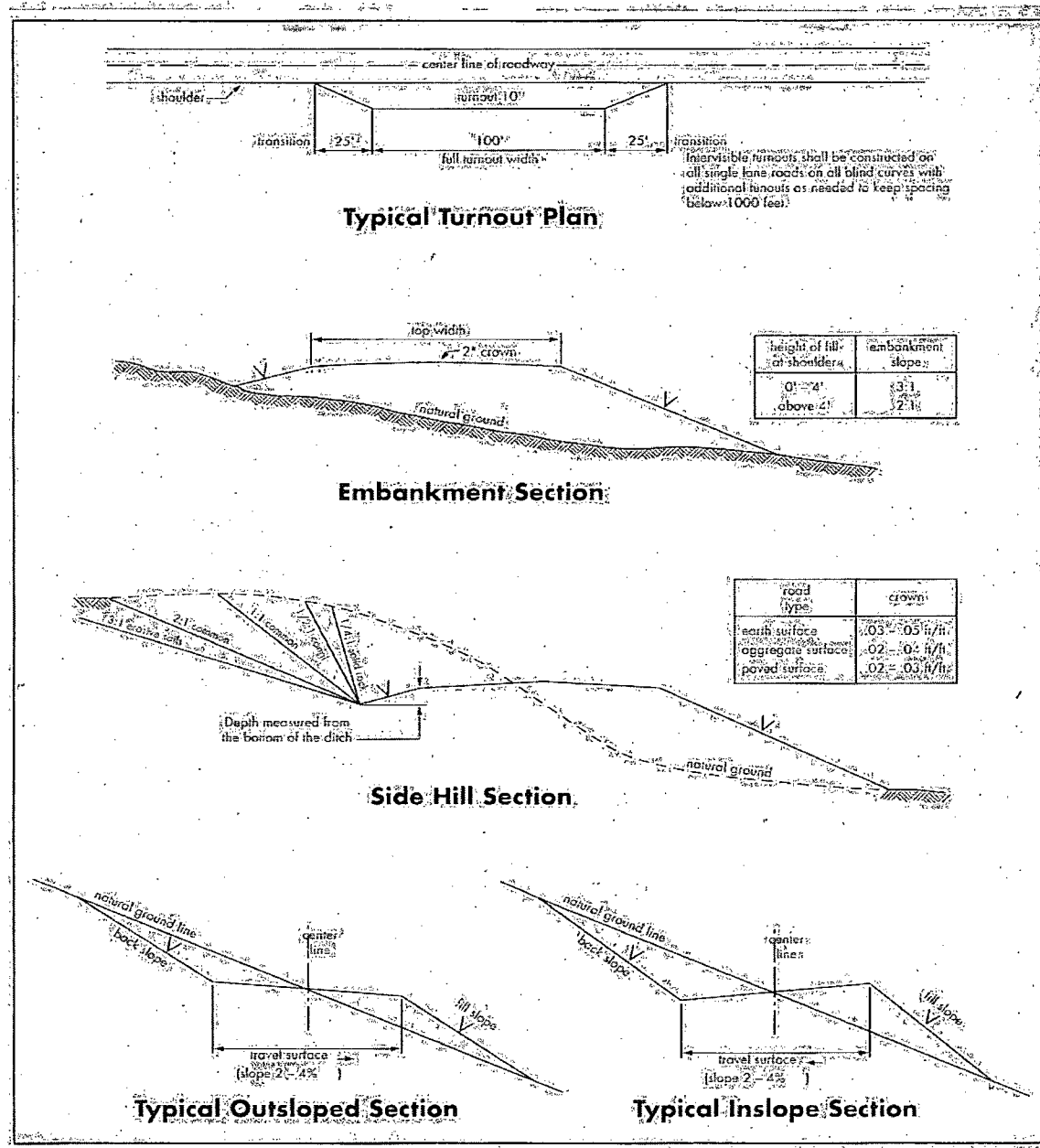
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

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

☒ **Eddy County**

Call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220,  
(575) 361-2822

1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the **Salado** 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. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
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 is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall 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 program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#).**

**Changes to the approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.).**

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

**Wait on cement (WOC) time prior to drilling out 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. DURING THIS WOC TIME, NO DRILL PIPE, ETC. SHALL BE RUN IN THE HOLE. 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.**

**R-111-P potash / WIPP**

**Possible lost circulation in the Delaware formation.**

**Possible water flows in the Salado, Castile and Delaware formations.**

1. The **13-3/8** inch surface casing shall be set at approximately **710** feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface.
  - 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 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 **9-5/8** inch intermediate casing is:  
(**Ensure casing is set below the salt at approximately 4275'**)

- ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above.  
**Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to potash.**

**Centralizers required on horizontal leg, must be type for horizontal service and a minimum of one every other joint.**

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5-1/2** inch production casing is:

- a. First stage to DV tool:

- ☒ Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job. Operator should have plans as to how they will achieve circulation on the next stage.  
**Additional cement will be required as excess cement calculates to 18%.**

- b. Second stage above DV tool:

- ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.

4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated 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.
5. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P potash area, the NMOCD requirements shall be followed.

### **C. PRESSURE CONTROL**

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 wait on cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section). Independent service company required.

3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In potash areas, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. For all casing strings, casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated at twelve hours after bumping the plug. However, **no tests** shall commence until the cement has had a minimum of 24 hours setup time.
  - b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**. The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to Onshore Order 2 with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing. Any test against the casing must meet the WOC time for water basin (18 hours) or potash (24 hours) or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater, prior to initiating the test (see casing segment as lead cement may be critical item).
  - c. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - d. All 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 will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.**
  - e. The BOP/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 and 30 minutes without a test plug.

#### **D. DRILL STEM TEST**

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

#### **E. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS**

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

## **F. WIPP Requirements**

The proposed well is located within 330' of the WIPP Land Withdrawal Area boundary. As a result, Yates Petroleum Corporation is required to submit daily drilling reports, logs and deviation survey information to the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Energy per requirements of the Joint Powers Agreement until a total vertical depth of 7,000 feet is reached. These reports will have at a minimum the rate of penetration and a clearly marked section showing the deviation for each 500 foot interval. Operator may be required to do more frequent deviation surveys based on the daily information submitted and may be required to take other corrective measures. Information from this well will be included in the Quarterly Drilling Report. Information will also be provided to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division after drilling activities have been completed. Upon completion of the well, the operator shall submit a complete directional survey. Any future entry into the well for purposes of completing additional drilling will require supplemental information.

Yates Petroleum Corporation can email the required information to Mr. Melvin Balderrama at [Melvin.Balderama@wipp.ws](mailto:Melvin.Balderama@wipp.ws) or Mr. J. Neatherlin at [Jimmy.Neatherlin@wipp.ws](mailto:Jimmy.Neatherlin@wipp.ws) fax to his attention at 575-234-6062.

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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 largest 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

### **B. PIPELINES**

#### **STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES**

**A copy of the APD and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.**

Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
2. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 as amended, 15 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the authorized officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
3. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the

release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq. or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, et seq.) on the Right-of-Way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to activity of the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder on the Right-of-Way. This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

4. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:

- a. Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- b. Activities of other parties including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Land clearing.
  - (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
  - (3) Blasting.
  - (4) Vandalism and sabotage.
- c. Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all damages resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

6. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way width of 20 feet.
7. No blading or clearing of any vegetation will be allowed unless approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.
8. The holder shall install the pipeline on the surface in such a manner that will minimize suspension of the pipeline across low areas in the terrain. In hummocky or dune areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather than suspended across these features.
9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of 24 inches under all roads, "two-tracks," and trails. Burial of the pipe will continue for 20 feet on each side of each crossing. The condition of the road, upon completion of construction, shall be returned to at least its former state with no bumps or dips remaining in the road surface.
10. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.
11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.
12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.
13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.
14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway.

15. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder 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 will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

**C. ELECTRIC LINES (not applied for in APD)**

## **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. Removed caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover 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 Wells, 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 LPC 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 within nine (9) months 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 raked 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

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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