

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

UNORTHODOX  
LOCATION

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0137  
Expires October 31, 2014

5. Lease Serial No. NM-100549		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name N/A	
7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No. N/A		8. Lease Name and Well No. Blast "BLA" Federal #3-H < 37020 >	
9. API Well No. 30-015-42147		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Undesignated 2nd Bone Spring < 64010 >	
11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area Section 21-T26S-R27E		12. County or Parish Eddy County	
13. State NM		14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office* Approximately 25 miles southwest of Malaga, NM.	
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 1040'		16. No. of acres in lease 1920 acres	
17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well N2N2, Sec. 21-T26S-R27E		18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 28'	
19. Proposed Depth TVD-7645 MD-12363'		20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file Nationwide Bond #NM-B000434 NMB000920	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3248' GL		22. Approximate date work will start* 01/09/2014	
23. Estimated duration 60 days		24. Attachments	

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, must be attached to this form:

- Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- A Drilling Plan.
- A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO, must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- Operator certification
- Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the BLM.

25. Signature 	Name (Printed/Typed) Cy Cowan	Date 11/11/13
Title Land Regulatory Agent	Approved by (Signature) ISI STEPHEN J. CAFFEY	Date MAR 4 2014
Title FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD 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 conduct operations thereon.  
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully 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.

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Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

Must be in compliance with NMOCD Rule 5.9 prior to transporting/selling product.

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Approval Subject to General Requirements & Special Stipulations Attached

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

MOCD ARTES

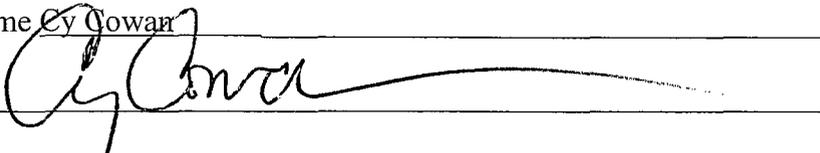
CERTIFICATION  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Blast "BLA" Federal #3-H  
1040' FNL & 13' FWL, SHL, Sec. 21-26S-27E  
400' FNL & 330' FEL, BHL, Sec. 21-26S-27E  
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 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

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

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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
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DISTRICT II  
811 S. First St., Artesia, NM 88210  
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DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
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DISTRICT IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Phone (505) 476-3460 Fax: (505) 476-3462

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

AMENDED REPORT

API Number <b>30-015-42147</b>	Pool Code <b>64010</b>	Pool Name <b>Welch</b> <del>Undesignated 2nd Bone Spring</del>
Property Code <b>37020</b>	Property Name <b>BLAST BLA FEDERAL</b>	Well Number <b>3H</b>
OGRID No. <b>025575</b>	Operator Name <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION</b>	Elevation <b>3248</b>

Surface Location

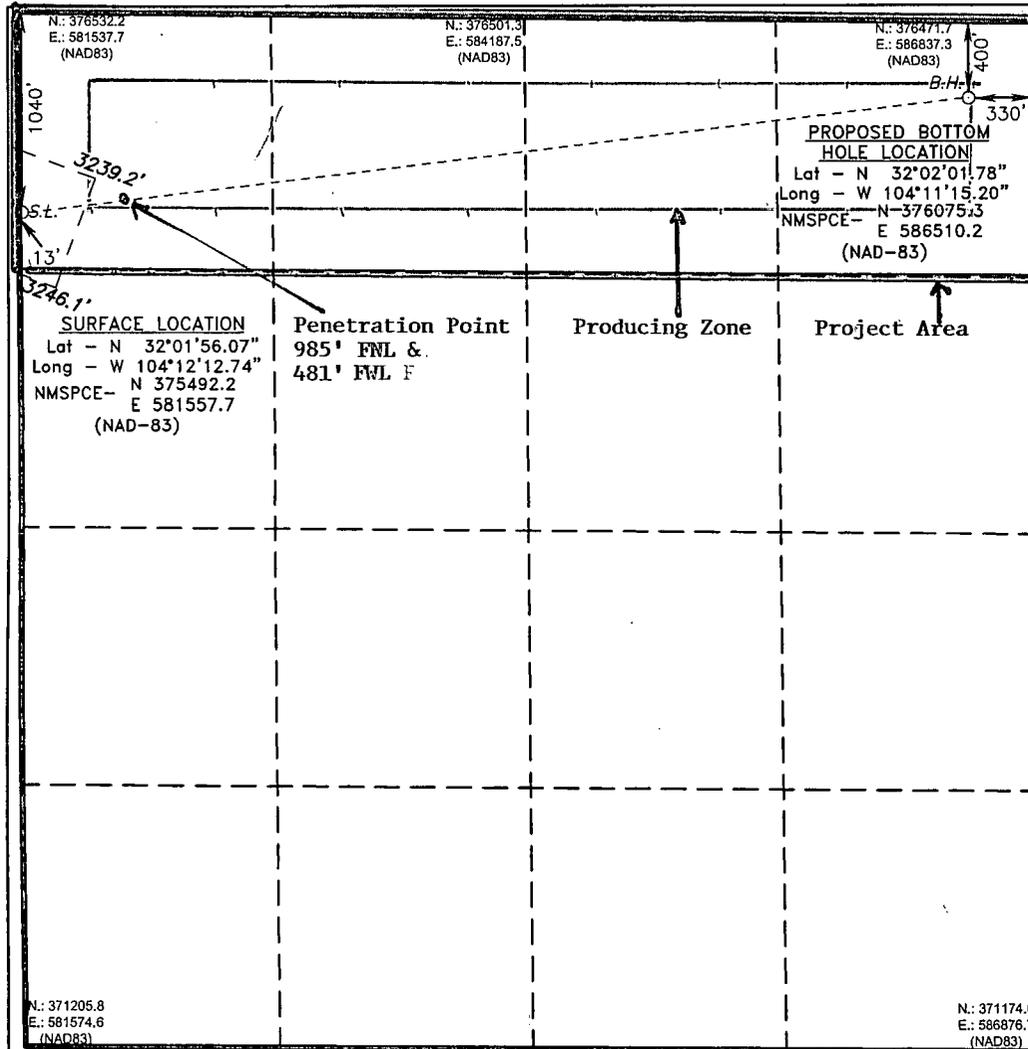
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
D	21	26 S	27 E		1040	NORTH	13	WEST	EDDY

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
A	21	26 S	27 E		400	NORTH	330	EAST	EDDY

Dedicated Acres	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
160			<b>12363</b> <b>3.4</b>

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



**OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

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 unEDDysed mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this 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.

*Cy Cowan* 10/11/13  
Signature Date

Cy Cowan  
Printed Name  
cy@yatespetroleum.com  
Email Address

**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION**

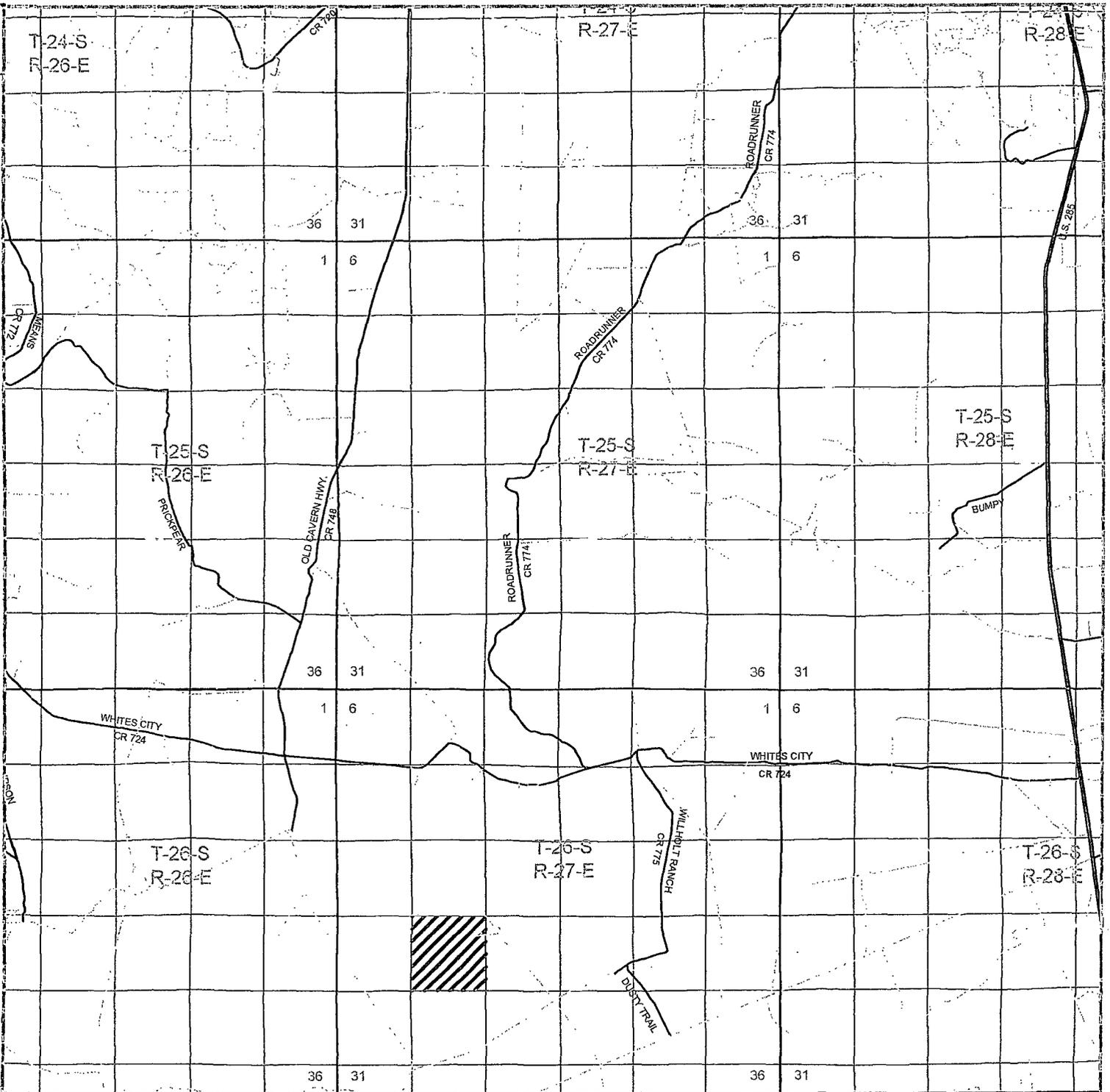
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

SEPTEMBER 2013  
Date Surveyed

*[Signature]*  
Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

7977  
Certificate No. Gary Jones 7977  
BASIN SURVEYS

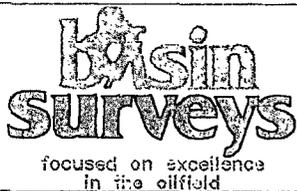
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WO Num.: 29210



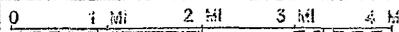
**BLAST BLA FEDERAL #3H**

Located 1040' FNL and 13' *FWL*

Section 21, Township 26 South, Range 27 East,  
N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.



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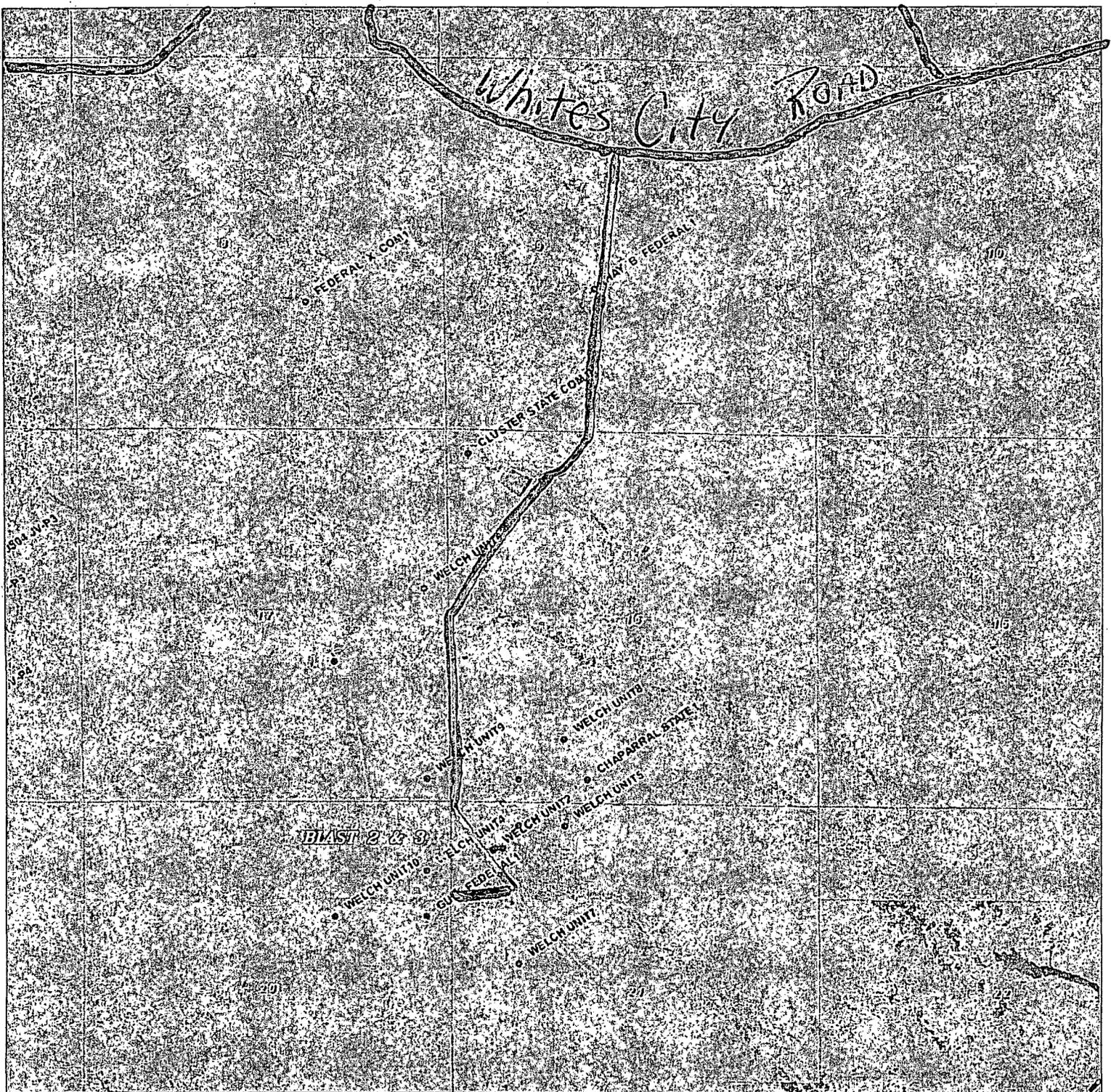
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W.O. Number: KAN 29210

Survey Date: 09-16-2013

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BLUE TINT - STATE LAND  
NATURAL COLOR - FFE LAND



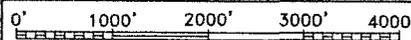


LEASE ROAD FROM BLAST BLA FEDERAL 2&3 TO WHITE CITY ROAD  
 Sections 21,16,&9, Township 26 South, Range 27 East,  
 N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Exhibit A



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SCALE: 1" = 2000'

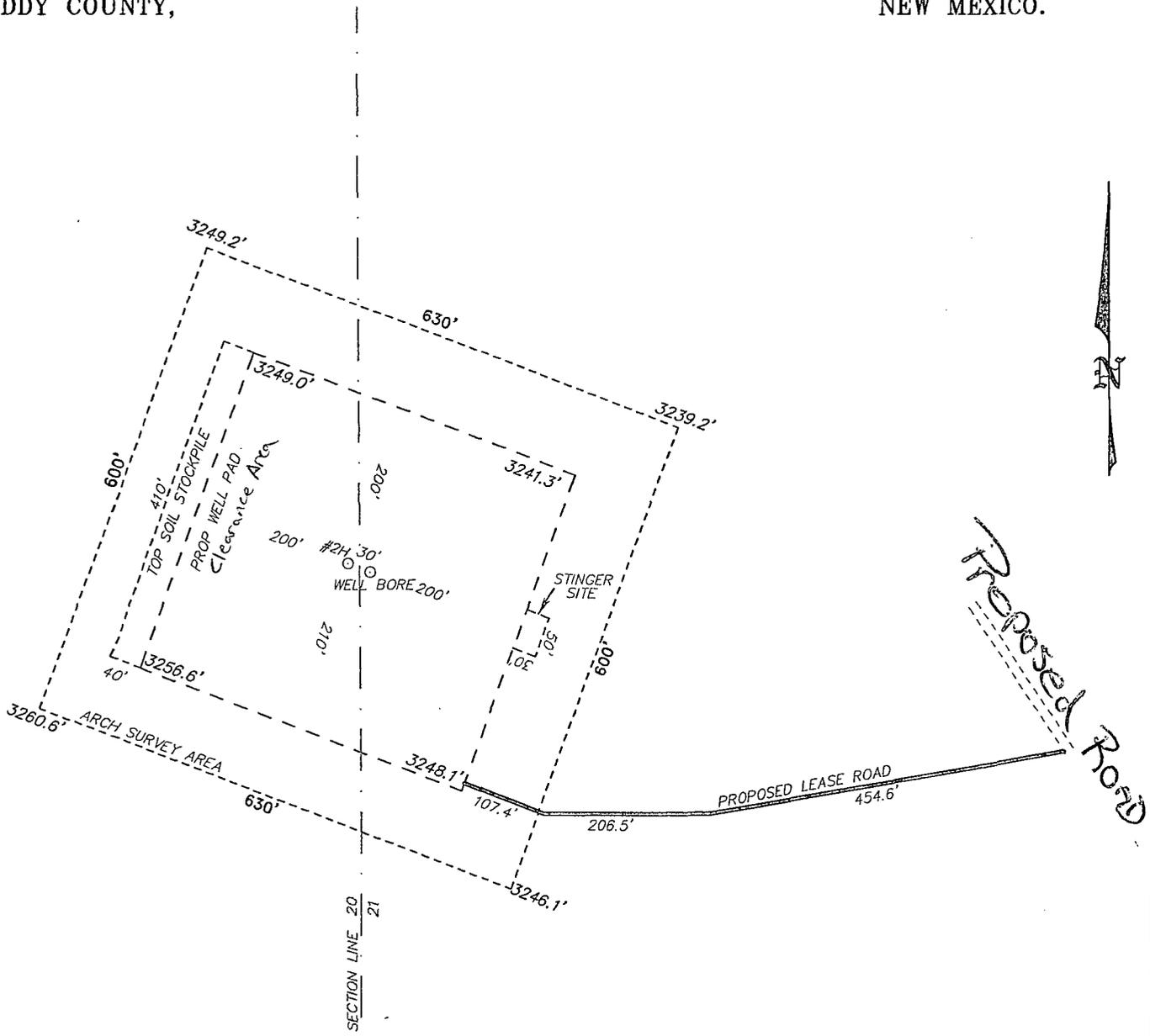
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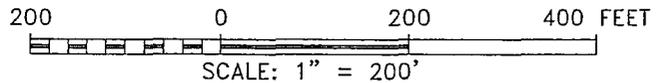


SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST. N.M.P.M.,  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
 BLAST BLA FEDERAL #3H  
 ELEV. - 3248'  
 Lat - N 32°01'56.07"  
 Long - W 104°12'12.74"  
 NMSPC- N 375492.2  
 E 581557.7  
 (NAD-83)

MALAGA, NM IS ±15 MILES TO THE NORTHEAST OF LOCATION.



Directions to Location:

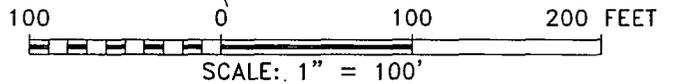
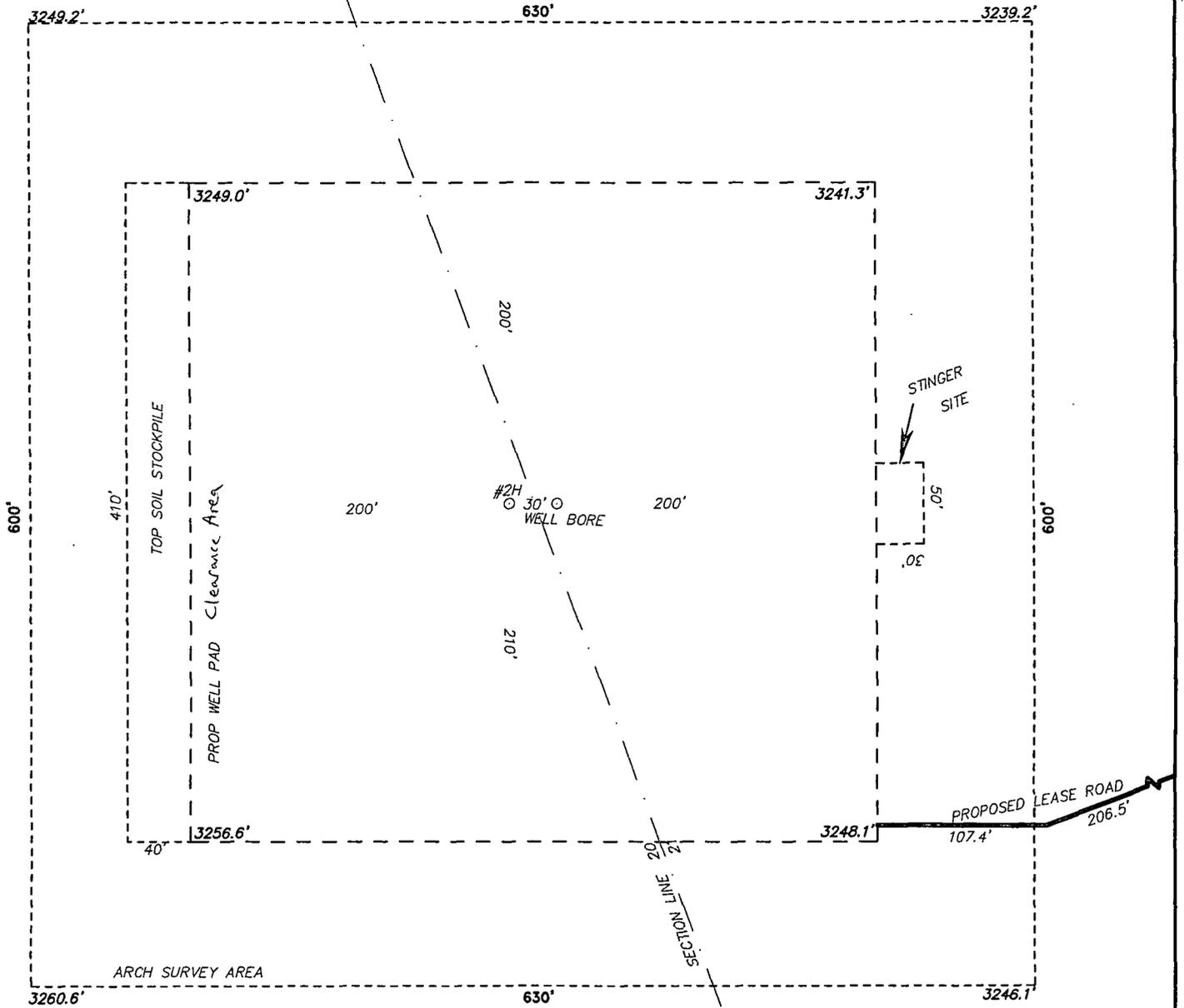
FROM HIGHWAY 285 AND WHITEHORN ROAD TURN  
 RIGHT 10.4 MILES TO PROPOSED LOCATION.



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REF: BLAST BLA FEDERAL #3H / WELL PAD TOPO
THE BLAST BLA FEDERAL #3H LOCATED 1040' FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 13' FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST. N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST. N.M.P.M.,  
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**GATES** PETROLEUM  
 CORPORATION

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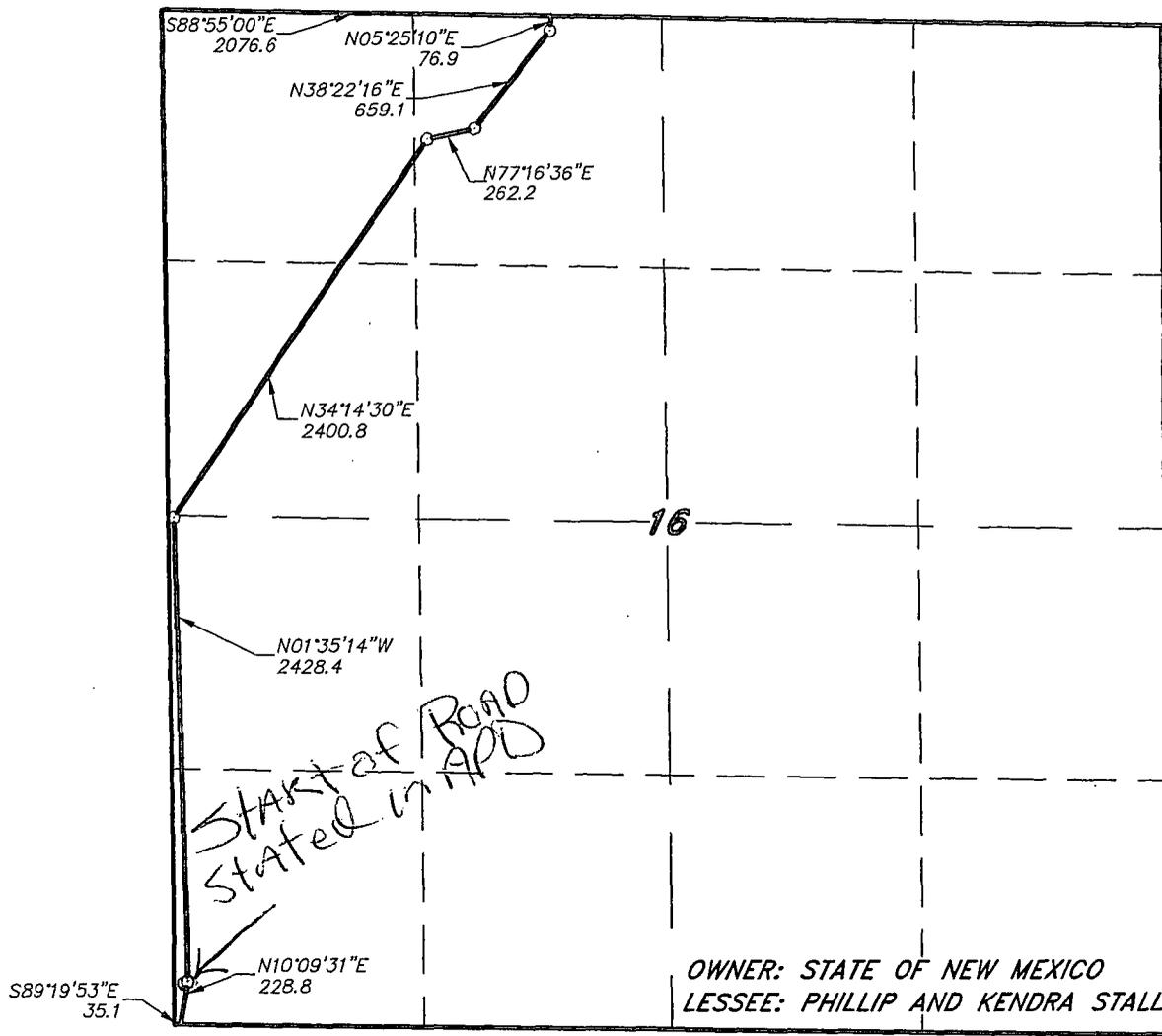
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SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
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START of ROAD  
stated in APD

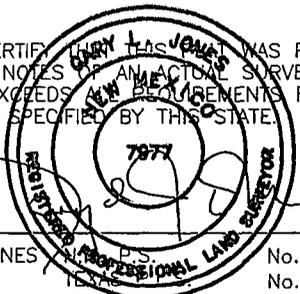
OWNER: STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
LESSEE: PHILLIP AND KENDRA STALL

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND 14.0 FEET WIDE, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING 7.0 FEET LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE SURVEY. BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH LIES S.89°19'53\"E., 35.1 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE N.10°09'31\"E., 228.8 FEET; THENCE N.01°35'14\"W., 2428.4 FEET; THENCE N.34°14'30\"E., 2400.8 FEET; THENCE N.77°16'36\"E., 262.2 FEET; THENCE N.38°22'16\"E., 659.1 FEET; THENCE N.05°25'10\"E., 76.9 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE WHICH LIES S.88°55'00\"E., 2076.6 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16. SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING 6056.2 FEET OR 367.04 RODS IN LENGTH AND CONTAINING 1.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING ALLOCATED BY FORTIES AS FOLLOWS:

SW/4 SW/4 = 80.76 RODS = 0.43 ACRES	NW/4 SW/4 = 81.31 RODS = 0.43 ACRES
SW/4 NW/4 = 96.50 RODS = 0.63 ACRES	NW/4 NW/4 = 40.99 RODS = 0.22 ACRES
NE/4 NW/4 = 67.48 RODS = 0.36 ACRES	

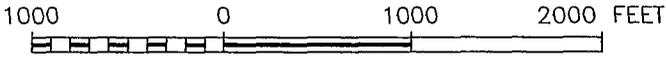
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No. 5074

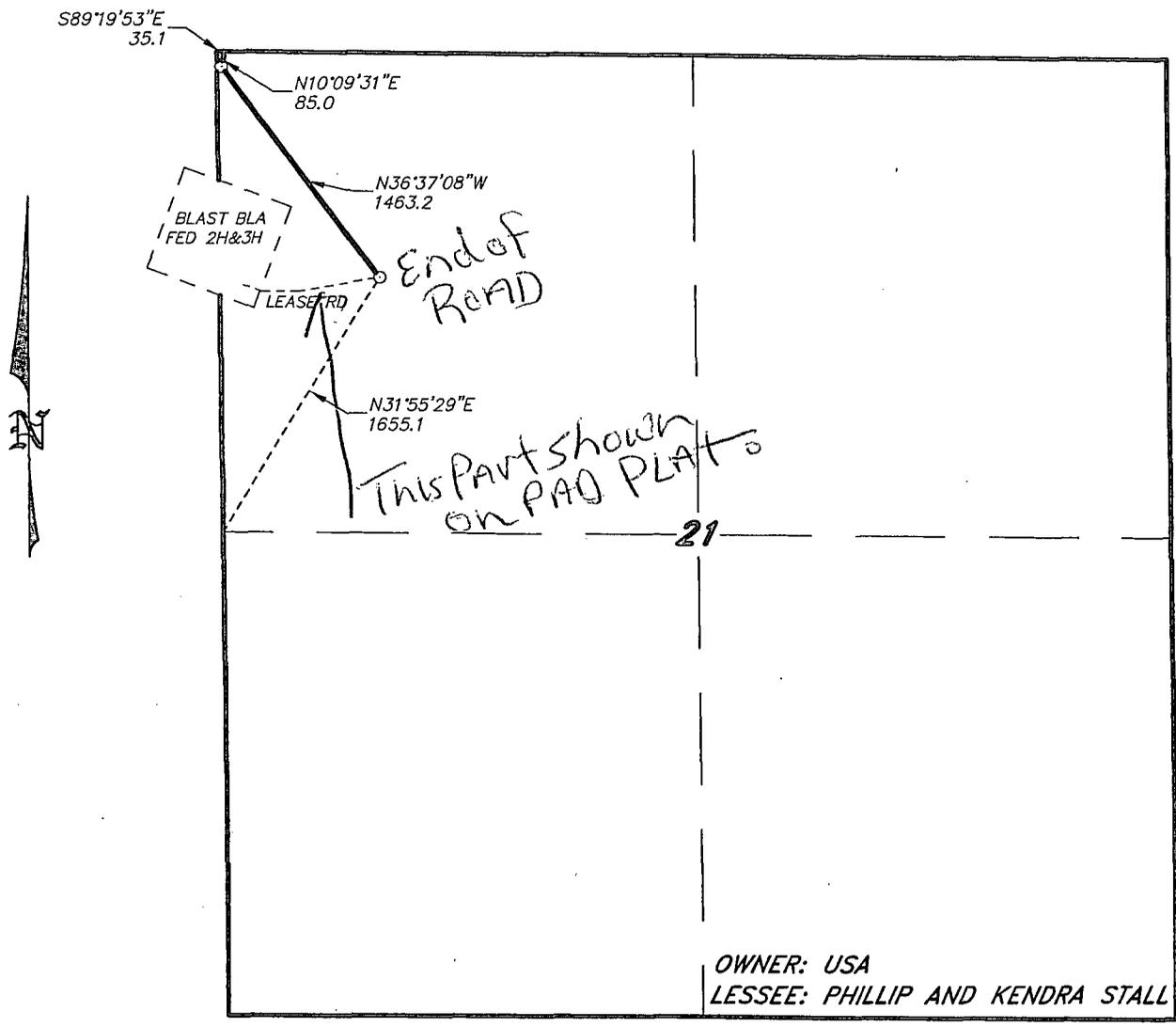


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<b>MATES</b> PETROLEUM CORPORATION
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A LEASE ROAD CROSSING STATE LAND IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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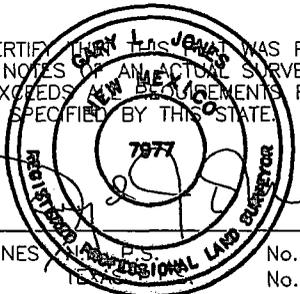
OWNER: USA  
 LESSEE: PHILLIP AND KENDRA STALL

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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SECTION 21 = 1548.2 FEET = 93.83 RODS = 0.29 MILES = 0.50 ACRES

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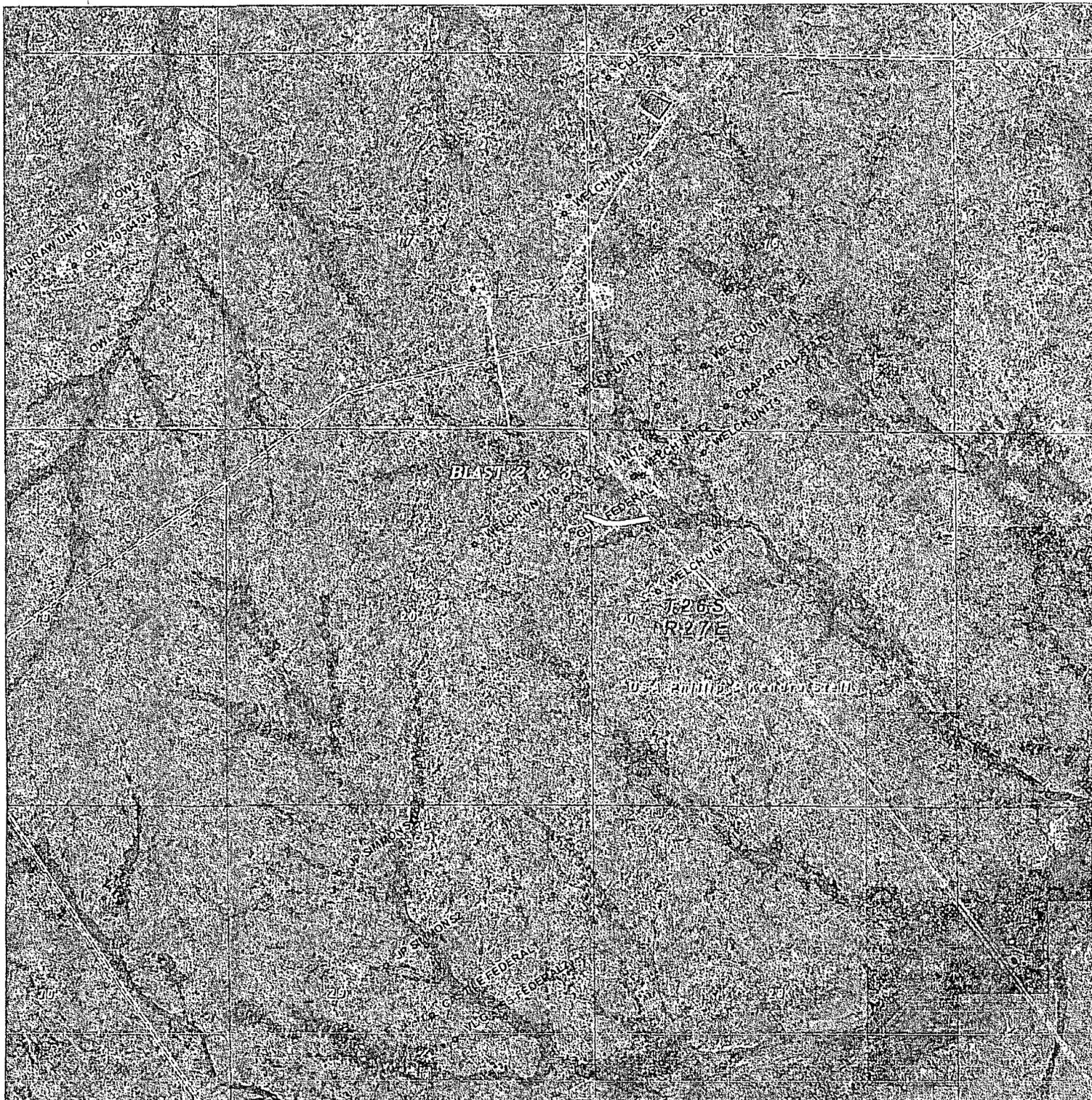
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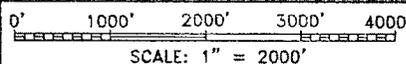
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**SWD PIPELINE TO BLAST BLA FEDERAL #2H&3H**  
**Section 20, Township 26 South, Range 27 East,**  
**N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.**



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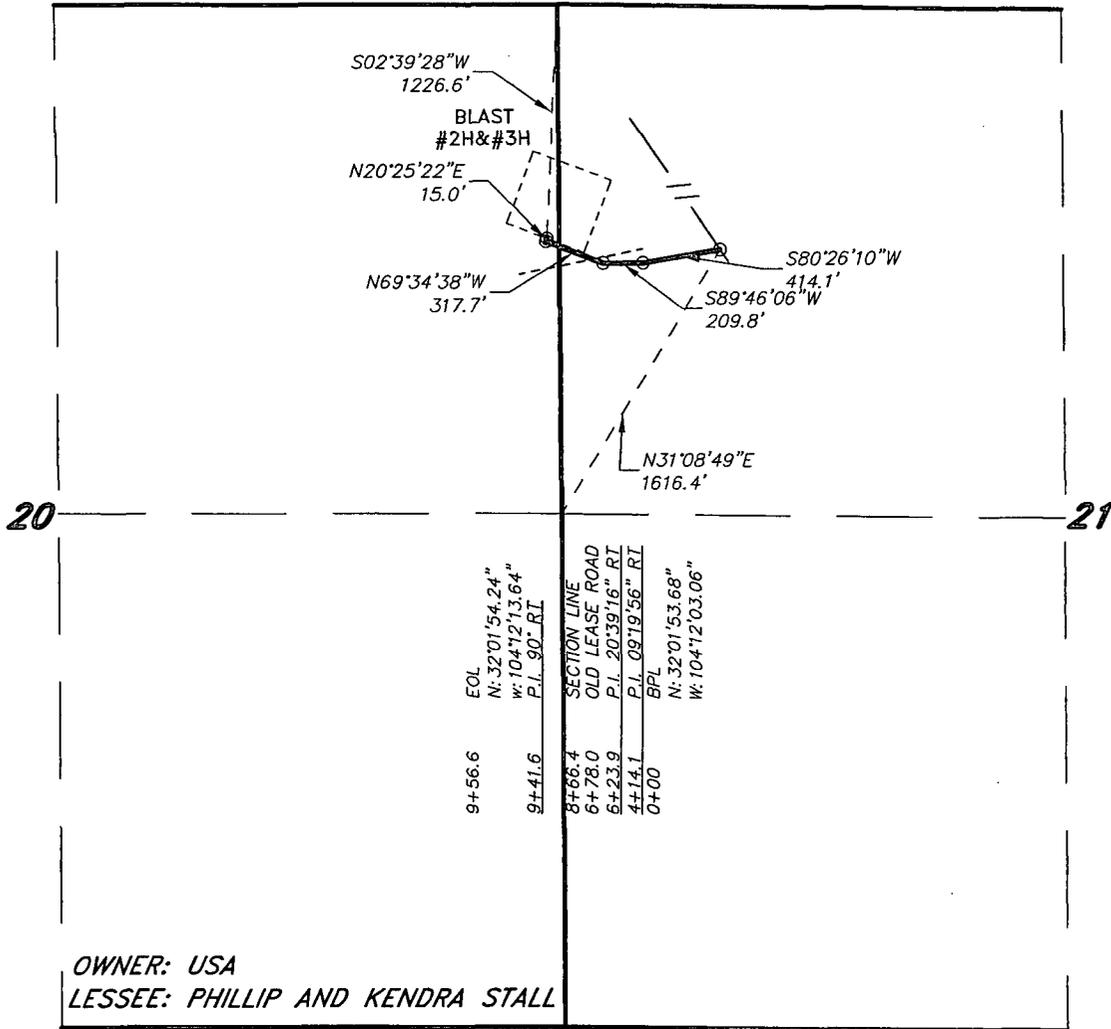
W.O. Number: KAN 29209

Survey Date: 09-16-2013

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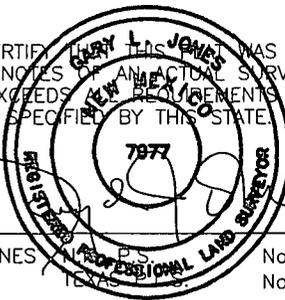
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 LESSEE: PHILLIP AND KENDRA STALL

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND 30.0 FEET WIDE, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 20&21, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
 LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING 15.0 FEET LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE ABOVE PLATTED CENTERLINE SURVEY.

SECTION 20 = 90.2 FEET = 5.47 RODS = 0.02 MILES = 0.06 ACRES  
 SECTION 21 = 866.4 FEET = 52.51 RODS = 0.16 MILES = 0.60 ACRES  
 TOTAL = 956.6 FEET = 57.98 RODS = 0.18 MILES = 0.66 ACRES

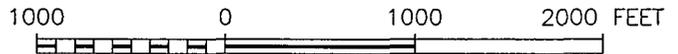
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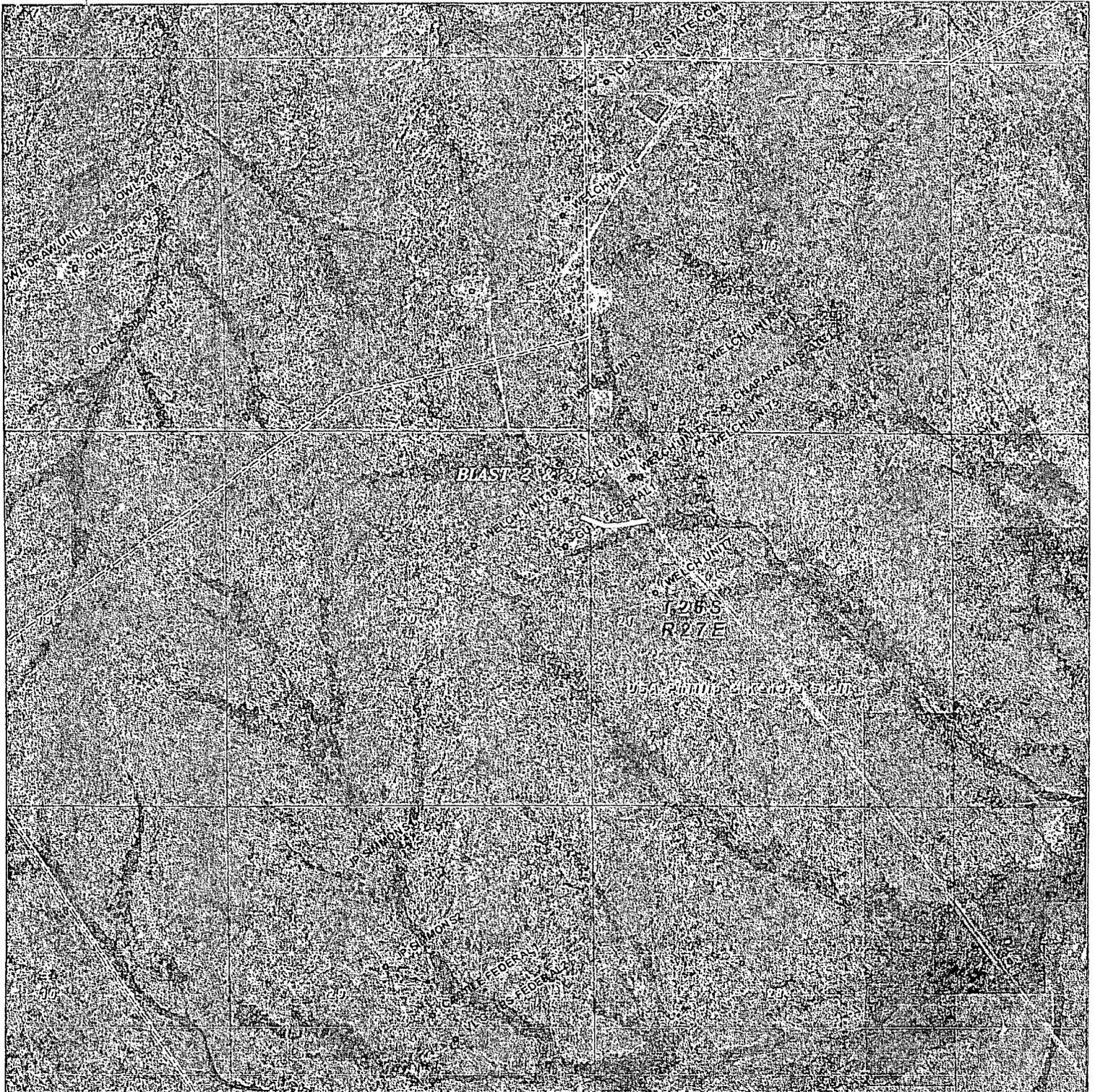
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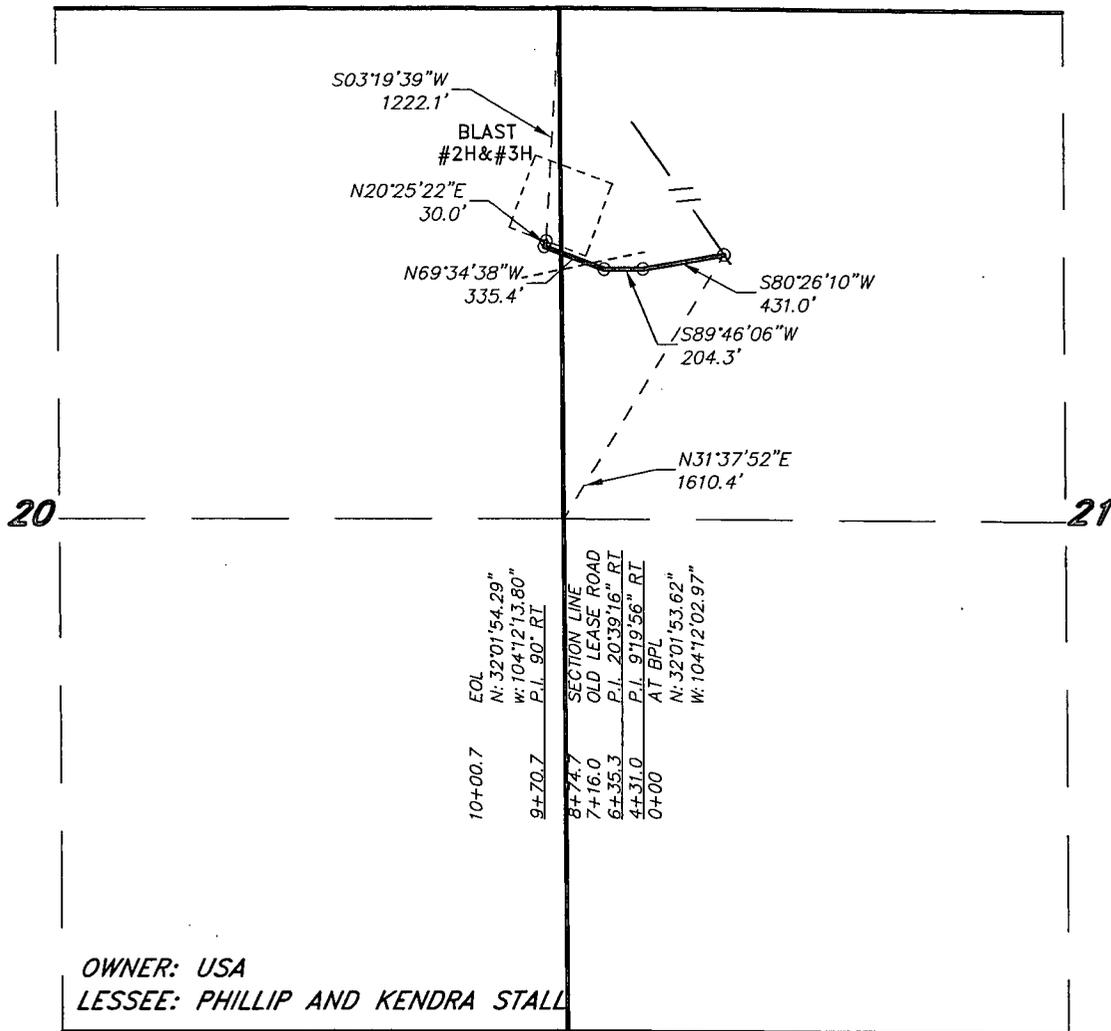
**GAS PIPELINE TO BLAST BLA FEDERAL #2H&3H**  
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0' 1000' 2000' 3000' 4000'  
 SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
 W.O. Number: KAN 29209  
 Survey Date: 09-16-2013  
 YELLOW TINT - USA LAND  
 BLUE TINT - STATE LAND  
 NATURAL COLOR - USA LAND

  
**GATES**  
 PETROLEUM  
 CORPORATION

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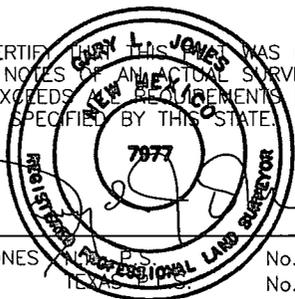
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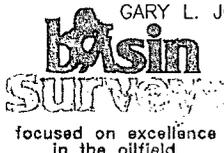
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SECTION 20 = 126.0 FEET = 7.64 RODS = 0.03 MILES = 0.09 ACRES  
 SECTION 21 = 874.7 FEET = 53.01 RODS = 0.16 MILES = 0.60 ACRES  
 TOTAL = 1000.7 FEET = 60.65 RODS = 0.19 MILES = 0.69 ACRES

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



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Chesapeake  
5-1-2017  
118108  
775.00

Pioneer Nat. Res. 1/2  
Circle DMD  
12-1-2006  
97871  
50.00

Chesapeake  
11-1-2018  
121473  
1200.00

Cities Serv.  
Fed.  
TD 12,900  
D/A 5-10-89

Marine Pet.  
Hay Fed  
On Spr. Disc.

Exhibit D  
10 #3H

U.S.

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U.S.

Yates Pet. etal  
3-1-2008 HQ?  
100549  
15.00

COGOBG  
5-1-2010  
V-7397  
106.25

D.J. Schutz  
5-1-2010  
V-7385  
328.92

Chesapeake  
11-1-2018  
121473  
1200.00

Pan Am.  
Watch Unit  
TD 2300

1-BLA  
2.1 Mil.

J.M.C. Ritchie  
Watch Unit  
TD 2280

State

1 mile

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Yates Pet. etal  
3-1-2008  
100549  
15.00 HQ?

Yates Pet.  
Watch Unit  
El Paso  
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El Paso  
Watch Unit  
Yates Pet. etal  
3-1-2008  
100549

Yates Drig, etal  
11-1-2015  
114971  
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Pan Am.  
Watch Unit  
TD 2227

J.M.C. Ritchie  
Watch Unit  
TD 2101

Manzanita  
9-28-2013  
Premier

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9-28-2013  
Premier

Dale Willhoit (S)  
Mario Welch, etal  
Joy Lock, Est.

Dale Willhoit (S)  
Chalfo  
9-28-2  
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U.S.

Chesapeake  
1-18-2013

Dale Willhoit (S)  
E.L. Latham, etal  
Joy Lock, Est.

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Mrs. D.  
Welch  
J. Lock

Weatherford  
Simmons  
TD 1019

Dyad Assoc.  
Castile-Fed

Weatherford  
Simmons  
TD 2088  
D/A 12-30-88

B. Jones  
Gates Fed  
Castile Disc

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& Gates Fed  
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**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

**Blast "BLA" Federal #3H**  
 1040' FNL & 13' FWL, Surface  
 400' FNL & 330' FEL, Bottom  
 Section 21-T26S-R27  
 Eddy County, New Mexico

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

Castile/LM/SD	349'	Bone Spring	5651'	
Top of Salt	1289'	Avalon Shale	5841'--Oil	
Base of Salt	1945'	Bone Spring 1/SD/	6621'--Oil	
Lamar	2087'	Kick Off Point	7104'	
Bell Canyon	2129'--Oil	Bone Spring 2/SD/	7362'--Oil	7347' TVD
Cherry Canyon	2943'--Oil	Bone Spring 2 Target	7847'--Oil	7582' TVD
Manzanita Marker	3077'	TD EOL	12363'	7645' TVD
Brushy Canyon	4103'--Oil			

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

Water: Approx 35'

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" and a 5000# BOP with a minimum opening of 11.0 opening on the 9 5/8" casing. A variance is requested for the use of a flex hose between the well head and manifold if Cactus Rig #124 is used to drill this well. Test will be conducted by an independent tester, utilizing a test plug in the well head. 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 on each segment of the system tested if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. Blind rams and pipe rams will be tested to the rated pressure of the BOP. Any leaks will be repaired at the time of the test. Annular preventers will be tested to 50% of rated pressure. Accumulator system will be inspected for correct pre charge pressures, and proper functionality, prior to connection to the BOP system. Tests 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.

*See COA*

**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)

*See COA*

HOLE SIZE	CASING SIZE	WT./FT.	GRADE	COUPLING	INTERVAL	LENGTH
17.5"	13.374"	48#	H-40/J-55 Hybrid	ST&C	0'-400'	400'
12.25"	9.625"	36#	J-55	LT&C	0'-2200' <i>2052</i>	2200'
8.75"	5.5"	17#	P-110	Buttress	0'-7847'	7847'
8.5"	5.5"	17#	P-110	Buttress	7847'-12363'	4516'

This well will be drilled vertically to 7104'. At 7104' the well will be kicked off and directionally drilled at 12 degrees per 100' with an 8 3/4" hole to 7847' MD (7582' TVD). Hole size will then be reduced to 8 1/2" and drilled to 12363' MD (7645' TVD) where 5 1/2" casing will be set and cemented 500' into intermediate casing with a DV/Stage Packer Tools at approximately 7100' and 4100'. Penetration point of producing zone will be encountered at 985' FNL & 481' FEL of section 21-26S-27E. The deepest TVD in well is 7645' in the lateral.

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

**B. Cementing Program:**

Surface casing from 0' to 400': TOC surface; 425 sack Class "C" with CaCl<sub>2</sub> 2% (WT 14.80 YLD 1.34 WTR. 6.20 gal/sack); Cement designed with 100% excess.

Intermediate Casing 0' to 2200': TOC surface. 560 sack 35:65:6PzC (WT 12.60 YLD 2.00 WTR. 11.0 gal/sack); Tail in w/ 200 sack Class "C" + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt. 14.80 Yld.1.34 WTR. 6.2 gal/sack). Cement designed with 100% excess.

Production Casing will be done in three stages with DV Tools at 7100', and 4100':

Stage I 12363' to 7100': TOC 7100', Lead in with 910 sack of Pecos Valley Lite with D112 fluid loss 0.4%, D151-Calcium Carbonate 22.5 lbs/sack, D174-Extender 2.5 lb/sack, D177-Retarder 0.01 lb/sack, D800-Retarder 0.6 lb/sack, D046-antifoam agent 0.15 lb/sack (Wt 13.00 Yld. 1.82 Wtr. 9.3 gal/sack). Cement designed with 35% excess.

Stage II 7100' to 4100': TOC 4100'. Lead with 375 sx 35:65:6PzC (Wt. 12.5 Yld. 2.00 Wtr. 11.0 gal/sack ). Tail in with 205 sacks of Class C w/2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt 14.80 Yld. 1.34 Wtr 6.2 gal/sack). Cement designed with 35% excess.

Stage III 4100' to 1700': TOC 1700'. Lead in with 275 sacks 35:65:6PzC (Wt. 12.50 Yld. 2.00 Wtr. 11.00 gal/sack). Tail in with 200 sack Class C with 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt. 14.80 Yld. 1.34 Wtr. 6.20 gal/sack). Cement designed with 35% excess.

*See COA*

*See COA*

*See COA*

**5. Mud Program and Auxiliary Equipment:**

INTERVAL	TYPE	WEIGHT	VISCOSITY	FLUID LOSS
0'-400'	Fresh Water	8.60-9.20	32-34	N/C
400'-2200'	Brine Water	10.00-10.20	28-29	N/C
2200'-12363'	Cut Brine	8.80-9.20	28-32	N/C

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. The slow pump speed will be recorded on the daily drilling report after mudding up. A mud test will be performed every 24 hours after mudding up to determine, as applicable, viscosity, gel strength, filtration and pH. After surface casing is set an electronic PVT system will be installed as our primary mud level monitoring system. A secondary system will also be implemented as to insure the PVT system is functioning properly. The secondary system will be comprised of the derrick hand visually checking the fluid level in the pits periodically using a nut on the end of a rope hanging just above the fluid level in the pit.

**6. EVALUATION PROGRAM:**

Samples: 30' samples to 2200'; 10' samples 2200'-TD.

Logging: Gamma-Ray/Neutron, 30 degree deviation to surface. Neutron Density, 30 degree deviation to intermediate casing. Laterolog, 30 degree deviation to intermediate casing. CMR, 30 degree deviation to intermediate casing. Horizontal-MWD-GR.

Coring: None Anticipated.  
DST's: As warranted.  
Mudlogger on from surface casing to TD.

H2S is not anticipated.

**7. Abnormal Conditions, Bottom hole pressure and potential hazards:**

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0	TO: 400'	Anticipated Max.	BHP: 191	PSI
From: 400'	TO: 2200'	Anticipated Max.	BHP: 1167	PSI
From: 2200'	TO: 7645'	Anticipated Max.	BHP: 3657	PSI

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: None.

H2S Zones Anticipated: None

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 160 F

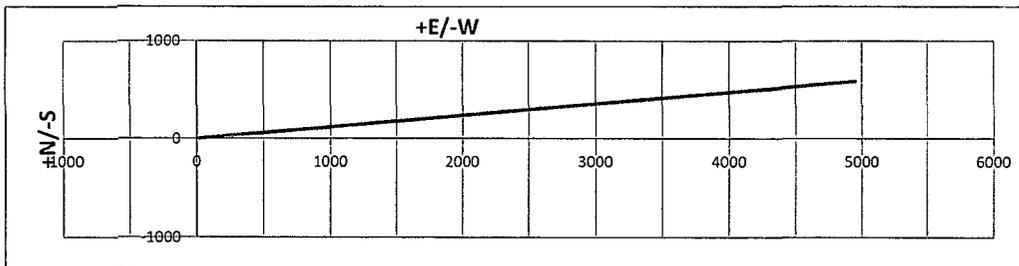
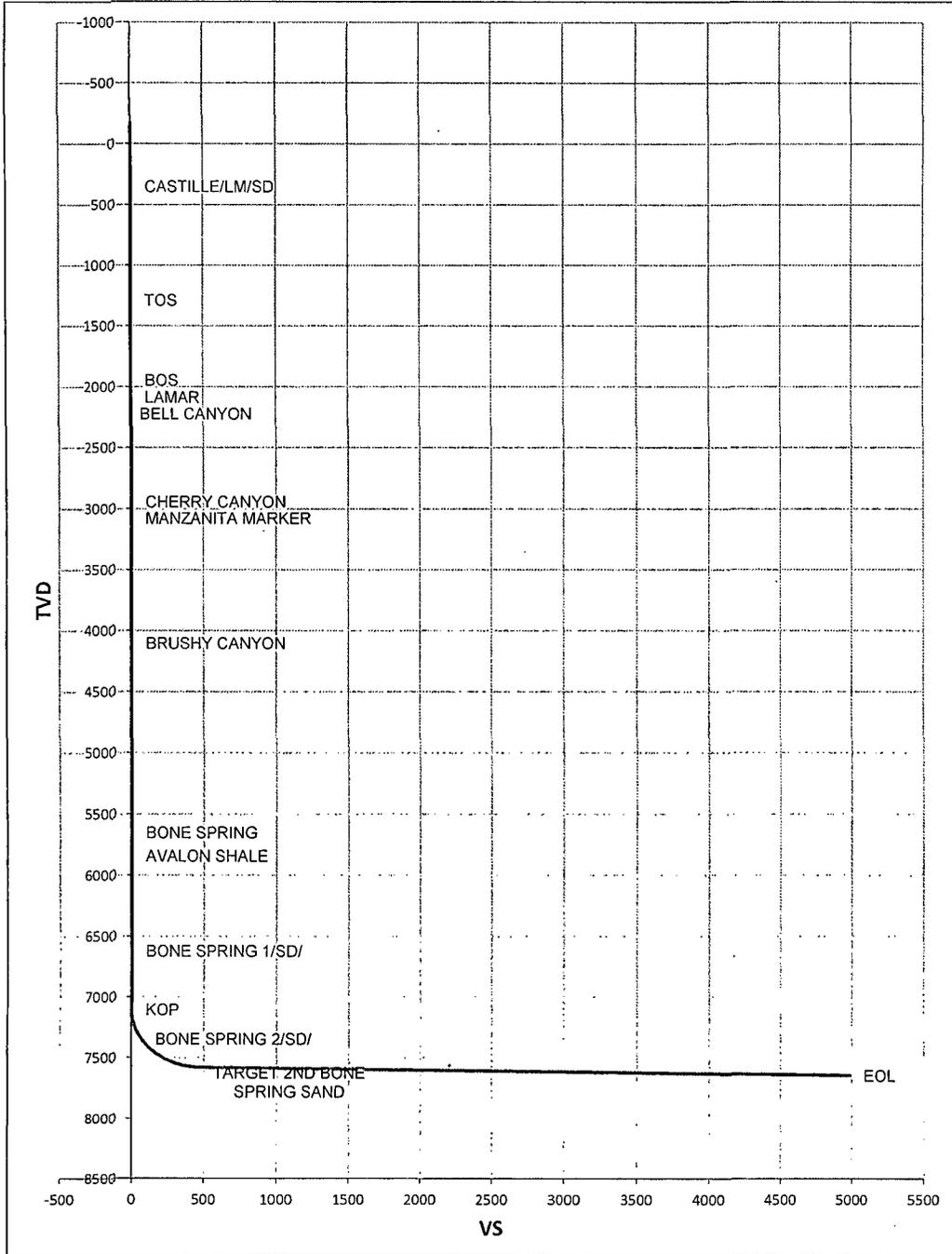
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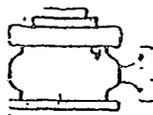
Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 60 days to drill the well with completion taking another 30 days.

<b>Well Name:</b>	Blast BLA Federal #3H	<b>Tgt N-S:</b>	583.10	<b>EOC TVD/MD:</b>	7581.61 / 7847.49
<b>Surface Location:</b>	Section 21 , Township 26S Range 27E	<b>Tgt E-W:</b>	4952.50	<b>VS:</b>	4986.71
<b>Bottom Hole Location:</b>	Section 21 , Township 26S Range 27E	<b>VS Az:</b>	83.28	<b>EOL TVD/MD:</b>	7645.00 / 12363.43

MD	Inc.	Azi.	TVD	N/S	E/W	VS	DLS	Comments
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
349.00	0.00	0.00	349.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	CASTILLE/LM/SD
1289.00	0.00	0.00	1289.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	TOS
1945.00	0.00	0.00	1945.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BOS
2087.00	0.00	0.00	2087.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	LAMAR
2129.00	0.00	0.00	2129.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BELL CANYON
2943.00	0.00	0.00	2943.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	CHERRY CANYON
3077.00	0.00	0.00	3077.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	MANZANITA MARKER
4103.00	0.00	0.00	4103.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BRUSHY CANYON
5651.00	0.00	0.00	5651.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BONE SPRING
5841.00	0.00	0.00	5841.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	AVALON SHALE
6621.00	0.00	0.00	6621.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BONE SPRING 1/SD/
7104.19	0.00	0.00	7104.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	KOP
7125.00	2.50	83.28	7124.99	0.05	0.45	0.45	12.00	
7150.00	5.50	83.28	7149.93	0.26	2.18	2.20	12.00	
7175.00	8.50	83.28	7174.74	0.61	5.21	5.24	12.00	
7200.00	11.50	83.28	7199.36	1.12	9.51	9.58	12.00	
7225.00	14.50	83.28	7223.72	1.78	15.10	15.20	12.00	
7250.00	17.50	83.28	7247.74	2.58	21.94	22.09	12.00	
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7300.00	23.50	83.28	7294.56	4.63	39.32	39.59	12.00	
7325.00	26.50	83.28	7317.21	5.86	49.81	50.15	12.00	
7350.00	29.50	83.28	7339.28	7.24	61.46	61.89	12.00	
7358.91	30.56	83.28	7347.00	7.76	65.89	66.34	12.00	BONE SPRING 2/SD/
7375.00	32.50	83.28	7360.71	8.74	74.25	74.76	12.00	
7400.00	35.50	83.28	7381.44	10.38	88.13	88.74	12.00	
7425.00	38.50	83.28	7401.40	12.14	103.07	103.78	12.00	
7450.00	41.50	83.28	7420.55	14.01	119.03	119.85	12.00	
7475.00	44.50	83.28	7438.83	16.01	135.96	136.90	12.00	
7500.00	47.50	83.28	7456.20	18.11	153.81	154.88	12.00	
7525.00	50.50	83.28	7472.60	20.32	172.55	173.74	12.00	
7550.00	53.50	83.28	7487.99	22.62	192.11	193.44	12.00	
7575.00	56.50	83.28	7502.33	25.01	212.45	213.91	12.00	
7600.00	59.50	83.28	7515.58	27.49	233.50	235.11	12.00	
7625.00	62.50	83.28	7527.70	30.05	255.21	256.97	12.00	
7650.00	65.50	83.28	7538.66	32.68	277.52	279.44	12.00	
7675.00	68.50	83.28	7548.42	35.37	300.38	302.45	12.00	
7700.00	71.50	83.28	7556.97	38.11	323.70	325.94	12.00	
7725.00	74.50	83.28	7564.28	40.91	347.45	349.84	12.00	
7750.00	77.50	83.28	7570.33	43.74	371.53	374.10	12.00	
7775.00	80.50	83.28	7575.10	46.61	395.90	398.64	12.00	
7800.00	83.50	83.28	7578.58	49.51	420.49	423.39	12.00	
7825.00	86.50	83.28	7580.76	52.42	445.22	448.29	12.00	
7847.49	89.20	83.28	7581.61	55.05	467.53	470.76	12.00	TARGET 2ND BONE SPRING SAND
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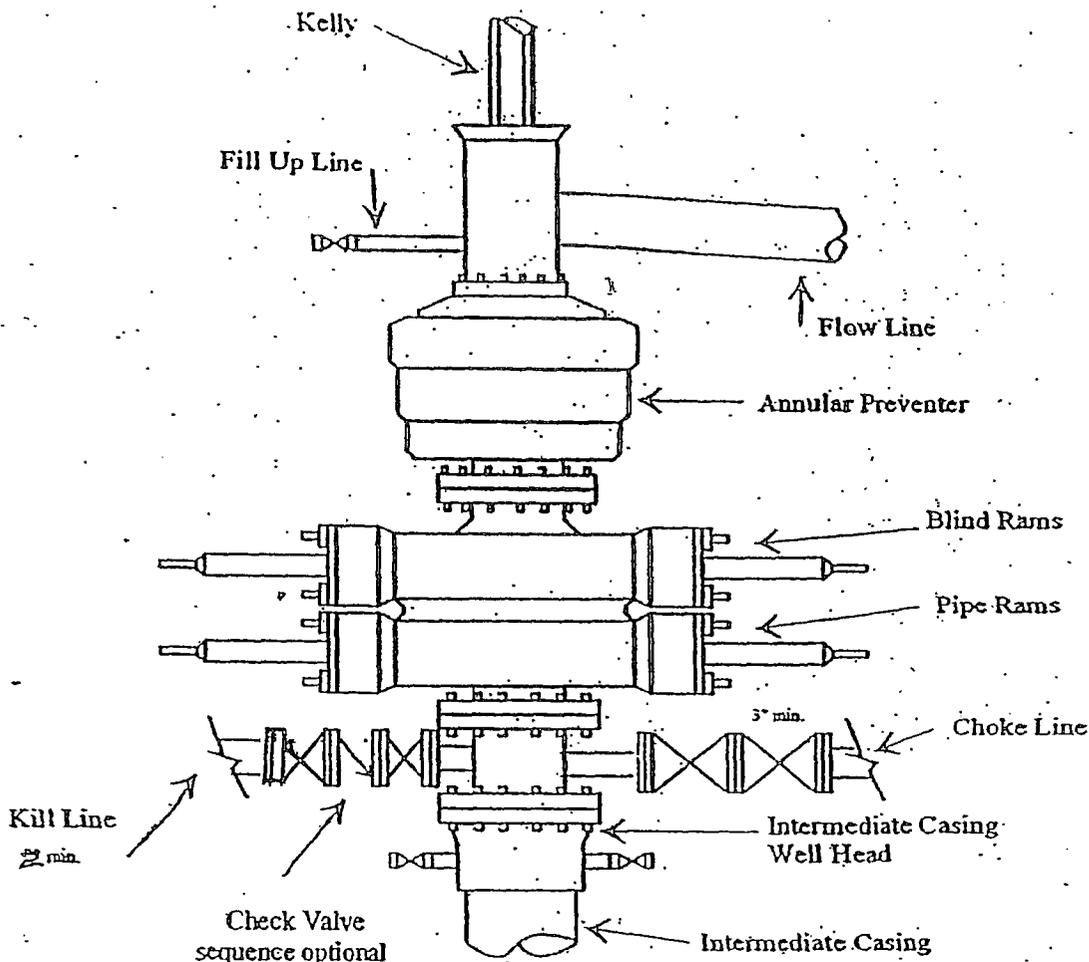
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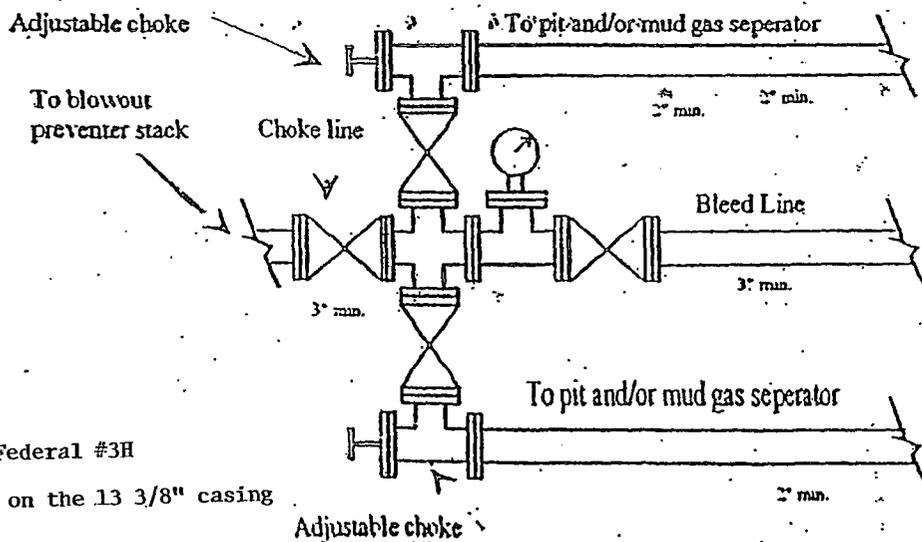


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 Schematic  
 Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

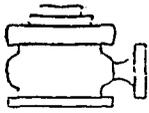
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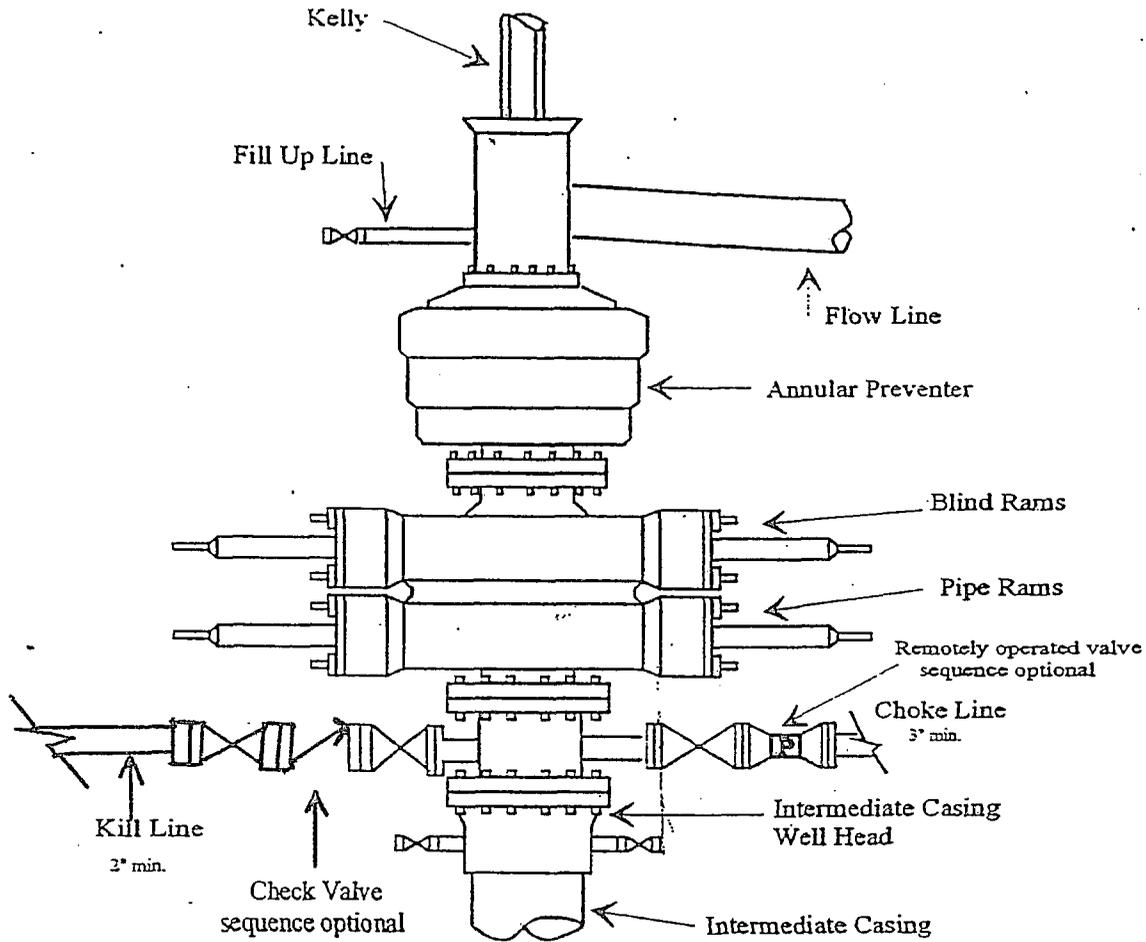
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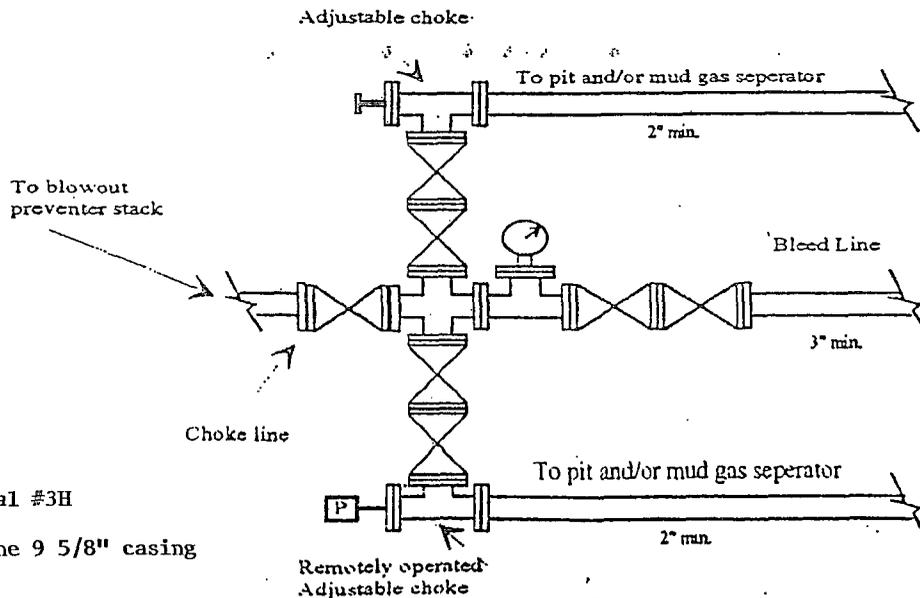
Yates Petroleum Corporation  
 Typical 5,000 psi Pressure System  
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 Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

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Exhibit B



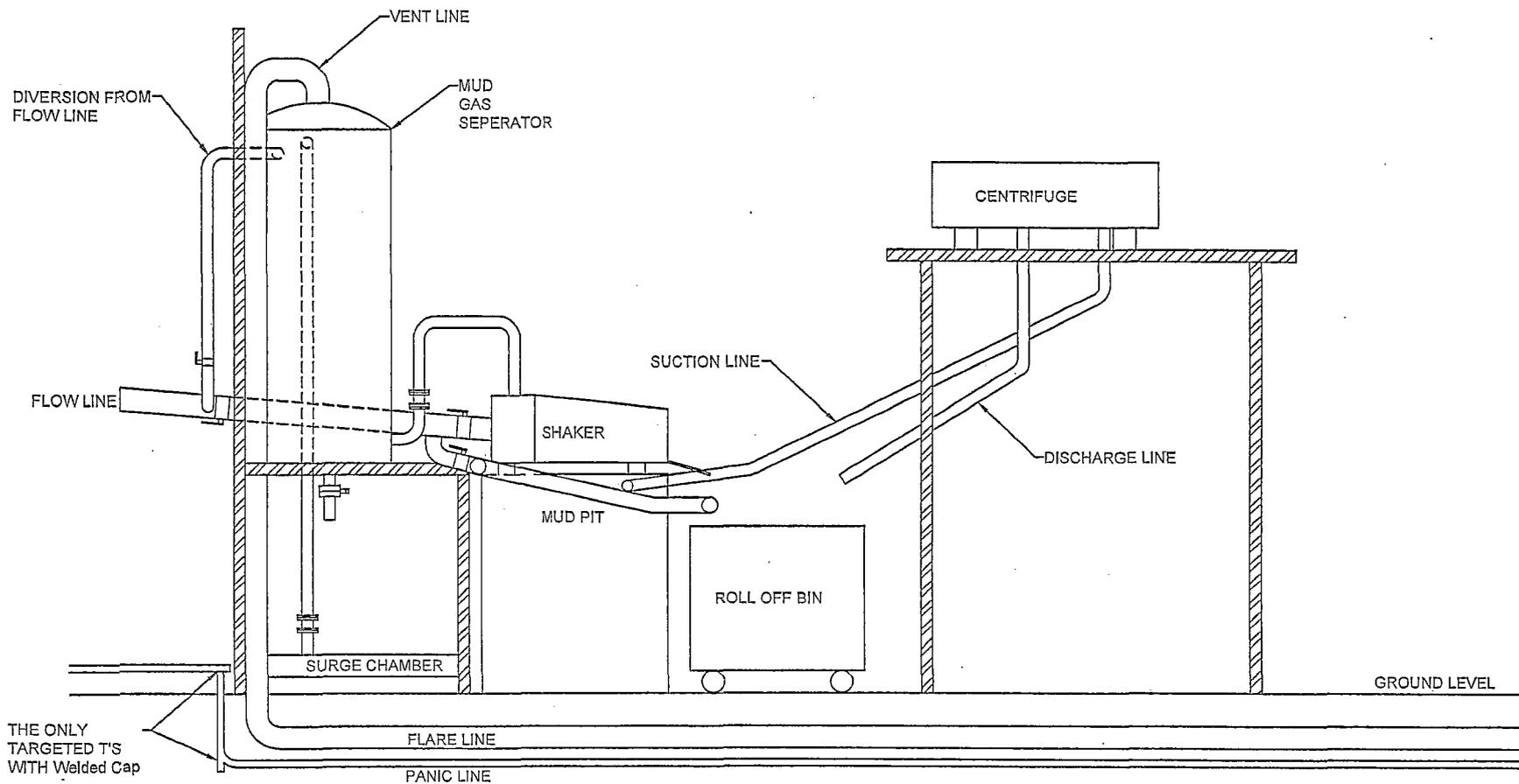
Typical 5,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



Blast BLA Federal #3H  
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# 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.



# Midwest Hose & Specialty, Inc.

## INTERNAL HYDROSTATIC TEST REPORT

Customer: <b>CACTUS DRILLING</b>	Customer P.O. Number: <b>ASSET#M10750 SO#74310</b>
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### HOSE SPECIFICATIONS

Type: <b>CHOKE &amp; KILL</b>	Hose Length: <b>35'</b>	
I.D. <b>4 INCHES</b>	O.D. <b>8 INCHES</b>	
WORKING PRESSURE <b>10,000 PSI</b>	TEST PRESSURE <b>15,000 PSI</b>	BURST PRESSURE <b>N/A PSI</b>

### COUPLINGS

Part Number <b>E4.0X64WB</b> <b>E4.0X64WB</b>	Stem Lot Number <b>1Q11 LOT1</b> <b>1Q11 LOT1</b>	Ferrule Lot Number <b>1Q11 LOT1</b> <b>1Q11 LOT1</b>
Type of Coupling: <b>Swage-It</b>	Die Size:	

### PROCEDURE

*Hose assembly pressure tested with water at ambient temperature.*

TIME HELD AT TEST PRESSURE <b>1</b>	ACTUAL BURST PRESSURE: <b>N/A PSI</b>
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Hose Assembly Serial Number: <b>74310</b>	Hose Serial Number: <b>M10750</b>
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Comments:

Date: <b>12/2/2010</b>	Tested: <i>[Signature]</i>	Approved: <b>Brent Burnett</b>
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Midwest Hose  
& Specialty, Inc.

### Internal Hydrostatic Test Graph

March 5, 2012

Customer: FW Texas

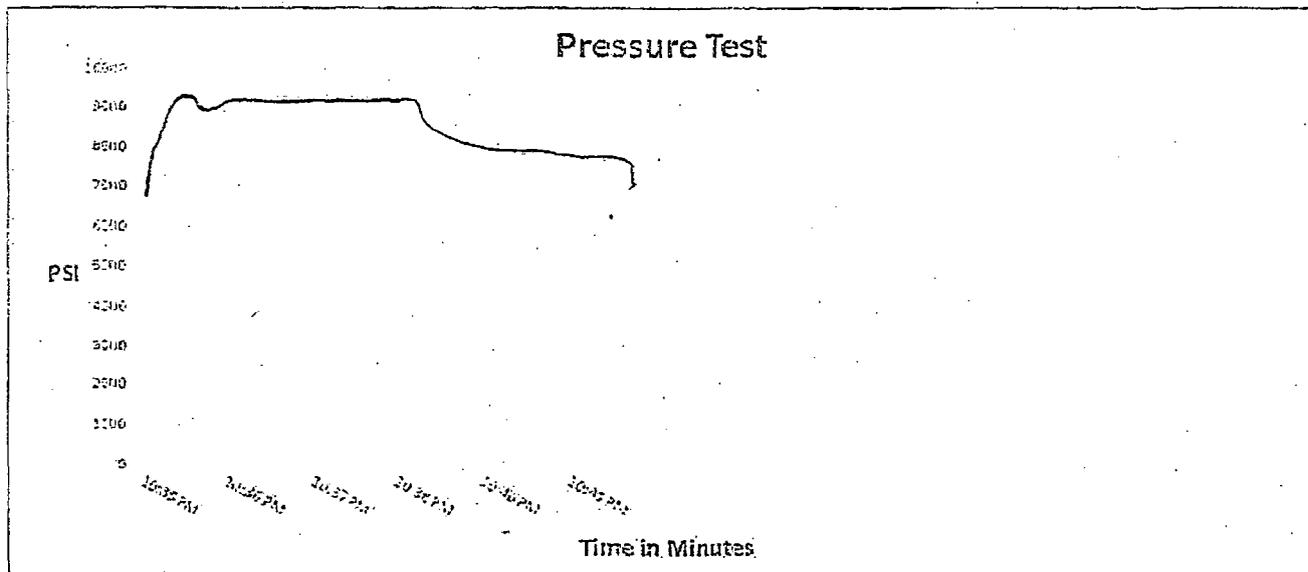
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#### Hose Specifications

<u>Hose Type</u> Red E	<u>Length</u> 50'
<u>I.D.</u> 3"	<u>O.D.</u> 4 1/5"
<u>Working Pressure</u> 10000 PSI	<u>Burst Pressure</u> Standard Safety Multiplier Applies

#### Verification

<u>Type of Fitting</u> 4.1/1.5 Sk	<u>Coupling Method</u> Swage
<u>Die Size</u> 5:25	<u>Final O.D.</u> 5 1/4"
<u>Hose Serial #</u> 7584	<u>Hose Assembly Serial #</u> 141521



Test Pressure  
5000 PSI

Time Held at Test Pressure  
5 3/4 minutes

Actual Burst Pressure

Peak Pressure  
9388 PSI

**Comments:** Hose assembly pressure tested with water at ambient temperature.

**Tested By:** Donnie Melanore

**Approved By:** Brent Burnett

*Donnie Melanore*

*Brent Burnett*

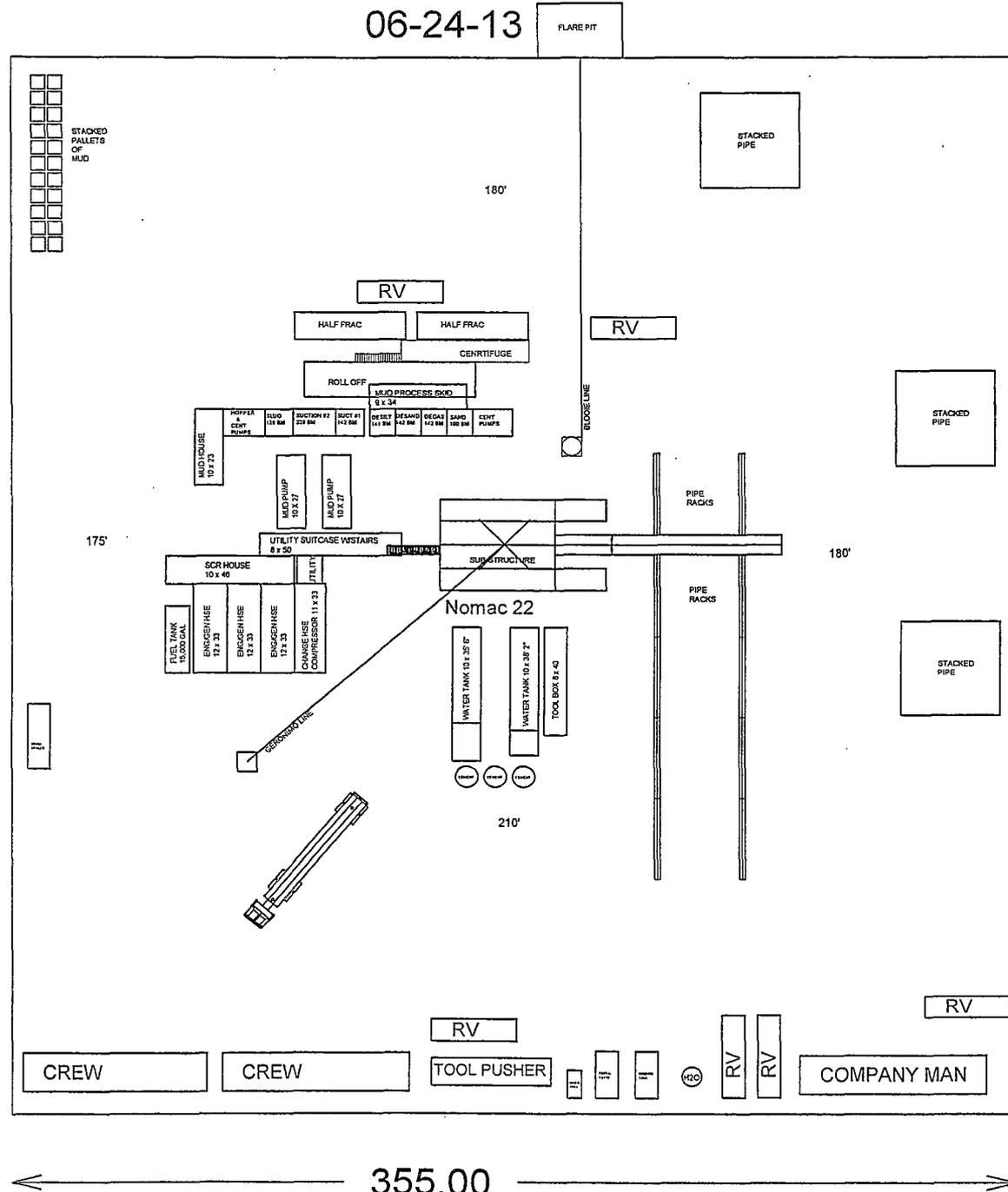
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# Rig PLAT #1

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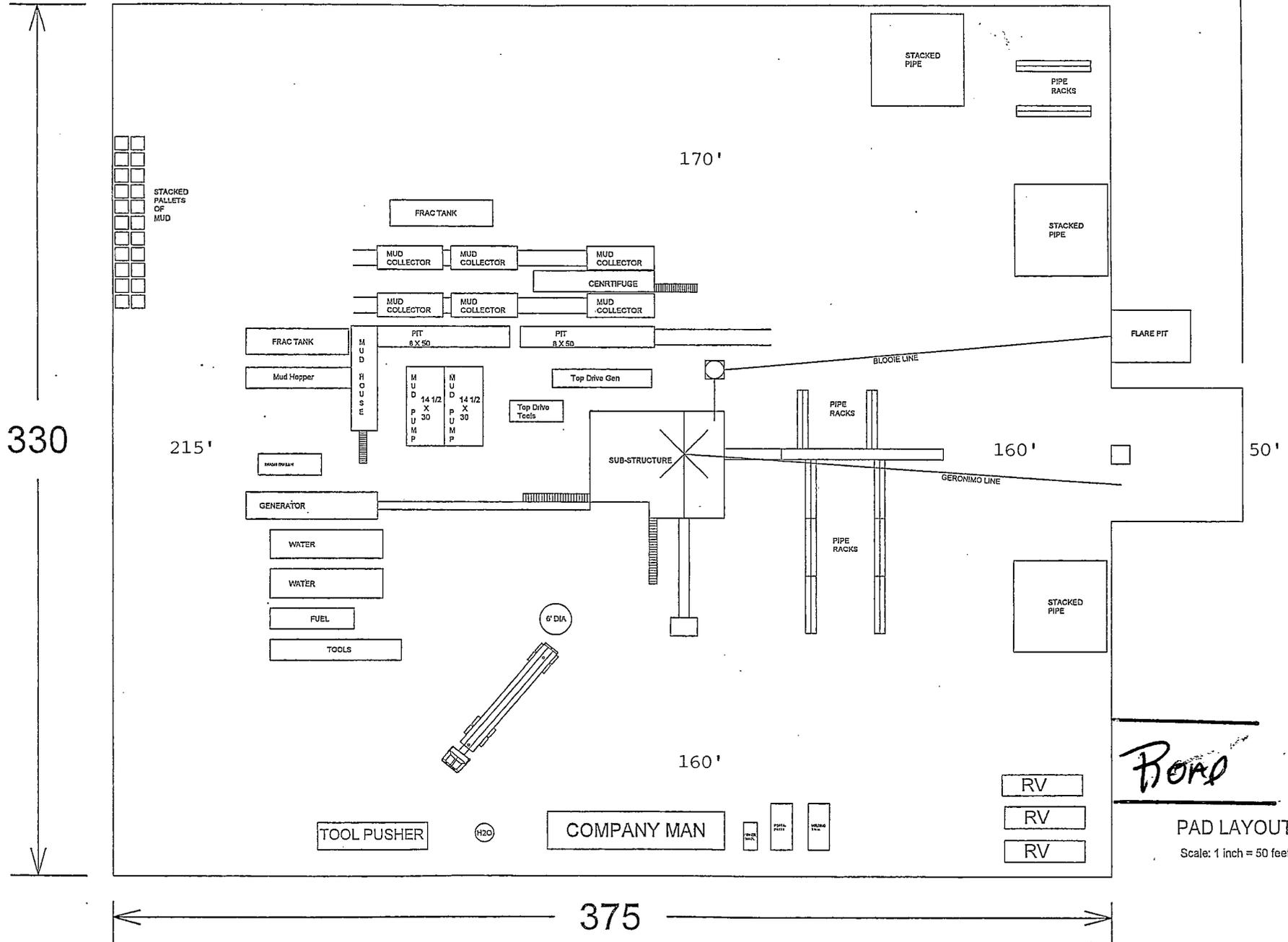
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Rig Plat #2

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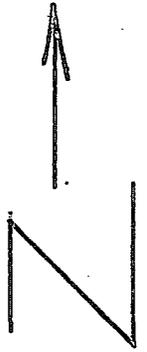
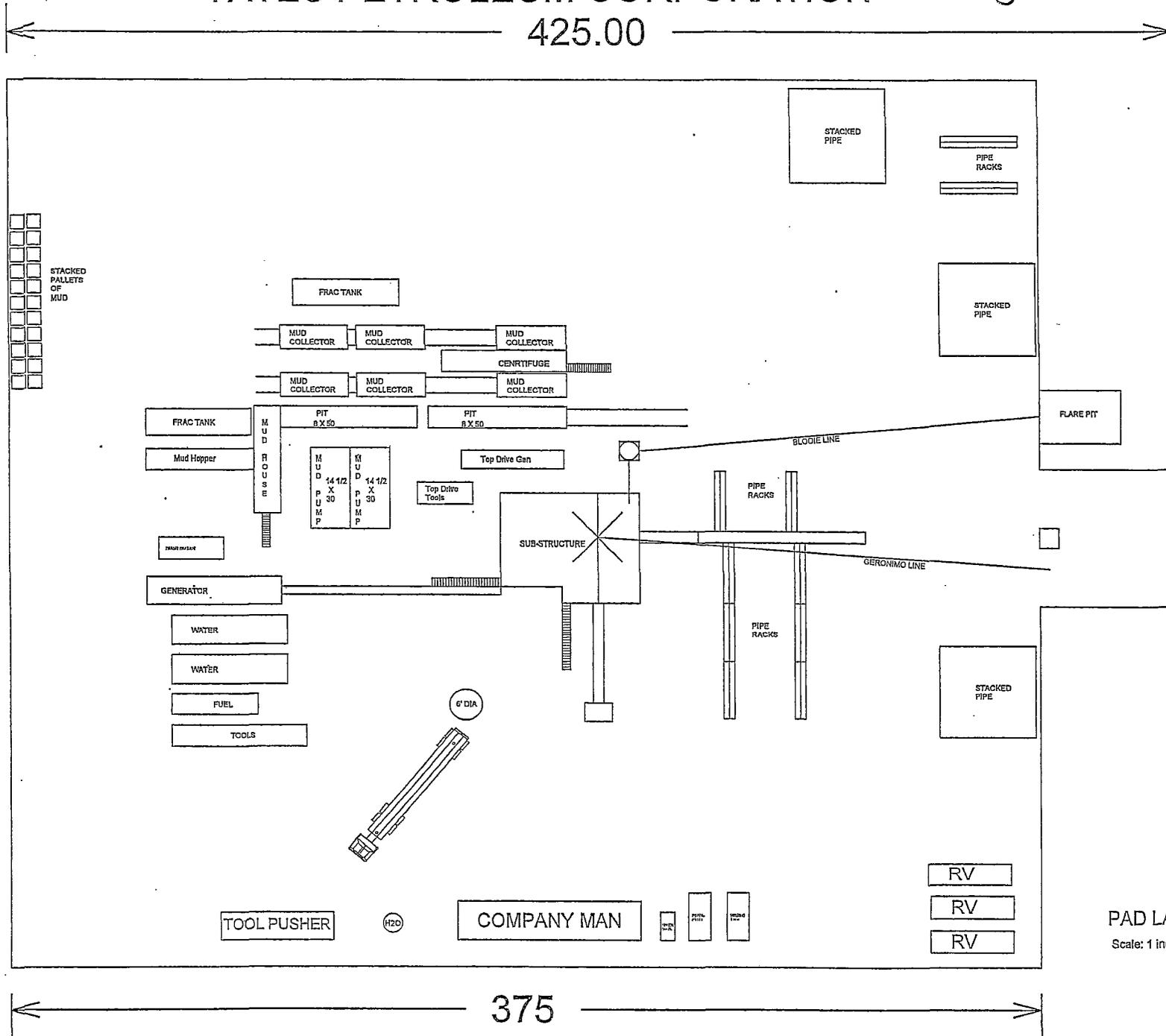


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Big Plat #2

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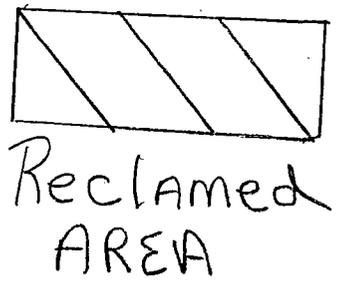
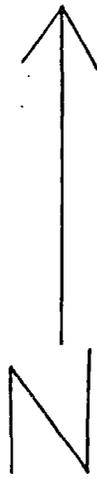
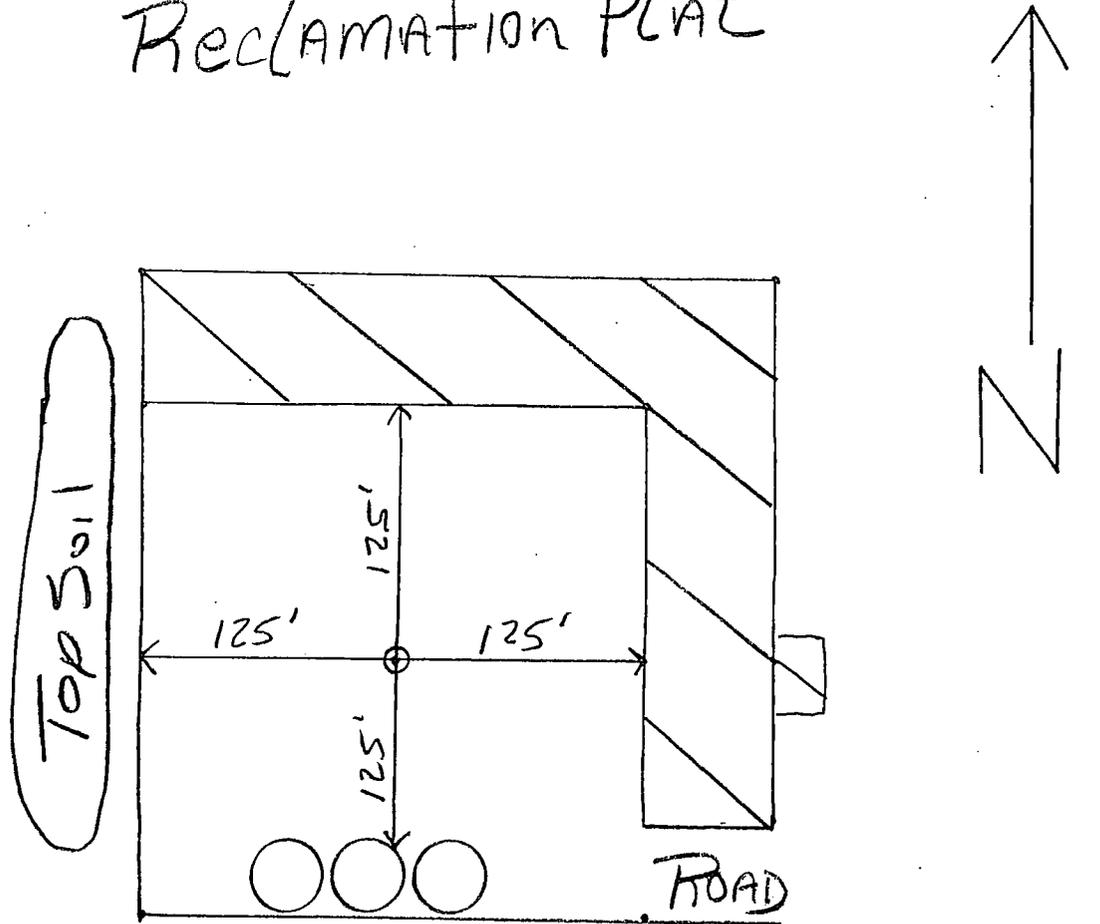
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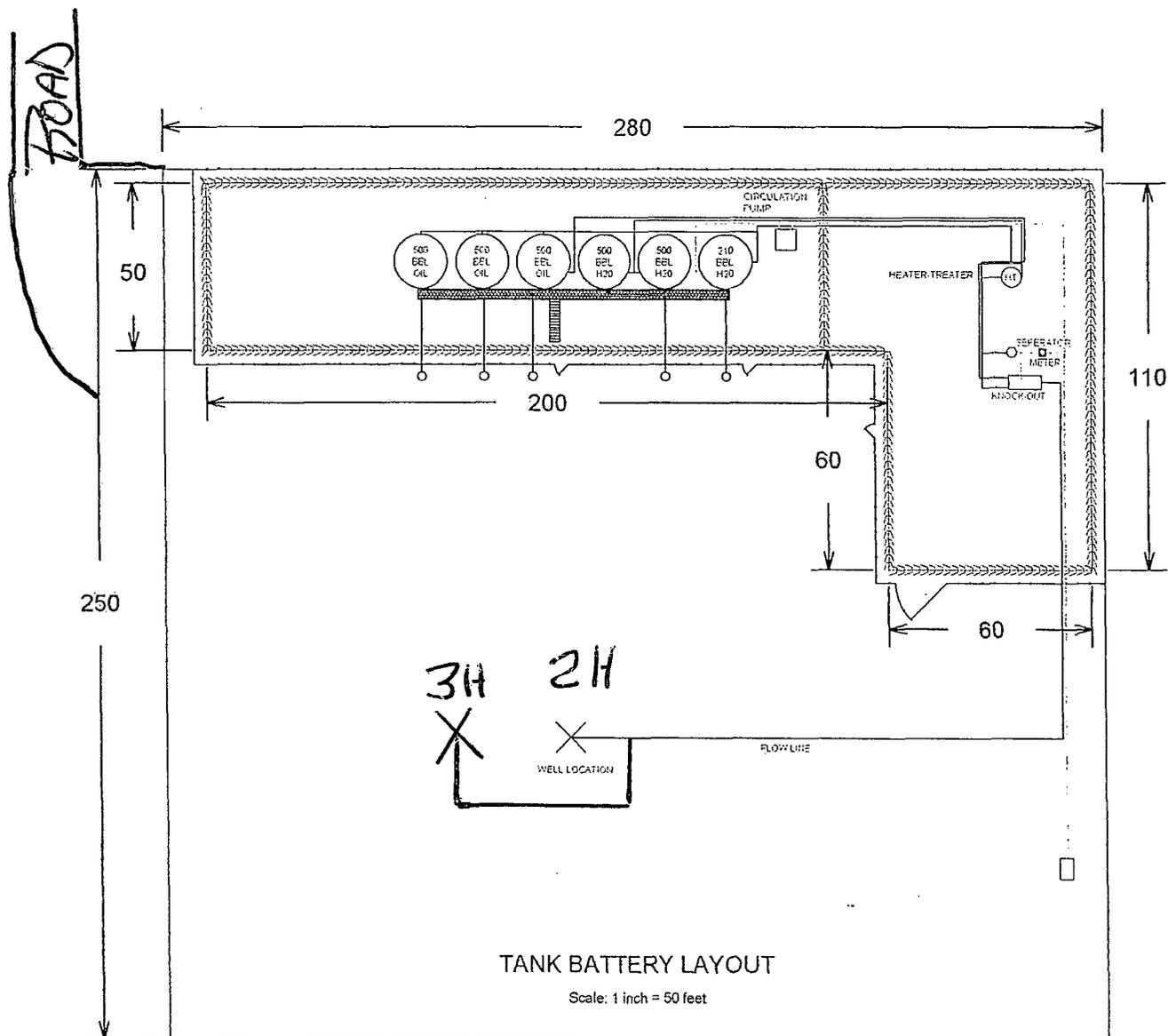
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BLAST BLA FEDERAL  
# 3H

Reclamation Plat



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
BLAST BLA Federal 2H+3H



## MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN

### Yates Petroleum Corporation

Blast BLA Federal #3H  
1040 FNL and 13' FWL Surface Hole Location  
400' FNL and 330' FEL Bottom Hole Location  
Section 21, T26S-R27E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

#### 1. EXISTING ROADS:

Exhibit A is a portion of the BLM map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed well site is located approximately 25 miles southeast of Malaga, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibit A. Operator will maintain existing roads in condition the same or better than before operations begin. Operator will repair pot holes, clear ditches, repair the crown, etc. All existing structures along the entire access route such as cattle guards, other range improvement projects, culverts, etc. will be properly repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. Operator will reasonably prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed when created by vehicular traffic and equipment caused by the operator. The BLM's written approval will be acquired before application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on roadways.

#### DIRECTIONS:

Go south of Malaga, NM on Highway 285 or approximately 10.7 miles to Whites City Road (CR-724). Turn right on Whites City Road and go approximately 7.5 miles. Just past a caliche pit on the left turn left here on an existing lease road. Go south on the lease road for approximately 2.4 miles to Concho's Cluster State Com. #5H well location. From the southwest corner of this well go south following a two track road for approximately 200 feet to a pipeline right of way. Turn left on the pipeline right of way and go approximately .3 of a mile. The new road will start here going to the west for approximately .2 of a mile to the southeast corner of the proposed well location.

#### 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD.

- A. From the southwest corner of Concho's Cluster State Com. #5H well pad go south following a two track road for approximately 200 feet to a pipeline right of way. Turn left on the pipeline right of way and go approximately .3 of a mile. The new road will start here going to the west for approximately .2 of a mile to the southeast corner of the proposed well location. The road will be crowned and ditched to a 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface.
- B. Ditches will be 3' wide with a 3:1 slopes.
- C. The route of the road is visible.
- D. Existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition.

#### 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL

- A. There is drilling activity within a one-mile radius of the well site.
- B. Exhibit D shows existing wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed well site.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES

- A. There are production facilities on this lease at the present time. The necessary production facilities for this well will be constructed on the south side of the well location. If the well is productive oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power. No power will be required if the well is productive of gas. *See "Tank Battery Layout"*  
One (1) 8" SDR-11 poly buried natural gas pipeline and one (1) 8" SDR-11 poly buried produced water pipeline. Each will have a working pressure of 100# psi and a volume of 1000 barrels per day. Lengths will be 956.6 feet and will tie into the existing pipeline to the east. This pipeline will also transport produced water from the Blast BLA Federal #2H.

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5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

- A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with a fresh water system. The water will be obtained from commercial sources and will be hauled to the location by truck over the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit A.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Dirt contractor will locate closest pit and obtain any permits and materials needed for construction of the well location.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. This well will be drilled with a closed loop system  
B. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained, and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division – the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC.  
C. Drilling fluids will be removed after drilling and completions are completed.  
D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted.  
E. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.  
F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.  
G. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not approved.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: None.

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT:

- A. Yates has staked a 410' x 400' "Pad Clearance Area." This area can contain the regularly used rigs Yates utilizes in Southeastern New Mexico. The actual pad size to be constructed would be smaller than the "Pad Clearance Area." This area was staked at this size with aid from the BLM, since the actual pad size/drilling rig is unknown at this time. Yates will submit a Sundry Notice with a rig layout depicting the actual size of the pad to be constructed with the dimensions from the well bore to all four sides of the pad with the same orientation as the "Pad Clearance Area." Yates will not construct the well pad until the rig layout is approved through the Sundry Notice.

- B. Please note exhibits Rig Size #1 and Rig Size #2 show the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, location of the drilling equipment, pulling unit orientation and access road approach. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained, and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division – the “Pit Rule” 19.15.17 NMAC.
- C. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION:

- A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible. The location will be reduced to a 250' x 250' after completion operations have been conducted. At this point the surfacing material will be removed, topsoil will be redistributed and the area will be reseeded. Please note attached Reclamation Plat.
- B. If the proposed well is plugged and abandoned, all equipment and other material will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible. At this point the surfacing material will be removed, topsoil will be redistributed and the area will be reseeded. These actions will be completed and accomplished as expeditiously as possible.
- C. The reclamation of the pad will be done in sixty days if possible after the well is put in production.

11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP:

Surface Estate Bureau of Land Management  
620 East Greene Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

Mineral Estate: Federal Lease NM-100549  
Bureau of Land Management  
620 East Greene Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220

12. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. Topography: Refer to the existing archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, historical and cultural sites.
- B. The primary surface use is for grazing.

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

<b>OPERATOR'S NAME:</b>	<b>Yates Petroleum Corporation</b>
<b>LEASE NO.:</b>	<b>NMNM-100549</b>
<b>WELL NAME &amp; NO.:</b>	<b>Blast BLA Federal 3H</b>
<b>SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:</b>	<b>1040' FNL &amp; 0013' FWL</b>
<b>BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:</b>	<b>0400' FNL &amp; 0330' FEL</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Section 21, T. 26 S., R 27 E., NMPM</b>
<b>COUNTY:</b>	<b>Eddy County, New Mexico</b>

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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)

### **Berm Well Pad**

The entire perimeter of the well pad will be bermed to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the well pad.

- The berm shall be constructed at a minimum of 12 inches high with impermeable mineral material (e.g. caliche).
- No water flow from the uphill side(s) of the pad shall be allowed to enter the well pad.
- The topsoil stockpile shall be located outside the bermed well pad.
- Topsoil, either from the well pad or surrounding area, shall not be used to construct the berm.
- No storm drains, tubing or openings shall be placed in the berm.
- If fluid collects within the bermed area, the fluid must be vacuumed into a safe container and disposed of properly at a state approved facility.
- The integrity of the berm shall be maintained around the surfaced pad throughout the life of the well and around the downsized pad after interim reclamation has been completed.
- Any access road entering the well pad shall be constructed so that the integrity of the berm height surrounding the well pad is not compromised. (Any access road crossing the berm cannot be lower than the berm height.)

### **Liner Requirement in Tank Battery**

- The storage tanks and separation equipment must be constructed in the location depicted in the APD.
- The secondary containment area must be constructed with a 20 mil permanent liner with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Secondary containment areas must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

### **Road Construction Requirement**

- A low water crossing shall be constructed on the access road where drainages/arroyos cross the road. The low water crossing shall be accomplished by dipping the road down to the bed of the drainage. Material moved from the banks of the crossing shall be stockpiled near the road edge. Gravel or cobble shall be used as the primary material for the road bed in the low water crossing.
- A low water crossing is required at the location identified in Figure 1 of this document.

### **Pad Construction Requirement**

- As outlined in the surface use plan of the APD, Yates has staked a 400 x 410 foot "Pad Clearance Area." This area can contain the regularly used rigs Yates utilizes in southeast New Mexico. The actual pad size to be constructed will be smaller than this "Pad Clearance Area." This area was staked at this size with aid from

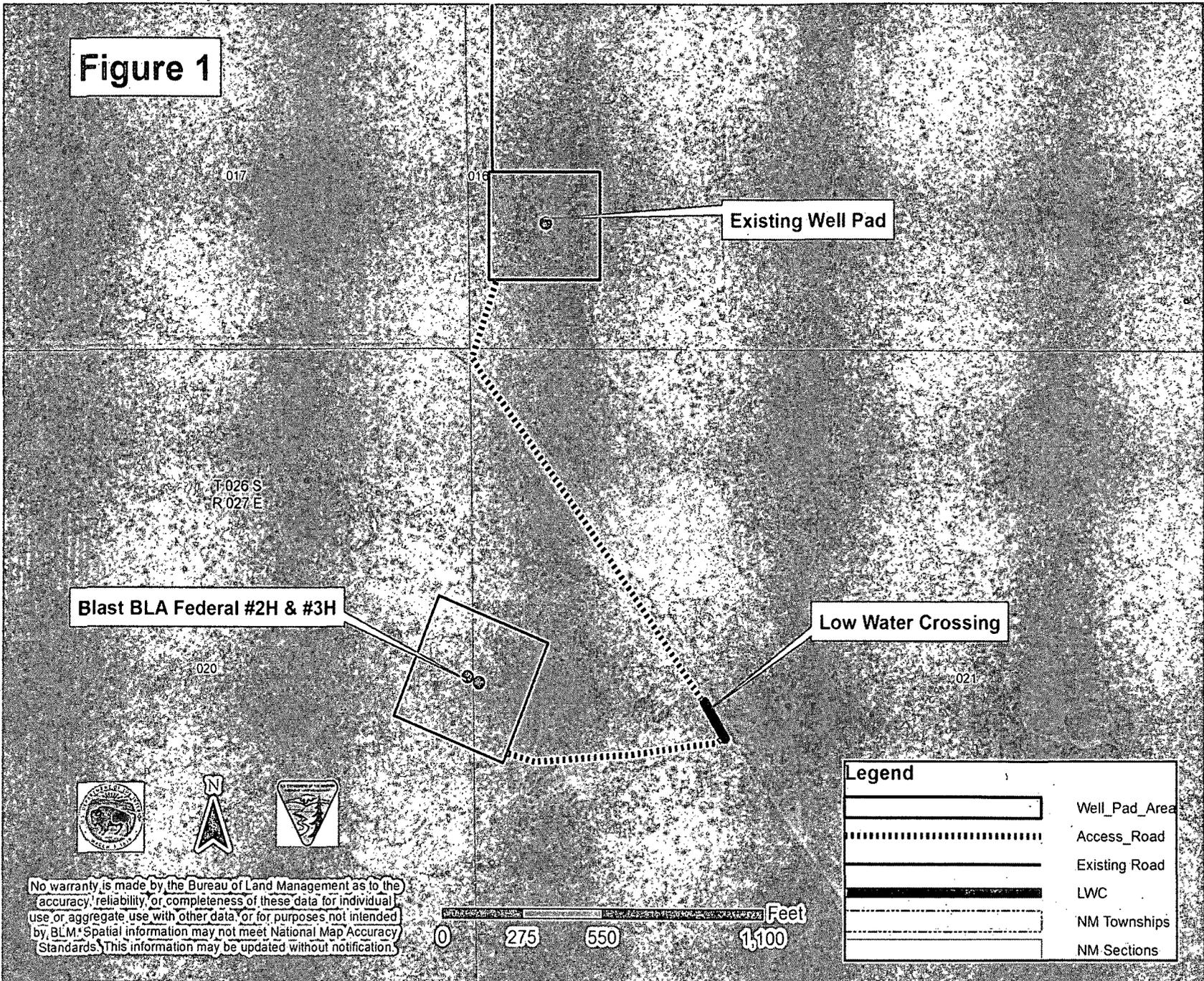
the BLM, since the actual pad size/drilling rig is unknown at the time of the APD submittal.

- Yates must submit a sundry notice with a rig layout depicting the actual size of pad to be constructed with dimensions from the well bore to all four sides with the same orientation as the "Pad Clearance Area", v-door facing southeast. Yates cannot construct the well pad until the rig layout is approved through the sundry notice.

#### **Pipeline Construction Requirement**

- The pipeline right-of-way width allowed for both the gas and SWD pipeline will be 40 feet.
- 15 feet of this right-of-way easement will consist of the access road.
- Yates must use all means necessary to prevent vehicle traffic upon the pipeline right-of-way easement.
- Other pipeline stipulations can be read further in this document.

Figure 1



## **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) 234-5909 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 strip the top portion of the soil (root zone) from the entire well pad area and stockpile the topsoil along the edge of the well pad as depicted in the APD. The root zone is typically six (6) inches in depth. All the stockpiled topsoil will be redistributed over the interim reclamation areas. Topsoil shall not be used for berming the pad or facilities. For final reclamation, the topsoil shall be spread over the entire pad area for seeding preparation.

Other subsoil (below six inches) stockpiles must be completely segregated from the topsoil stockpile. Large rocks or subsoil clods (not evident in the surrounding terrain) must be buried within the approved area 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. EXCLOSURE FENCING (CELLARS & PITS)**

**Exclosure Fencing**

The operator will install and maintain exclosure fencing for all open well cellars to prevent access to public, livestock, and large forms of wildlife before and after drilling operations until the pit is free of fluids and the operator initiates backfilling. (For examples of exclosure fencing design, refer to BLM's Oil and Gas Gold Book, Exclosure Fence Illustrations, Figure 1, Page 18.)

**G. 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-five (25) 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**

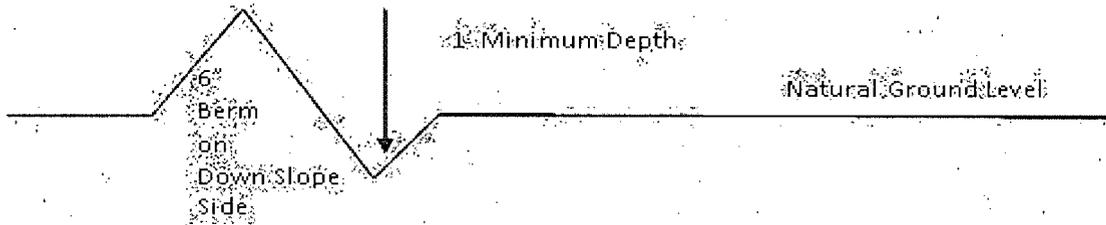
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

**Drainage**

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill out sloping 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:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence/road crossings. Any existing cattleguards on the access road route 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 cattleguards that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

### Fence Requirement

Where entry is granted 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 fences.

### Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

**Construction Steps**

1. Salvage topsoil
2. Construct road

3. Redistribute topsoil
4. Revegetate slopes

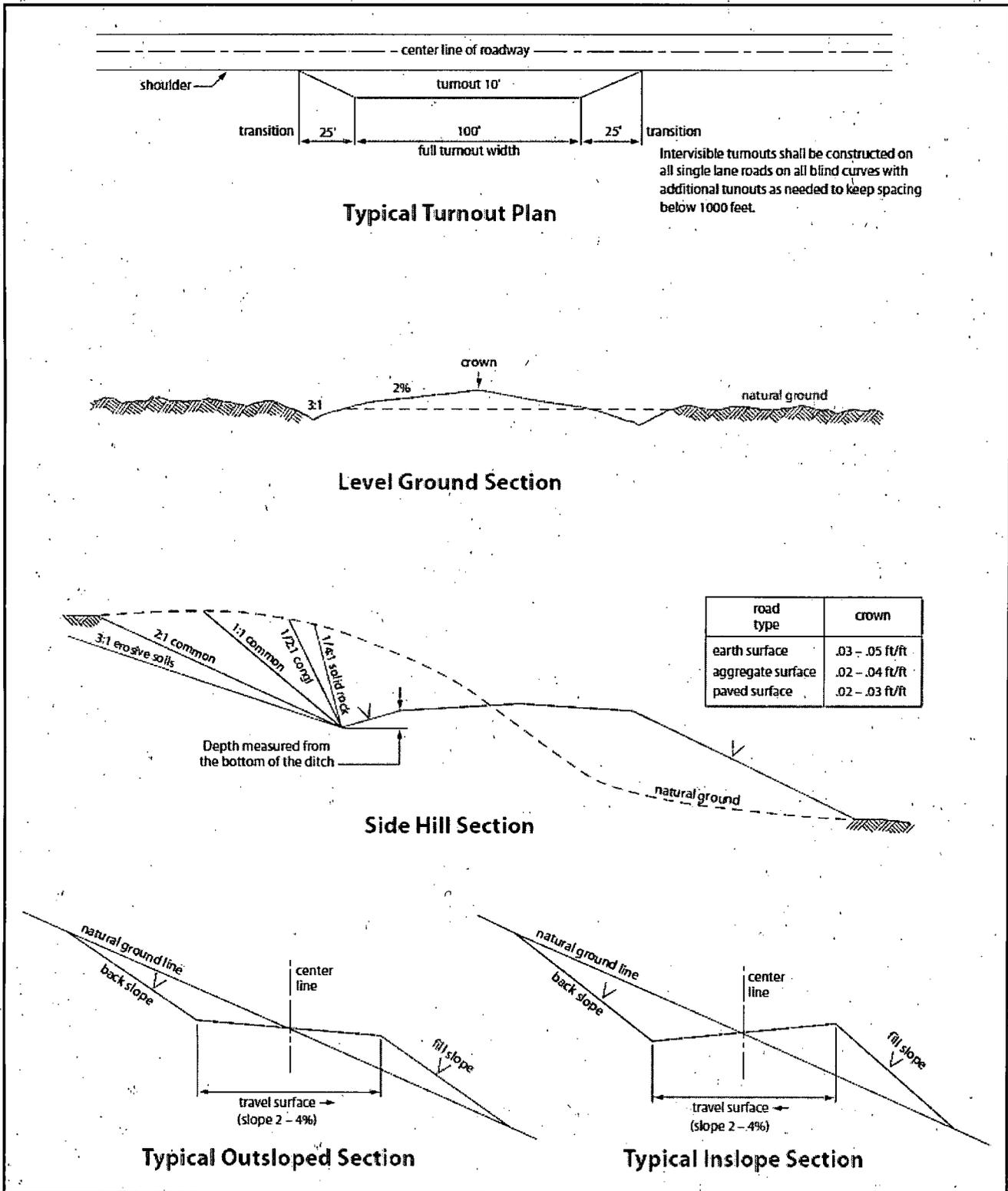


Figure 1. Cross-sections and plans for typical road sections representative of BLM resource or FS local and higher-class roads.

## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well (minimum of 24 hours)
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings (minimum of 4 hours)
- c. BOPE tests (minimum of 4 hours)

**Eddy County**

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

1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in the area, it is always a potential hazard. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, report measured amounts 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 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. IF OPERATOR DOES NOT HAVE THE WELL SPECIFIC CEMENT DETAILS ONSITE PRIOR TO PUMPING THE CEMENT FOR EACH CASING STRING, THE WOC WILL BE 30 HOURS. 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.**

**Medium Cave/Karst**

**Possibility of water flows in the Castile.**

**Possibility of lost circulation in the top of Salt, Bell Canyon, Cherry Canyon, and Brushy Canyon.**

1. The **13-3/8** inch surface casing shall be set at approximately **400** feet and cemented to the surface. **If salt is encountered, set casing at least 25 feet above the salt.**
  - 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, which shall be set at approximately **2050** feet, is:
  - 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 cave/karst.**

If 75% or greater lost circulation occurs while drilling the intermediate casing hole, the cement on the production casing must come to surface.

Formation below the 9-5/8" shoe to be tested according to Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.i. Test to be done as a mud equivalency test using the mud weight necessary for the pore pressure of the formation below the shoe (not the mud weight required to prevent dissolving the salt formation) and the mud weight for the bottom of the hole. Report results to BLM office.

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:

Operator has proposed two DV tools at depths of 7100' and 4100'. Operator is to submit sundry if DV tool depths varies by more than 100' from approved depth.

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.

b. Second stage above 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 approved top of cement on the next stage. **Excess calculates to negative 8% - Additional cement will be required.**

c. Third stage above DV tool:

- Cement should tie-back at least 500 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.

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.

## 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. Variance approved to use flex line from BOP to choke manifold. Check condition of flexible line from BOP to choke manifold, replace if exterior is damaged or if line fails test. Line to be as straight as possible with no hard bends and is to be anchored according to Manufacturer's requirements. The flexible hose can be exchanged with a hose of equal size and equal or greater pressure rating. **Anchor requirements, specification sheet and hydrostatic pressure test certification matching the hose in service, to be onsite for review. These documents shall be posted in the company man's trailer and on the rig floor.** If the BLM inspector questions the straightness of the hose, a BLM engineer will be contacted and will review in the field or via picture supplied by inspector to determine if changes are required (operator shall expect delays if this occurs).
3. 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.
4. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the **9-5/8** intermediate casing shoe shall be **5000 (5M) psi. 5M system requires an HCR valve, remote kill line and annular to match. The remote kill line is to be installed prior to testing the system and tested to stack pressure.**
5. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In a water basin, 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. The casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated four hours after installing the slips, which will be approximately six hours after bumping the plug. For those casing strings not using slips, the minimum wait time before cut-off is eight hours after bumping the plug. BOP/BOPE testing can begin after cut-off or once cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified), whichever is greater. However, if the float does not hold, cut-off cannot be initiated until cement reaches 500 psi compressive strength (including lead when specified).

- 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 test shall be run on a 5000 psi chart for a 2-3M BOP/BOP, on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock. If a twelve hour or twenty-four hour chart is used, tester shall make a notation that it is run with a two hour clock.
- d. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- e. 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.**
- f. 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. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.

#### **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.

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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.

#### **Exclosure Netting (Open-top Tanks)**

Immediately following active drilling or completion operations, the operator will take actions necessary to prevent wildlife and livestock access, including avian wildlife, to all open-topped tanks that contain or have the potential to contain salinity sufficient to cause harm to wildlife or livestock, hydrocarbons, or Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976-exempt hazardous substances. At a minimum, the operator will net, screen, or cover open-topped tanks to exclude wildlife and livestock and prevent mortality. If the operator uses netting, the operator will cover and secure the open portion of the tank to prevent wildlife entry. The operator will net, screen, or cover the tanks until the operator removes the tanks from the location or the tanks no longer contain substances that could be harmful to wildlife or livestock. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches. The netting must not be in contact with fluids and must not have holes or gaps.

#### **Chemical and Fuel Secondary Containment and Exclosure Screening**

The operator will prevent all hazardous, poisonous, flammable, and toxic substances from coming into contact with soil and water. At a minimum, the operator will install and maintain an impervious secondary containment system for any tank or barrel containing hazardous, poisonous, flammable, or toxic substances sufficient to contain the contents of the tank or barrel and any drips, leaks, and anticipated precipitation. The operator will dispose of fluids within the containment system that do not meet applicable state or U. S. Environmental Protection Agency livestock water standards in accordance with state law; the operator must not drain the fluids to the soil or ground. The operator will design, construct, and maintain all secondary containment systems to prevent wildlife and livestock exposure to harmful substances. At a minimum, the operator will install effective wildlife and livestock exclosure systems such as fencing, netting, expanded metal mesh, lids, and grate covers. Use a maximum netting mesh size of 1 ½ inches.

#### **Open-Vent Exhaust Stack Exclosures**

The operator will construct, modify, equip, and maintain all open-vent exhaust stacks on production equipment to prevent birds and bats from entering, and to discourage perching, roosting, and nesting. (*Recommended exclosure structures on open-vent exhaust stacks are in the shape of a cone.*) Production equipment includes, but may not be limited to, tanks, heater-treaters, separators, dehydrators, flare stacks, in-line units, and compressor mufflers.

#### **Containment Structures**

Proposed production facilities such as storage tanks and other vessels will have a secondary containment structure that is constructed to hold the capacity of 1.5 times the

largest tank, plus freeboard to account for precipitation, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary.

### **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** from the BLM Standard Environmental Color Chart (CC-001: June 2008).

## **B. PIPELINES**

### **BURIED PIPELINE STIPULATIONS**

A copy of the application (Grant, APD, or Sundry Notice) and attachments, including conditions of approval, 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 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. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil 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 or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of 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 holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

5. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way.

6. The pipeline will be buried with a minimum cover of 36 inches between the top of the pipe and ground level.

7. The maximum allowable disturbance for construction in this two-pipeline right-of-way will be 40 feet:

- Blading of vegetation within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of blading operations will not exceed 20 feet. The trench is included in this area. (*Blading is defined as the complete removal of brush and ground vegetation.*)
- Clearing of brush species within the right-of-way will be allowed: maximum width of clearing operations will not exceed 40 feet. The trench and bladed area are included in this area. (*Clearing is defined as the removal of brush while leaving ground vegetation (grasses, weeds, etc.) intact. Clearing is best accomplished by holding the blade 4 to 6 inches above the ground surface.*)
- The remaining area of the right-of-way (if any) shall only be disturbed by compressing the vegetation. (*Compressing can be caused by vehicle tires, placement of equipment, etc.*)

8. The holder shall stockpile an adequate amount of topsoil where blading is allowed. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be segregated from other spoil piles from trench construction. The topsoil will be evenly distributed over the bladed area for the preparation of seeding.

9. 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.

10. Vegetation, soil, and rocks left as a result of construction or maintenance activity will be randomly scattered on this right-of-way and will not be left in rows, piles, or berms, unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer. The entire right-of-way shall be recontoured to match the surrounding landscape. The backfilled soil shall be compacted and a 6 inch berm will be left over the ditch line to allow for settling back to grade.

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. The holder will reseed all disturbed areas. Seeding will be done according to the attached seeding requirements, using the following seed mix.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seed mixture 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> seed mixture 3          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seed mixture 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> seed mixture 4          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seed mixture 2/LPC        | <input type="checkbox"/> Aplomado Falcon Mixture |

13. All above-ground structures not subject to safety requirements shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2.

14. 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. All signs and information thereon will be posted in a permanent, conspicuous manner, and will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

15. 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 before maintenance begins. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline route is not used as a roadway. As determined necessary during the life of the pipeline, the Authorized Officer may ask the holder to construct temporary deterrence structures.

16. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (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 actions to prevent the loss of significant 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.

17. 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 associated roads, 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.

18. Escape Ramps - The operator will construct and maintain pipeline/utility trenches that are not otherwise fenced, screened, or netted to prevent livestock, wildlife, and humans from becoming entrapped. At a minimum, the operator will construct and maintain escape ramps, ladders, or other methods of avian and terrestrial wildlife escape in the trenches according to the following criteria:

- a. Any trench left open for eight (8) hours or less is not required to have escape ramps; however, before the trench is backfilled, the contractor/operator shall inspect the trench for wildlife, remove all trapped wildlife, and release them at least 100 yards from the trench.
- b. For trenches left open for eight (8) hours or more, earthen escape ramps (built at no more than a 30 degree slope and spaced no more than 500 feet apart) shall be placed in the trench.

## **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).

## Seed Mixture 1, for Loamy 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 regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (small/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 lovegrass ( <i>Eragrostis intermedia</i> )	0.5
Sand dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> )	1.0
Sideoats grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	5.0
Plains bristlegrass ( <i>Setaria macrostachya</i> )	2.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

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