Form 3160-3 (August 1999)

If earthen pits are used in association with the drilling of this well, an OCD pit permit must be obtained prior to pit construction.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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b. Type of Well:	The same of the sa					
2. Name of Operator			9_API Well No.	l / -		
Yates Petroleum Corporation			50 -015 - 3523			
3A. Address 105 South Fourth Street	10. Field and Pool, or Exp	oloratory				
Artesia, New Mexico 88210	(505) 748	-1471	Indian Basin Upper	Penn Asspciated		
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly an Subject Core To	STATE	11. Sec., T., R., M., or Bl	k, and Survey or Area			
At surface 1672' FSL	and 1144' FEL	VIAIL	Sec 27, T21S-R24E			
At proposed prod. Zone 660' FSL and 660' FW	Surface Location					
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office	*		12. County or Parish	13. State		
APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES northwest of CAR	LSBAD, New Mexico.		EDDY	New Mexico		
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)	16. No. of Acres in lease 760.00	17. Spacing U	nit dedicated to this well	c.26		
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 1500'	19. Proposed Depth 10400'	20. BLM/BIA	S/2 5(C. 26 Bond No. on file NM-2811			
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)	22. Approximate date work	: will start*	23. Estimated duration			
4002' GL	ASA	•	45 DA	YS		
	24. Attachments					
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Or	nshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, sl	nall be attached to this	form:			
1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.	4. Bond to	cover the operation	s unless covered by an existing	ng bond on file (see		
2. A Drilling Plan. Item 20 above).						

- 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office.
- 5. Operator certification.
- 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized office.

25. Signature Name (Printed/Typed) Date Cy Cowan 11/11/2005 Title:

Regulatory Technician / Land Department

/s/ Joe G. Lara

Name (Printed/Typed) /s/ Joe G. Lara

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ACTINGFIELD MANAGER

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.

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

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.

*(Instructions on reverse)

Approved by (Signature)

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED

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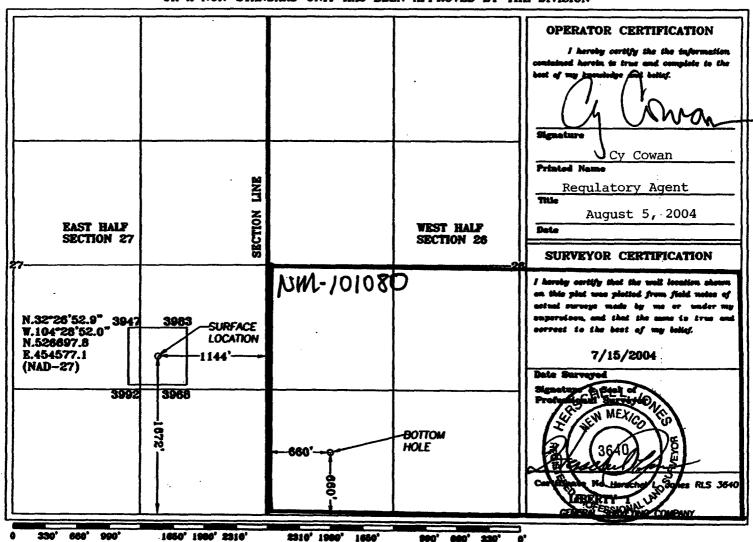
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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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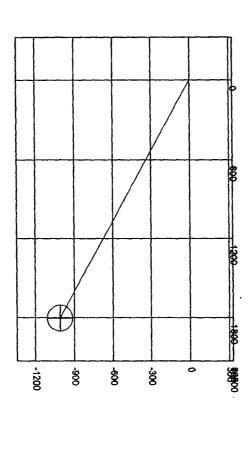




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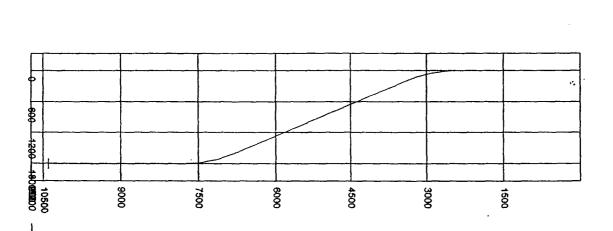
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TES PETROLEUM CORPORATION Liberty BEL Federal #1

1672' FSL and 1144' FEL Surface Location Section 27, T21S-R24E 660' FSL & 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location Section 26-T21S-R24E Eddy County, New Mexico

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

Yates/Seven Rivers	Surface	Lower Canyon Lime	8335'
San Andres	585'	Strawn	8875'
Glorietta	1568'	Atoka	9535'
2 nd Bone Springs	4134'	Upper Morrow	9875'
3rd Bone Springs	6975'	Mid Morrow	9975'
Wolfcamp	7295'	Lower Morrow	10135'
Cisco Canyon Dolomite	7925'	Base Morrow	10215'.
Base of Dolomite	8465'	TD	10400'

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

Water:

250' - 350'

Oil or Gas: All potential zones.

3. Pressure Control Equipment: BOPE will be installed on the 9 5/8" casing and rated for 5000 BOP systems will be consistent with API RP 53. Pressure tests will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings which are set and cemented in place. Blowout Preventor controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventors 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:
 - Casing Program: (All New) A.

Hole Size	Casing Size	Wt./Ft	Grade	Coupling	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Length</u>	
14 3/4"	9 5/8"	36#	J-55	ST&C	0-1650	1650'	WITNESS
8 3/4"	7.0"	23#+26#	HCP-110	LT&C	9300'-10400'	1300'	

Possible set 7" early if severe lost circulation in Canyon

Yates Petroleum Corporation requests a variance to install a rotating head on the surface casing strings when production casing will be set. If a BOP system is required then we wish to install a 2M system and receive a varience to test the system to 1000# using the rig pumps. The test will be held for 30 minutes on each system component. Components to be tested include pipe rams, blind rams, and annular preventer.

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

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B. Cementing Program:

Surface casing: 200 sx 'H' (YLD 1.53 WT 14.6), tail with 1000 sx Lite 'C' Lite (YLD 1.9

WT 12.7). Tail in w/200 sx 'C' Neat + 2% CaCl2 (YLD 1.9 WT 12.7).

Production Casing: Stage I 600 sx Super 'C' Modified (YLD 1.6 WT 13.0). DV Tool @7700'

Stage II 1200 sx Lite 'C' (YLD 1.95 WT 12.5). Tail in w/100 sx 'H'

Neat (YLD 1.18 WT 15.6). TOC-1150'

May use nitrified mud cement job if wellbore conditions permit.

5. MUD PROGRAM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	Fluid Loss
0-1650'	FW/Air Mist	8.4	28	N/C
1650'-7800'	Cut Brine	8.8-9.0	28	N/C
7800'-9800'	Cut Brine/Starch	9.0-9.4	28-32	<15cc
9800'-10400'	Salt Gel/Starch	9.4-9.8	34-36	<12cc

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 intermediate casing.

Logging: Platform Express/HRLA/NGT/FMI.

Coring: None anticipated. DST's: None anticipated.

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

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0 TO: 1650 Anticipated Max. BHP: 1050 PSI From: 1650' TO: 10600' Anticipated Max. BHP: 5300 PSI

Abnormal Pressures Anticipated: None

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: Possible in surface and intermediate holes.

H2S Zones Anticipated: Possible Canyon

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 178 F

8. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 30 days to drill the well with completion taking another 15 days.

MULTI-PC IT SURFACE USE AND OPERATI IS PLAN Yates Petroleum Corporation Liberty BEL Federal #1

1672' FSL and 1144' FEL Surface location Section 27, T21S-R24E 660' FSL & 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location Section 26, T21S-R24E 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 30 miles northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibit A.

DIRECTIONS:

Go north of Carlsbad on Highway 285 to approximately 12.5 miles to Highway 137. Turn west on Highway 137 and go approximately 14 miles. Turn left on lease road and go approximately 2 miles. Turn left here on lease and go approx. 4.6 miles. The road will fork here. Take the left fork and go .7 of a mile. At this point go right for .3 of a mile to a two track road. The two track road will be upgraded from this point for .5 of a mile to the well location.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD

The new access will go approximately .5 of a mile in an east then northeasterly direction to the southwest corner of the proposed well location.

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.
- B. In the event that the well is productive, the necessary production facilities will be installed on the drilling pad. 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.

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 nearest pit and obtain any permits and materials needed for construction.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
- B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
- C. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted.
- D. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- E. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- F. 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. Exhibit C shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the reserve pits, the location of the drilling equipment, rig orientation and access road approach.
- B. The reserve pits will be plastic lined. The reserve pits will be plastic lined. Yates Petroleum Corporation is in full compliance with the OCD General Plan for Drilling Pits approved on April 15, 2004.
- 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 wellsite in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
- B. Unguarded pits, if any, containing fluids will be fenced until they have dried and been leveled.
- C. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled level after they have evaporated and dried.
- 11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP: Federal Surface, Administered by Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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.

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13. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

A. Through A.P.D. Approval:

Cy Cowan, Regulatory Agent Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Phone (505) 748-1471 B. Through Drilling Operations, Completions and Production:

Pinson McWhorter, Operations Manager Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Phone (505) 748-1471

14. CERTIFICATION:

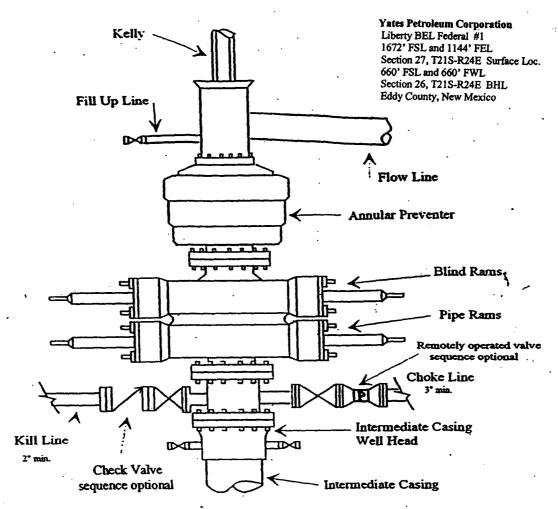
I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route, that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Yates Petroleum Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

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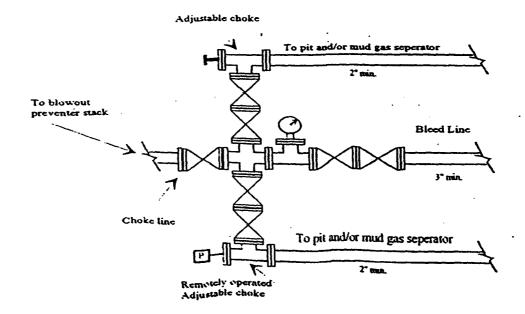
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Typical 5,000 psi Pressure System
Schematic
Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack



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



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Yates Petroleum Corporation

105 S. Fourth Street Artesia, NM 88210

Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Contingency Plan

For

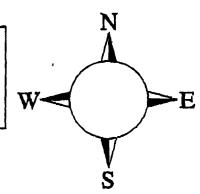
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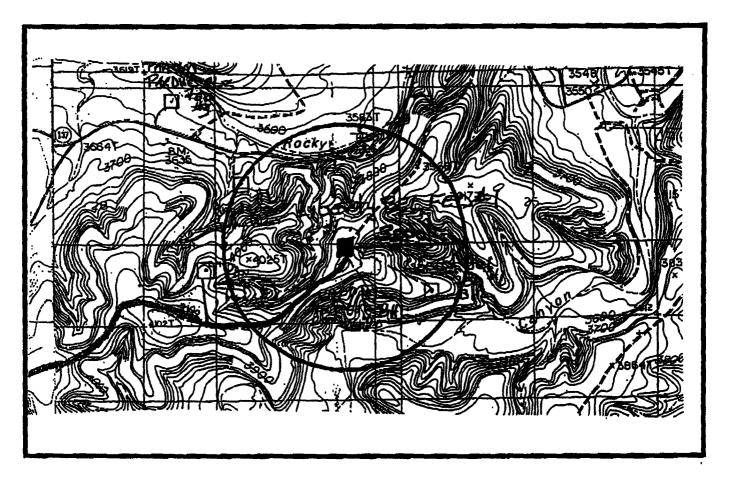
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Section-27, T-21S, R-24E

660' FSL and 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location
Section 26, T21S-R24E
Eddy County NM

Liberty BEL Federal #1 Location

This is an open drilling site. H_2S monitoring equipment and emergency response equipment will be used within 500' of zones known to contain H_2S , including warning signs, wind indicators and H_2S monitor.





Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing H₂S, 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_2S , measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H_2S 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 (SO₂). 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 H₂S and SO₂

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentr- ation
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO ₂	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

YPC Office	(505) 748-1471
Pinson McWhorter/Operations Manager	(505) 748-4189
Darrel Atkins/Production Manager	(505) 748-4204
Ron Beasley/Prod Superintendent	(505) 748-4210
Al Springer/Drilling	(505) 748-4225
Paul Hanes/Prod. Foreman/Roswell	(505) 624-2805
Jim Krogman/Drilling Superintendent	(505) 748-4215
Artesia Answering Service	(505) 748-4302
(During non-office hours)	•

Agency Call List

Eddy County (505)

Artesia	
State Police	746-2703
City Police	746-2703
Sheriff's Office	
Ambulance	
Fire Department	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)	746-2122
NMOCD	
·Carlsbad	
State Police	885-3137
City Police	885-2111
Sheriff's Office	887 -7 551
Ambulance	911
Fire Department	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management	
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

	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8 (915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-33. (505) 746-2757	
B. J. Services		
Flight For Life -4000 24th	St, Lubbock, TX	(806) 743-9911
	ubbock, TX	
	Yale Blvd SE #D3, Albuq, NM	
	rk Carr Loop SE, Albuq, NM	

Conditions of Approval

For

Yates Drilling Company
Liberty BEL Fed #1 and Pan Am Pardue Fed. Cam. #4
Lease #: NM-101080 & NM-105216

Liberty BEL #I Surface Hole: 1672 FSL & 1144 FEL, Section 27, T.21 S., R. 24 E. Bottom Hole: 660 FSL & 660 FWL, Section 26, T. 21 S., R. 24 E.

Pan Am Pardue Fed Com #4: Surface Hole: 1652 FSL & 1197 FEL, Sec. 27, T. 21 S., R. 24 E. Bottom Hole: 660 FSL & 660 FEL, Sec. 27, T. 21 S., R. 24 E.

Surface Mitigation

The following stipulations will apply to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

- 1. A 70X120 foot cuttings pit will be utilized for both wells in the location. The cuttings pit will be lined with two layers of 12 mil. plastic. Upon completion of the well the all fluids will be vacuumed off the cuttings pit and hauled off for proper disposal. The pit will be allowed to dry for 10 months and then reclaimed in accordance with the attached requirements.
- 2. A closed mud system or steel tanks will be utilized to drill the well. All fluids will be hauled off site to be disposed off.
- 3. All above ground facilities, structures, appurtenances, and pipelines will be low profile (less than 8 feet in height)
- 4. All above ground facilities, structures, appurtenances, and pipelines will be painted a non-reflective (Flat) Juniper Green.

Subsurface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns.

- 1. Rotary drilling techniques in cave or karst areas will include the use of fresh water as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst are expected (at a minimum of 3,000 feet). Below those zones, the operator may use whatever drilling fluid is approved in the drilling plan.
- 2. All casing will meet or exceed National Association of Corrosion Engineers specifications pertaining to the geology of the location and be run to American Petroleum Institute and BLM standards.
- 3. A cave protection casing will be required. The cave-protection casing string would be set at least 100 feet below the deepest known cave-bearing zone as determined by drilling. (See Attached Diagram as an example of the Cave Protection String)
- 4. All casing strings will be cemented to the surface.
- 5. Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a bit drops of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 75 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, drilling operations will immediately stop and the BLM will be notified by the Operator. In the event that such an incident occurs contact Jim Goodbar at 505 234-5929 or 505 236-1016 after hours and Jim Amos at (505) 234-5909 or 706-2775. The BLM will assess the consequences of the situation and work with Operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

- 6. The casing will be cemented in place using one or a combination of any of the following methods that are environmentally sound, as determined by the BLM and the Operator:
 - a). If a large void is encountered, isolation from above and below rather than complete cement coverage of these zones could be employed. This would be accomplished by using stage cementing equipment, external packers, cement baskets, and one-inch remedial cementing techniques.
 - b). For a less severe lost circulation zone encountered while drilling, the operator will attempt to circulate cement to the surface using a single or multistage cementing job composed of a "lead" and "tail" slurry for each stage.
 - c.) Foam cementing techniques may be used.

Any corrective actions proposed to resolve problems related to bit drops or lost circulation will require BLM concurrence prior to implementation. A decision on how to proceed will be reached within 24 hours of notification.

- 7. Any blasting will be a phased and time delayed.
- 8. Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from 100 feet below the bottom of the cave bearing zone (Approximately 2,600 feet deep) to the surface.

Monitoring Production Operations

1. Annual pressure tests will be performed by the Operator on all casing annuli. If the test results indicated a casing failure, remedial actions approved by the BLM will be undertaken to correct the problem.

Record Keeping

- 1. The Operator will track customary drilling activities, including the rate of penetration, pump pressure, weight on bit, bit drops, percent of mud returns, and presence of absence of cuttings returning to the surface. As part of customary record keeping, each detectable void or sudden increase in the rate of penetration not attributable to a change in the formation type should be documented and evaluated as it is encountered.
- 2. The BLM may review data held by companies on wells drilled in cave or karst areas, to gain information about impacts to caves and karst. This information will be used to categorize lost-circulation zones on the basis of depth, relative volume, and severity, and to evaluate and compare the relative success or failure of different remedies attempted to combat lost-circulation problems while drilling and cementing casing in these zones. This information also will be used to update information about the occurrence of cave and karst features. Information concerning cave resources gathered during drilling will be submitted and be retained by the BLM in accordance with The Carlsbad Field Office Cave Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name:

Yates Petroleum Corporation

Well Name & No.

Liberty BEL Federal #1 - RESUBMITTAL

SH Location:

1672' FSL, 1144' FEL, Section 27, T. 21 S., R. 24 E., Eddy County, New Mexico 660' FSL, 660' FWL, Section 26, T. 21 S., R. 24 E., Eddy County, New Mexico

BH Location: Lease:

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I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
 - A. Well spud
 - B. Cementing casing: 9-5/8 inch 7 inch
 - C. BOP tests
- 2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Operation Contingency Plan shall be activated prior to drilling into the **Canyon** formation. A copy of the plan shall be posted at the drilling site.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15-day time frame.
- 5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

II. CASING:

- 1. The <u>9-5/8</u> inch surface casing shall be set at <u>approximately 1650 feet</u> and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.
- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>7</u> inch production casing is <u>to reach at least 500 feet</u> above the top of the uppermest hydrecarbon productive interval.

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III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

- 1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the <u>9-5/8</u> inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.
- 2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be <u>5000</u> psi. A <u>2000 psi</u> system may be used to drill the intermediate section of the well if necessary. Testing to 1000 psi is approved.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.
- The tests shall be done by an independent service company.

- The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.
- Testing must be done in a safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

IV. DRILLING MUD:

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the <u>Wolfcamp</u> formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:

- Recording pit level indicator to indicate volume gains and losses.
- Mud measuring device for accurately determining the mud volumes necessary to fill the hole during trips.
- Flow-sensor on the flow-line to warn of abnormal mud returns from the well.

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