

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

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Month - Year  
FEB - 7 2007  
OCD - ARTESIA, NM

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☒ No ☐  
Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone: 505-748-4500 e-mail address: mikes@ypcnm.com

Address: 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, NM 88210

Facility or well name: Paintbrush BHR Federal Com #1 API #: 30-015-20903 U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Sec 20 T 25S R 26E

County: Eddy Latitude 32.11734 Longitude 104.31659 NAD: 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐

Surface Owner: Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

**Pit**

Type: Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Work over ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined ☒ Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume \_\_\_\_\_ bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid: \_\_\_\_\_

Construction material: \_\_\_\_\_

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not. \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet  
50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet  
100 feet or more

(20 points) XXXX  
(10 points)  
( 0 points )

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes  
No

(20 points)  
( 0 points) XXXX

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet  
200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet  
1000 feet or more

(20 points)  
(10 points)  
( 0 points) XXXX

**Ranking Score (Total Points)**

**20 Points**

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☐ offsite ☒ If offsite, name of facility: N/A (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and attach sample results.

(5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Work plan for reopening & closure of drilling pit The drilling pit contents will be excavated and hauled to an OCD approved soil waste facility.

The excavated area will be backfilled to grade using a minimum of 3' of clean soil and like material. A one call and a 48 hour notice will be provided to the Oil Conservation Division.

Pit Closure start date: N/A. Final closure date: N/A.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit ☒, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 12/12/2006

Printed Name/Title Mike Stubblefield / Regulatory Agent

Signature *Mike Stubblefield*

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Printed Name/Title *Jim W. Green* Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/2/07

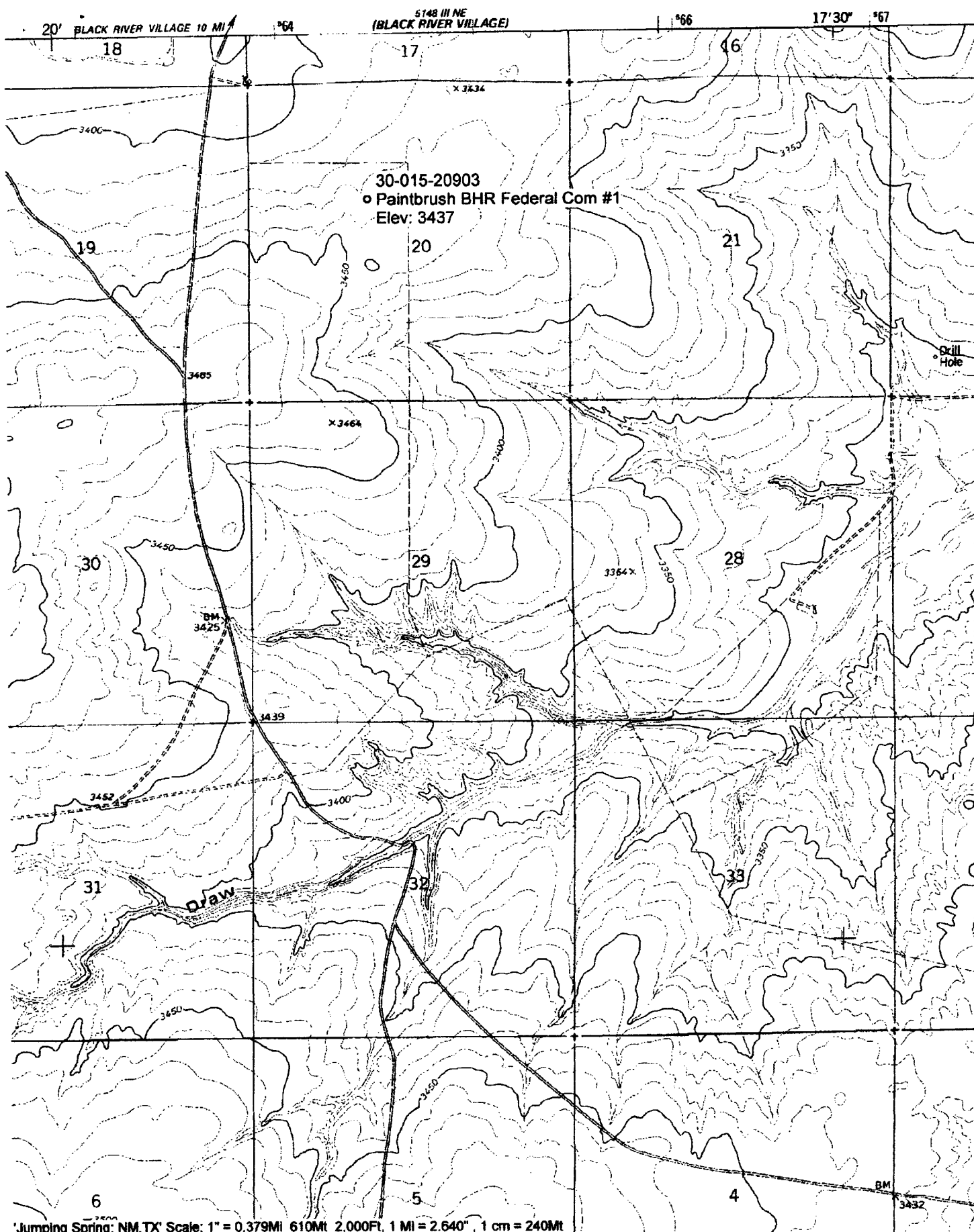
*District II Supervisor*

**PIT CLOSURE FINAL**

**DATE 1/18/2007**

*2/7/07*

Accepted for record - NMOCD



'Jumping Spring', NM, TX Scale: 1" = 0.379MI 610Mt 2,000Ft, 1 Mi = 2.640", 1 cm = 240Mt

New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
POD Reports and DownloadsPAINTBRUSH BHR FEDERAL  
COM #1

Township: 25S Range: 26E Sections:

NAD27 X: Y: Zone: Search Radius:

County: Basin: Number: Suffix:

Owner Name: (First) (Last) ☐ Non-Domestic ☐ Domestic  
☒ All

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## AVERAGE DEPTH OF WATER REPORT 12/12/2006

| Bsn | Tws | Rng | Sec | Zone | X | Y | Wells | (Depth Water in Feet) |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|---|-------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
|     |     |     |     |      |   |   |       | Min                   | Max | Avg |
| C   | 25S | 26E | 03  |      |   |   | 1     | 45                    | 45  | 45  |
| C   | 25S | 26E | 07  |      |   |   | 1     | 60                    | 60  | 60  |
| C   | 25S | 26E | 09  |      |   |   | 1     | 45                    | 45  | 45  |
| C   | 25S | 26E | 22  |      |   |   | 1     | 118                   | 118 | 118 |

Record Count: 4

MARTIN YATES, III  
1912 - 1985  
FRANK W. YATES  
1936 - 1986



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I certify that on 1/10/2007, tests were conducted on soil samples from the

30-015-20903 UT.F 20-251-260 Paintbrush BHR Federal Com. #1

Following are the results of those tests.

EPA Method 9074, TPH Bottom excavated Area 0 ppm.

EPA Method 9253 Bottom excavated Area 121 ppm.

PID Meter, BTEX Bottom excavated Area 0 ppm.

All testing was done at Yates Petroleum Corporation or on location.

Respectfully,

*Mike Stubblefield*

Mike Stubblefield  
Environmental Regulatory Agent