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State of New Mexico **Energy Minerals and Natural Resources**

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Form C-144

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Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes xx No
Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank
Closure of a pit or below-grade tank FEB 1 0 2005 MONTHUM HOLD Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone: (505) 748-4372 e-mail address: debbjec@vpcnm.com Address: 105 South 4th Street, Artesia, NM 88210 Facility or well name: Plays AYH Federal Com. #1 API #: 30-015-33865_U/L or Qu/Qtr 1 Sec 31 T 18S R 25E NAD: 1927 1983 Surface Owner - Federal XX State Private Indian County: Bddy Latitude __ Longitude Pit Type: Drilling X Production [Disposal [Below-grade tank Workover [] Emergency [] Volume: ____bbl Type of fluid: _ Construction material: Lined Ex Unlined Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes I If not, explain why not. Liner type: Synthetic pox Thickness 12 mil Clay | Volume Less than 50 feet (20 points) Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) high water elevation of ground water.) 100 feet or more (points) Yes (20 points) Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic No (0 points) water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.) Less than 200 feet (20 points) Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, 200 feet or more, but less than 1909 feet (10 points) irrigation canals, ditches, and percential and ephemeral watercourses.) 1000 feet or more (0 points) Ranking Score (Total Points) 30 Points If this is a pit elegance: (1) attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: onsite Offsite I if offsite, name of facility _____. (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. 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: February 09, 2005 Signature V Printed Name/Title Cy Cowan/Regulatory Agent Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should be 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. Approva FEB 10 Printed Name/Title

As a condition of approval a detailed closure plan must be filed before closure may commence.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Yates Petroleum Corporation
Well Name & No. 1-Playa AYH Federal Com

Location: 1290' FNL, 0660' FWL, Sec. 31, T-18-S, R-25-E, Eddy County, NM

Lease: NM-18486

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

A. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified a minimum of 2 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

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- 1. Spudding well
- 2. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- 3. BOPE tests
 - Eddy County call the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822
- B. Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a possible hazard. If Hydrogen Sulfide is detected, please forward the reports to BLM.
- C. 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.
- **D.** If floor controls are required, (3M or Greater) 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 are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

II. CASING:

- A. The <u>13-3/8</u> inch surface casing shall be set at <u>approximately 400</u> feet and cemented to the surface.
 - 1. 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 a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
 - 2. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum of 18 hours for a water basin or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement)
 - 3. 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.
 - 4. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.

- B. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>8-5/8</u> inch production casing is **cement** shall circulate to surface. If cement does not circulate see A.1 thru 4.
- C. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>5-1/2</u> inch production casing is for cement to extend a minimum of 200 feet inside the intermediate casing. Prior to moving the rig, please provide verification of cement top.
- **D.** 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.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

- A. 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 Section 17.
- **B.** The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 2 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - 1. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
 - 2. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
 - 3. 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.

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4. 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.

IV. Testing

If a drill stem test is performed, the conditions in Onshore Order 2.III.D are in effect.

Engineer on call phone (after hours): 505-706-2779

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