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Form 3160-3 (April 2004)

OCD-ARTESIA

FORM APPROVED

OMB NO 1004-0137 Expires March 31,2007

**UNITED STATES** DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

RESUBMITTAL 5 Lease Serial No

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEN		NM-53219			
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL	6	If Indian, Allottee or Trib	e Name		
1a Type of Work X DRILL REENT	TER		If Unit or CA Agreement		
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1b Type of Well Oil Well X Gas Well Other	Single Zone X Multiple Zo		Whitbread BFG Fe	deral Com #2	
2 Name of Operator		9	API Well No		
Yates Petroleum Corporation		7	30-015-3	S937	
3a Address 3b Pho	one No (include area code)		Field and Pool, or Explor		
105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210	<sub>fr 3</sub> (505) 748-1471		Indian Basin Uppe	r Penn Assoc.	
105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210  4 Location of well (Report location clearly and In accordance with any At surface	State register PHOT	11	Sec, T, R, M, or Blk	And Survey or Area	
At surface 699' FNL and 383' FWL Su At proposed prod zone	rface Location ATION	VOX	Section 1, T 22	S, R 24 E	
990' FNL and 660' FWL	Bottom Hole Location				
14 Distance in miles and direction from the nearest town or post office*		12	County or Parish	13 State	
Approximately 31 miles northwest of Carl	sbad, NM		Eddy County	NM	
15 Distance from proposed* location to nearest	16 No of acres in lease	17 Spacin	g Unit dedicated to this we	ell	
property or lease line, ft					
(Also to nearest drlg unit line, if any) 660'	2235.37		N/2		
18 Distance from proposed location*		20 BLM/	BIA Bond No on file		
to nearest well, drilling, completed,	8837 MD	_	LATIONIUM PRONICE (III	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
applied for, on this lease, ft 660'  21 Elevations (Show whether DF RT, GR, etc.)	8800' ブゾワ 22 Aproximate date work will		23 Estimated duration	NMB000434	
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3844 GL	ASAP	ASAP 45 Days			
	24 Attachments		_		
The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore	Oil and Gas Order No 1 shall b	e attached t	o this form		
1 Well plat certified by a registered surveyor	4 Rond to cover the	merations in	nless covered by existing b	and on file(see	
2 A Drilling Plan	item 20 above)	peracions a	mess covered by existing (	ona on metace	
3 A Surface Use Plan ( if the location is on National Forest System Land	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	on			
SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office)	_	cific informa	ation and/ or plans as may	be required by the a	
	authorized officer				
25 Signature Name (	Printed/Typed)	C . C	Date	7/17/2007	
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Title Regulator Agent					
Approved By (Signature) Name (	Printed/Typed)	Agraga	Date	OV 8 2007	
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Title 698 FIELD MANAGER Office	CARLSBAD FIF	100			
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operations thereon

Conditions of approval, if any, are a Title 18 USC Section 1001 and Tit

States any false, fictitious or fraudu

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

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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\* (Instructions on page 2)

Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS** AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS **ATTACHED** 

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL  District I 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 <u>District II</u>

1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210 <u>District III</u> 1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

District IV 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 State of New Mexico

Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr.

Santa Fe, NM 87505

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☐ AMENDED REPORT WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION DLAT

<sup>1</sup> API Number <sup>2</sup> Pool Cod					e <sup>3</sup> Pool Name				
							Wildcat Ca	anyon	
<sup>4</sup> Property C					<sup>5</sup> Property	Name			<sup>6</sup> Well Number
3460	ρÓ				Whitbread '	'BFG" Federal Com	1		2
<sup>7</sup> OGRID N	No				8 Operator	Name			<sup>9</sup> Elevation
025575					Yates Petro	oleum Corporation			3844
					<sup>10</sup> 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	1	22 S	24 E		699	North	383	West	Eddy
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UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
D	1	22S	24E		990	North	660	West	Eddy
<sup>12</sup> Dedicated Acres 320 N/2	13 Joint o	or Infill	<sup>14</sup> Consolidation (	Code 15 O	rder No.	<u> </u>			

383'	NM-53219  Surface locati  Bottom hole loca	NM-94584 NM-112893	17 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 unleased 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 fooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order betetoforgentered by the division  7/17/2007  Signature  Date  Cy Cowan, Regulatory Agent  Printed Name
			18 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  Date of Survey Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor  REFER TO ORIGINAL PLAT  Certificate Number

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



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### STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:

Whitbread BFG Federal Com. #2 Lease No.: NM-53219	NATIONALIDE Bond Coverage: Individually Bonded
Legal Description of Land: 699' FNL and 383' FWL	BLM Bond File No.: NM 28 1 NM BOUD 434
Section 1, T22S-R24E	-
Eddy County, New Mexico	_
Formation (s) – (if applicable):	
N/A	_
	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Date:July 14, 2005	Cy Coway, Regulatory Agent
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#### OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

☐ AMENDED REPORT

#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
		Wildcat Canyon
Property Code	Property Name	e Well Number
	WHITBREAD "BFG" PED	DERAL COM. 2
OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
025575	YATES PETROLEUM (	CORPORATION 3844

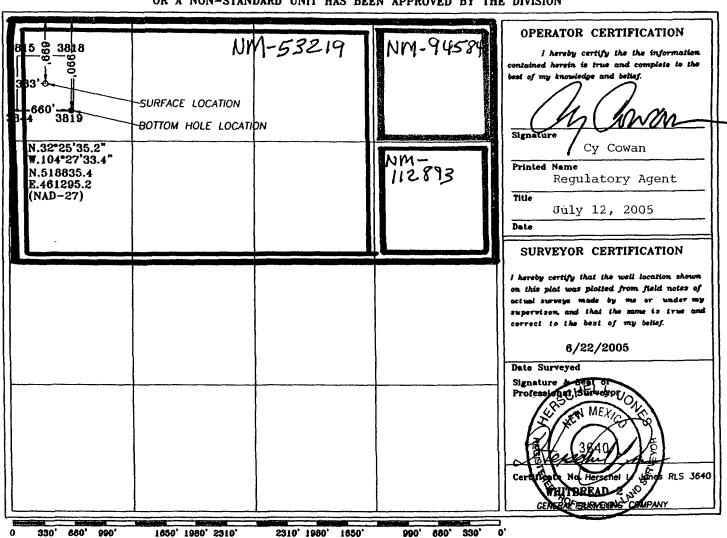
#### Surface Location

[	UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	lot ldn	Peet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Ì	D	1	225	24E	•	699	NORTH	383	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
D	1	225	24E		890	NORTH	660	WEST	EDDY
Dedicated Acres   Joint or Infill   Consolidation Code   Order No.									
320									

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



## YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION Whitbread BFG Federal Com. #2

699' FNL and 383' FWL Surface Location 990 FNL and 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location Section 1-T22S-R24E Eddy County, New Mexico

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

Cherry Canyon	2295'-Oil Pay	3rd Bone Spring	7020'-Oil Pay
Brushy Canyon	2605'-Oil Pay	Wolfcamp	7390'-Oil Pay
Lower San Andres	3095'-Oil Pay	Cisco Canyon	7895'-Oil Pay
Bone Spring Lime	3345'-Oil Pay	Base of Dolomite	8625'-Oil Pay
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bone Spring	5435'-Oil Pay	TD	8800'-Oil Pay

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

Water:

100' - 493'

Oil or Gas:

All potential zones.

3. Pressure Control Equipment: BOPE will be installed on the 9 5/8" casing and rated for 3000 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:

A. Cas	ing Program: (A	All New)				Langth COA
Hole Size	Casing Size	Wt./Ft	<u>Grade</u>	Coupling	<u>Interval</u>	Length Jec Com
14 3/4"	9 5/8"	36#	J-55	ST+C	0-1600'	1600' 🗲 💆 , ,
(°B 3/4"	7"	26#	J-55	LT+C	0-500'	500° ) Apaced
8 3/4"	7"	26#	J-55	LT+C	500'-6200'	5/1811
8 3/4"	7"	26#	J-55	LT+C	6200'-8500'	2300' 11/6/07
( 8 3/4"	7"	26#	L-80	LT+C	8500'-8800'	300')

Yates Petroleum Corporation requests a variance to install a rotating head on the surface casing strings when intermediate casing will be set. If a BOP system is required then we wish to install a 2M system and receive a variance 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) +1100 sx Lite 'C' (YLD 1.8 WT 12.5) tail

in with 200 sx Class 'C' + 2% CaCl2 (YLD 1.34 WT 14.8). Surface

Production Casing: 750 sx Lite 'C' (YLD 1.95 WT 12.5). Tail in with 550 sx Lite 'C'

(YLD 1.61 WT 13.2). TOG-1100' <- see COM

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

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COA	
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<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
0-1600'	Air Mist	8.4	28	N/C
1600'-7895'	Fresh Water	8.4	28	N/C
7895'-8800'	Fresh Water	8.4-8.5	28	<20

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 to TD.

Logging: Platform Express HRLA/NGT.

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

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

Anticipated BHP:

From:

0

To:

1600'

Anticipated Max. BHP

700 PSI.

From:

1600'

To:

8800'

Anticipated Max. BHP

3890 PSI.

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: Possible Canyon.

H2S Zones Anticipated: Possible in Canyon.

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 143 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.

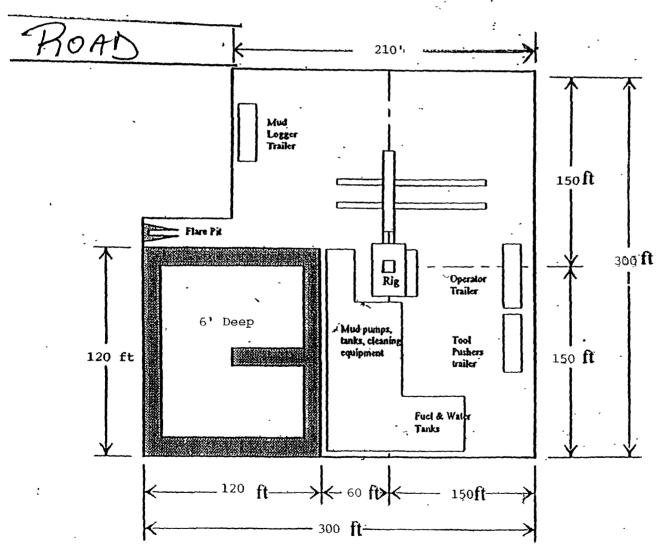
## **Yates Petroleum Corporation**

Location Layout for Permian Basin Up to 12,000'

Pits South/South West

. See COA's

Yates Petroleum Corporation Whitbread BFG Federal Com. #2 699' FNL and 383' FWL SHL 990' FNL and 660' FWL BHL Section 1, T22S-R24E Eddy County, New Mexico

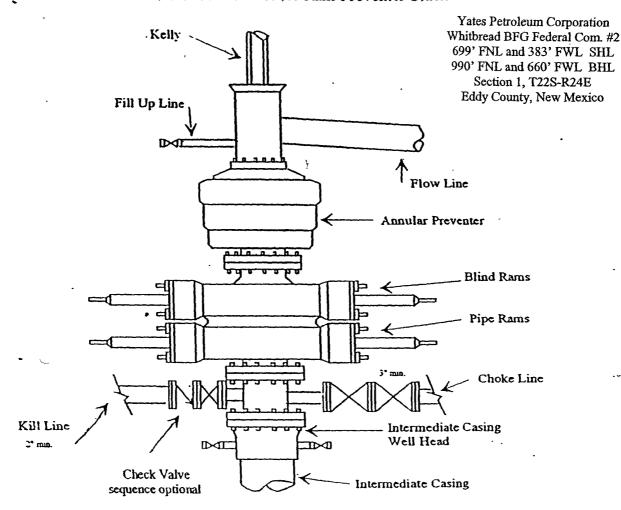


Distance from Well Head to Reserve Pit will vary between rigs

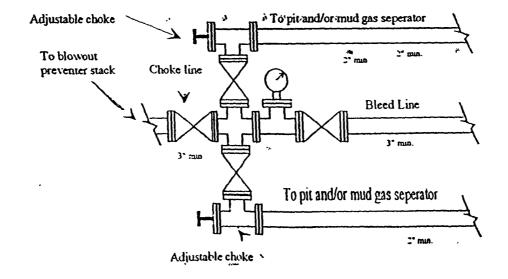
The above dimension should be a maximum

### rates Petroleum Corporation

Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System
Schematic
Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack



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



# **Yates Petroleum Corporation**

105 S. Fourth Street Artesia, NM 88210

# Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Contingency Plan

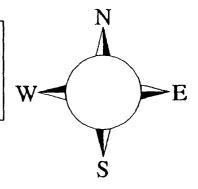
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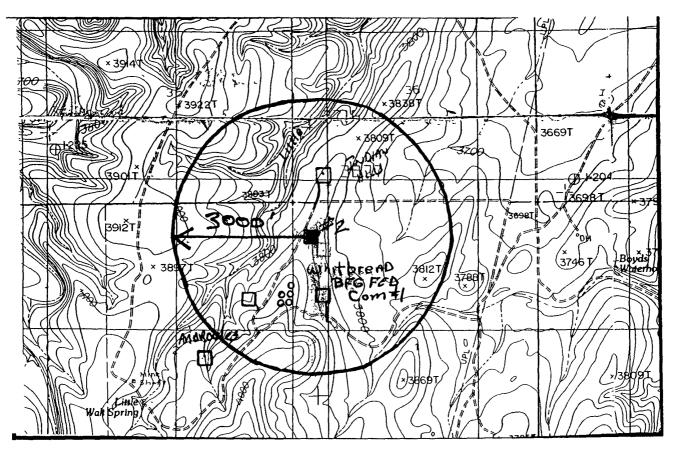
### Whitbread BFG Federal Com. 2

699' FNL, 383' FWL Surface Location 990' FNL and 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location Section-1, T-22S, R-24E Eddy County NM

### Whitbread BFG Federal Com. #2 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.





### Yates Petroleum Corporation Phone Numbers

YPC Office	(505) 748-1471
Pinson McWhorter/Operations Manager	(505) 748-4189
Darrel Atkins/Production Manager	(505) 748-4204
Darrel Atkins/Production Manager 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	
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	746-9888
Ambulance	911
Fire Department	
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)	
NMOCD	748-1283
Carlsbad	
State Police	
City Police	
Sheriff's Office	
Ambulance	
Fire Department	
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)	
US Bureau of Land Management	887-0544
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	(505)476-9600
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New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center	` '
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC)	
The state of the s	(***)
Other	
Boots & Coots IWC	
Flight For Life -4000 24th St, Lubbock, TX	

#### **Emergency Procedures**

In the case of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of H<sub>2</sub>S, measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H<sub>2</sub>S monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries during the response.

#### **Ignition of Gas Source**

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

#### Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentr- ation
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

#### **Contacting Authorities**

YPC personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. YPC Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)

# MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN Yates Petroleum Corporation

Whitbread BFG Federal Com. #2
699' FNL and 383' FWL Surface Location
990' FNL and 660' FWL Bottom Hole Location
Sec. 1-T22S-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.

#### 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 wellsite is located approximately 31 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 for approximately 9.5 miles to Waterline Hole (CR-406). Turn left on Waterhole Road and go approximately 1.8 miles. Turn left here and follow road for approximately 5.4 miles. Turn right here and go approximately .7 of a mile passing the Whitbread BFG. Federal #1 access road. Continue going west on lease road for approximately .1 of a mile passing large Nearburg tank battery on the right. Go another .2 of a mile to a lease road with pipe fencing on each side. Turn right here and follow lease road for approximately .3 of a mile. The location will be on the right side of the road.

#### PLANNED ACCESS ROAD

No new access road will be needed.

#### 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL

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

#### 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.

#### 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:

The dirt contractor will locate closest pit and will obtain any permits and materials for needed for construction.

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#### 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.

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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 land fill. 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. 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.

#### 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 the 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.

# CÉRTIFICATION YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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 I, or the company I represent, am 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 day of, 20_0
Name ( )
Position Title Regulatory Agent
Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210
Telephone 748-4372
Field Representative (if not above signatory) Jim Krogman
Address (if different from above) Same
Telephone (if different from above) 505-748-4215
E-mail (optional)

### Conditions of Approval Cave and Karst

EA#: NM-520-07-1103
Lease #: NM-53219
Yates Petroleum Corporation
Whitbread BFG Fed. Com. #2 RESUBMITTAL

#### Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation

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

#### **Berming:**

Any tank batteries will be constructed and bermed large enough to contain any spills that may occur.

Bermed areas will be lined with rip-stop padding to prevent tears or punctures in liners and lined with a permanent 20 mil plastic liner.

#### Closed Mud System with a Drying Area or Buried Cuttings Pit:

All fluids will be in steel tanks and hauled off. A 70X100 foot cuttings pit or a 150X100 foot drying area will be utilized for this location. The cuttings pit or drying area will be lined with 4 oz. felt and a layer of 20 mil. plastic. Upon completion of the well all excess fluids will be vacuumed off the cuttings pit and allowed to dry. The liner could then be folded over the cuttings, covered with a 20 mil plastic cover and then covered with at least three feet of top soil.

#### Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

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

#### Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:

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 features are expected. Use depth to the deepest expected fresh water as listed in the geologist report.

#### **Directional Drilling:**

Kick off for directional drilling will occur at least 100 feet below the bottom of the cave occurrence zone (1650 ft in depth) as identified in the geologic report.

#### Casing:

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.

#### **Lost Circulation:**

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void (bit drops) of four feet or more and circulation losses greater then 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. The BLM will assess the consequences of the situation and work with operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

#### **Delayed Blasting:**

Any blasting will be a phased and time delayed.

#### **Abandonment Cementing:**

Upon well abandonment the well bore will be cemented completely from 100 feet below the bottom of the cave bearing zone to the surface.

#### **Pressure Tests:**

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.

#### **Differential Shut-off Systems:**

A leak detection system and differential shut off systems will be installed for pipelines and tanks used in production or drilling.

#### **Record Keeping:**

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.

#### B. CASING

- 1. The 9-5/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 1600 feet and cemented to the surface. If the Delaware Sand is encountered at 1600 feet, this casing string is to be set 30 feet above that depth. Fresh water/air mist approved at 8.4 ppg.
  - 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 a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
  - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time 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. (This is to include the lead cement).
  - 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 action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

#### High cave/karst.

Possible lost circulation in the San Andres and Wolfcamp formations. Possible high pressure in the Wolfcamp and Pennsylvanian section.

- 2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 7 inch production casing is:
  - □ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office. Cement to come to surface due to high cave/karst.
- 3. 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. 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.

- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 2 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the Wolfcamp formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.
  - f. No waiver on BOP test.

#### D. DRILLING MUD

Proposed mud for the Wolfcamp and below may need to be heavier to adequately control potential pressure problems.

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the **Wolfcamp** formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented.

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