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February 12, 2003

Mr. David Catanach Mr. William V. Jones Jr. State of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division 2040 S. Pacheco Street Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-5472

Dear Mr. Catanach and Mr. Jones:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests to make a modification to Administrative Order SWD-814, for the Archimedes No. 1, located in Sec. 18, Township 21S, Range 24E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

When we moved on the well to begin to prepare it for deepening to the Devonian, it was discovered that the existing 7" casing had developed a hole due to corrosion at approximately 6700". We have repaired the hole and returned the casing to its original ID. Other perforated intervals have been squeezed. The casing has been tested to 600 psi and found to have integrity.

Our original plans were to set a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " liner from the planned TD of 11000' to about 9250'. We would perforate the liner in the Devonian, then run $4\frac{1}{2}$ " plastic coated tubing to the top of the liner.

Due to the problems with the 7" casing at approximately 6700', we would now prefer to bring the liner top to approximately 6000'. This would serve to isolate the questionable casing and all squeezed perforations above the injection interval. Plastic coated $4\frac{1}{2}$ " tubing will be run to the top of the liner. A diagram of the proposed installation is included with this letter.

In addition to the request for modification of the Administrative order, we also would like to request an additional 90 day extension of Administrative Order SWD-814, which expires April 3, 2003. Due to the additional time necessary because of the unanticipated repairs, the drilling rig scheduled to deepen the well is now not available until the end of March. Once the deepening is completed, we will immediately commence completion operations, testing and disposal. ۲

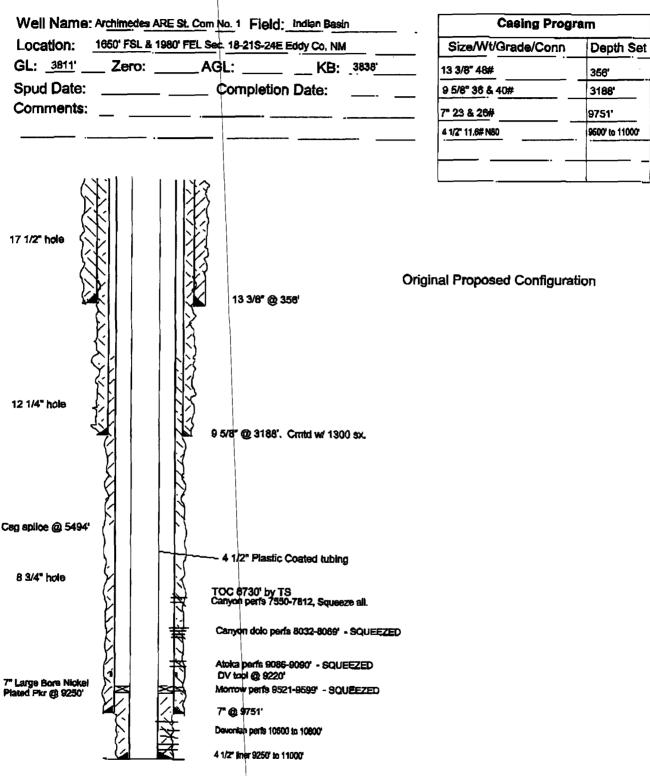
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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please call me at (505) 748-4281 if you have any questions.

Sincerely, 3

Sam Brandon Operations Engineer



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