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Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

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

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District Office in accordance  
with Rule 116 on back  
side of form

**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

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**OPERATOR**

X Initial Report Final Report

Name of Company Yates Petroleum Corporation	Contact Mike Stubblefield
Address 105 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, N.M. 88210	Telephone No. 505-7484500 505-513-1712
Facility Name Walt Canyon AMA Federal #4	Facility Type Producing well

Surface Owner Federal	Mineral Owner Federal	Lease No.
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**LOCATION OF RELEASE**

Unit Letter B	Section 3	Township 22s	Range 24e	Feet from the 860'	North/South Line FNL	Feet from the 1780'	East/West Line FEL	County Eddy
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Latitude 32.4257 Longitude 104.48302

**NATURE OF RELEASE**

Type of Release Hydrocarbon & Produced water	Volume of Release 10 bbls Hydrocarbon 490 bbls produced water	Volume Recovered 0 Hydrocarbon 0 produced water
Source of Release Below grade flow line from well.	Date and Hour of Occurrence 11/23/2008 7 00pm	Date and Hour of Discovery 11/23/2008 7 00pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? Yes X No Not Required	If YES, To Whom? NMOCD/Mike Bratcher's voice mail box	
By Whom? Mike Stubblefield	Date and Hour 11/24/2008 11 25am	
Was a Watercourse Reached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse	

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully \*

**Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken \***

The below grade flow line was found to be leaking in two areas near the wellhead. The first release area was 10' due south of the wellhead on location, the second release area was 40' due south of the wellhead on location. The below grade line was excavated and removed from service; a new flow line will be installed above grade.

**Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken \***

The impacted area was located on and off the location. The impacted areas on location were on the removed flow line. Area A located 10' south of the well head & area B located 40' south of the wellhead. The impacted areas labeled A & B were excavated to a depth of 6' BGS. Composite soil samples were taken on 12/3/2008 from the excavated areas and the removed stockpiled soil. The impacted area off the location is located east of the location. This area is steep in grade. The release ran under the location and exited the location pad in a narrow flow path running east of the location. This area was measured to be 5'-15' x 300'. There was a small pooling area found at the end of the release. A water sample was taken from the release fluid in this area on 11/24/2008.

Soil samples were taken for analytical from the impacted area located east of the location on 11/24/2008. The soil samples taken were then submitted to a second party lab and analysis ran for TPH using EPA Method 8015m, and B-TEX using EPA Method 8260. Analysis was run for the Chlorides using EPA Method 4500CLB. The analytical results dated 12/1/2008 received from Cardinal Lab reported the TPH & B-TEX to be under the RRAL for the site. The Chlorides were reported to be 368 ppm in the impacted area located east of the location. The Chlorides were reported to be 1,190 ppm in the water sample taken on 11/24/2008. The TPH & B-TEX are under the RRAL for the site. The Chlorides as documented pose no risk to surface waters or ground waters. The impacted area on location will be further delineated for the GRO & DRO. A work plan will be submitted to OCD for the correction of the impacted areas on location. When analytical results report the TPH to be under the RRAL for the site, Yates Petroleum Corporation will submitted the final C-141 form for the release that occurred on 11/24/2008 requesting closure.

Depth to ground water > 100', Wellhead protection area > 1000', Distance to surface water body < 1000' Site ranking 10.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Signature. <i>Mike Stubblefield</i>	<b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>	
Printed Name Mike Stubblefield	Approved by District Supervisor <i>Timothy SB</i>	Remediation Actions to be completed and Final C-141 submitted with confirmation analyses/documentation on or before the Expiration Date.
Title Environmental Regulatory Agent	Approval Date 12-24-08	Expiration Date 2-25-2009
E-mail Address mikes@ypcnm.com	Conditions of Approval: <i>STIPULATIONS</i>	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date 12/4/2008 Phone 505-748-4500		

Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR  
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ATTN: MIKE STUBBLEFIELD  
105 SOUTH 4TH STREET  
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FAX TO: (575) 748-4635

Receiving Date: 11/26/08  
Reporting Date: 11/26/08  
Project Number: 30-015-28361  
Project Name: WALT CANYON AMA FED. #4  
Project Location: SEC. 3-22S-24E

Analysis Date: 11/26/08  
Sampling Date: 11/24/08  
Sample Type: SOIL & WASTEWATER  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: AB  
Analyzed By: HM

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	CF (ppm)
H16435-1	FLOW PATH EAST OF LOCATION SURFACE.	* 368
H16435-2	POOLING AREA EAST OF LOCATION.	1,190
Quality Control		510
True Value QC		500
% Recovery		102
Relative Percent Difference		2.0

METHOD: Standard Methods 4500-CF/B

\* Note: Analysis performed on a 1:4 w:v aqueous extract.

  
Chemist

12-01-08  
Date

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Receiving Date: 11/26/08  
Reporting Date: 12/01/08  
Project Number: 30-015-28361  
Project Name: WALT CANYON AMA FED. #4  
Project Location: SEC. 3-22S-24E

Sampling Date: 11/24/08  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: AB  
Analyzed By: AB

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO (C <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	DRO (C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)
		11/26/08	11/26/08
H16435-1	FLOW PATH EAST OF LOCATION SURFACE.	<10.0	<10.0
Quality Control		588	502
True Value QC		500	500
% Recovery		118	100
Relative Percent Difference		10.0	8.3

METHOD: SW-846 8015 M

  
Lab Director

  
Date

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Receiving Date: 11/24/08  
Reporting Date: 12/01/08  
Project Number: 30-015-00087  
Project Name: DONAHUE FEDERAL SWD #1  
Project Location: SEC. 10-20S-24E

Sampling Date: 11/17/08  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: COOL & INTACT  
Sample Received By: AB  
Analyzed By: ZL

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOLUENE (mg/kg)	ETHYL BENZENE (mg/kg)	TOTAL XYLENES (mg/kg)
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ANALYSIS DATE	11/26/08	11/26/08	11/26/08	11/26/08
H16386-1 1. TREATED AREA EAST OF TANK BATTERY.	<0.050	<0.050	<0.050	<0.150
Quality Control	0.060	0.049	0.055	0.151
True Value QC	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.150
% Recovery	120	98.0	110.0	101
Relative Percent Difference	0.9	6.9	8.8	6.7

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8260

TEXAS NELAP CERTIFICATION T104704398-08-TX FOR BENZENE, TOLUENE, ETHYL BENZENE,  
AND TOTAL XYLENES.

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Date

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## CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

Page 1 of 1

Company Name: <b>Yates Petroleum Corporation</b>		P.O. #:		ANALYSIS REQUEST	
Project Manager: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>		Company: <b>Yates Pet Corp</b>			
Address: <b>105 South 4th Street</b>		Attn: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>			
City: <b>Artesia</b>	State: <b>N.M.</b>	Zip: <b>88210</b>	Address: <b>105 South 4th Street</b>		
Phone #: <b>505-913-1712</b>	Fax #: <b>505-913-4335</b>	City: <b>Artesia</b>			
Project #: <b>30-015-28761</b>	Project Owner: <b>Yates Petroleum</b>	State: <b>N.M.</b>			
Project Name: <b>Walt Canyon ADA Fed. #4</b>		Phone #: <b>505-913-4330</b>			
Project Location: <b>Sec. 3-22-24c</b>		Fax #: <b>505-913-4335</b>			
Sampler Name: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>					
FOR LAB USE ONLY		MATRIX		PRESERV.	SAMPLING
Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	(GRAB OR COMPO.)	# CONTAINERS	DATE	TIME
		GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL
		SLUDGE	OTHER:	ACID/BASE	ICE / COOL
				OTHER:	
<b>H/L 4354</b>	<b>Flow path out of location surface.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>11/24/2008 2:16 PM</b>
<b>-2</b>	<b>Pool area east of location.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>11/24/2008 2:30 PM</b>

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<b>Mike Stubblefield</b>	Time: <b>9:00 am</b>		Fix Result: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Relinquished By:	Date: <b>11/25/2008</b>	Received By: <b>Lab Staff</b>	REMARKS:
<b>Mike Stubblefield</b>	Time: <b>9:00 am</b>	<b>CB</b> <b>11/26/08 10:40a</b>	
Delivered By: (Circle One)		Sample Condition: <b>Yes</b>	
Sampler - UPS - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Other: <input type="checkbox"/>		Temp, °C: <b>Yes</b>	Checked By: <b>CB</b>
		Intact? <b>Yes</b>	(Initials)

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Receiving Date: 12/03/08  
Reporting Date: 12/07/08  
Project Number: 30-015-28381  
Project Name: WALT CANYON AMA FED. #4  
Project Location: SEC. 3-22S-24E

Sampling Date: 12/03/08  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: AB

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE ID	GRO	DRO
		(C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>10</sub> ) (mg/kg)	(>C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>28</sub> ) (mg/kg)
ANALYSIS DATE:		12/05/08	12/05/08
H16468-1	AREA A EXCAVATED AREA 5' BGS	79.7	4,960
H16468-2	AREA A STOCKPILED SOIL	194	15,800
H16468-3	AREA B EXCAVATED AREA 5' BGS	842	30,300
H16468-4	AREA B STOCKPILED SOIL	2,410	22,800
Quality Control		535	593
True Value QC		500	500
% Recovery		107	119
Relative Percent Difference		<0.1	8.8

METHOD: SW-846 8015 M

  
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Date

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Receiving Date: 12/03/08  
Reporting Date: 12/05/08  
Project Number: 30-015-28361  
Project Name: WALT CANYON AMA FED.#4  
Project Location: SEC. 3-22S-24E

Sampling Date: 12/03/08  
Sample Type: SOIL  
Sample Condition: INTACT  
Sample Received By: ML  
Analyzed By: ZL

LAB NUMB	SAMPLE ID	BENZENE	TOLUENE	ETHYL	TOTAL
		(mg/kg)	(mg/kg)	BENZENE (mg/kg)	XYLENES (mg/kg)
ANALYSIS DATE		12/04/08	12/04/08	12/04/08	12/04/08
H16468-1	AREA A EXCAVATED AREA 5' BGS	<0.050	0.082	0.061	0.628
H16468-2	AREA A STOCKPILED SOIL	<0.050	0.072	0.162	1.33
H16468-3	AREA B EXCAVATED AREA 5' BGS	<0.050	0.354	0.661	9.20
H16468-4	AREA B STOCKPILED SOIL	<0.050	0.580	4.80	78.2
Quality Control		0.047	0.054	0.055	0.166
True Value QC		0.050	0.050	0.050	0.150
% Recovery		94.0	108	110	111
Relative Percent Difference		1.2	2.1	1.9	2.2

METHOD: EPA SW-846 8021

TEXAS NELAP CERTIFICATION T104704398-08-TX FOR BENZENE, TOLUENE, ETHYL BENZENE,  
AND TOTAL XYLENES.

Lab Director

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## CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND ANALYSIS REQUEST

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Company Name: <b>Valco Petroleum Corporation</b>		BILL TO:		ANALYSIS REQUEST																	
Project Manager: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>		P.O. #:		<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>TPH 801M</div> <div>R-TEX 8021</div> <div>Chlorides 4500 CL</div> </div>																	
Address: <b>105 South 4th Street</b>		Company: <b>Valco Atg Corp</b>																			
City: <b>Astoria</b>	State: <b>N.M.</b>	Zip: <b>88210</b>	Attn: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>																		
Phone #: <b>505-913-1912</b>	Fax #: <b>505-748-4335</b>	Address: <b>105 South 4th Street</b>																			
Project #: <b>36-015-28361</b>	Project Owner: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>		City: <b>Astoria</b>																		
Project Name: <b>Walt Canyon AMA Fed. #4</b>		State: <b>N.M.</b>																			
Project Location: <b>Sec. 3-22-24c</b>		Phone #: <b>505-748-4300</b>																			
Sampler Name: <b>Mike Stubblefield</b>		Fax #: <b>505-748-4635</b>																			
FOR LAB USE ONLY		MATRIX		PRESERV.		SAMPLING															
Lab I.D.	Sample I.D.	GROUNDWATER	WASTEWATER	SOIL	OIL	SLUDGE	OTHER:	ACID/BASE	ICE / COOL	OTHER:	DATE	TIME									
H/0408-1	Area A excavated Area 5' BGS	C		✓				✓			12/3/2008	1:00PM	✓	✓	✓						
-2	Area A stock piled soil	C		✓				✓			12/3/2008	1:10PM	✓	✓	✓						
-3	Area B excavated Area 5' BGS	C		✓				✓			12/3/2008	1:20PM	✓	✓	✓						
-4	Area B stock piled soil	C		✓				✓			12/3/2008	1:30PM	✓	✓	✓						


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Relinquished By:		Date: <b>12/3/2008</b>	Received By: (Lab Staff)	REMARKS:
<b>Mike Stubblefield</b>		Time: <b>4:01 PM</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Delivered By: (Circle One)		Sample Condition		
Sampler - UPS - <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: <input type="radio"/>		Temp. °C		Intact? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		Checked By: (Initials)		<b>MSB</b>

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Oil Conservation Division



December 24, 2008

Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Artesia, NM 88210

RE: Walt Canyon AMA Federal 004 30-015-28361  
B-3-22S-24E Eddy County, New Mexico  
2RP-283

Dear Operator:

This office is in receipt of your C-141 regarding the produced water and crude oil release at this facility.

NMOCD Rule 19.15.3.116.D states, "The responsible person must complete division approved corrective action for releases which endanger public health or the environment. Releases will be addressed in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with Section 19 of 19.15.1 NMAC."

A guide document intended to provide direction for remediation of soils and fresh waters contaminated as a result of leaks, spills, or releases of oilfield wastes and products is found on OCD's web site at the following link:  
[http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/o cd/documents/7C\\_spill1.pdf](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/o cd/documents/7C_spill1.pdf)

The following actions are **required** to be addressed in the **remediation plan**:

- Horizontal and vertical delineation of the spill by soil sampling. Delineation is required until contamination reaches background levels or a site specific acceptable level. Any constituent(s) of concern—to include but not limited to TPH, BTEX, and chlorides—are to be addressed in the delineation and remediation plan.
- Prepare a sketch of the site indicating where and at what depths the samples were taken.
- Submit laboratory results of sampling and the work plan proposal (plan) for remediation, removal and/or clean up of contaminants that may be present at the site.

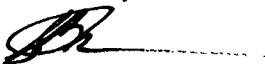
Notify the OCD **48** hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to the OCD. Notification is to include date and time of sample event.

Within 30 days, **on or before January 25, 2009**, completion of a remediation work plan should be finalized and submitted to the Division summarizing all actions taken or to be taken to mitigate environmental damage related to the leak, spill or release for approval.

Please be advised that NMOCD acceptance and/or approval of documents or work plans does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance and/or approval of documents or work plans do not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If I may be of further assistance with this matter or should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sherry Bonham  
NMOCD District II  
575.748.1283 X109

