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April 27, 2006

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South 4th Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

Attn: Ms. Bonnie Floore

Re: 2006 Plan of Development
Merle State Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Floore:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the referenced Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies. The possibility of drainage by wells outside the unit area, and the need for further development of the unit may exist; therefore, we may contact you at a later date regarding these possibilities.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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BY:
JAMI BAILEY, Director
Oil, Gas and Minerals Division
(505) 827-5744

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March 12, 2004

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210-2118

Attn: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Final Approval
Merle State Exploratory Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

This office is in receipt of your letter of March 8, 2004, requesting final approval of the Merle State Exploratory Unit Agreement, Lea County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that the Commissioner of Public Lands has this date granted final approval to the Merle State Exploratory Unit Agreement. The effective date of your agreement is March 12, 2004.

It is our understanding that all tracts are committed to the unit agreement.

Enclosed are (5) Certificates of Approval.

Your \$360.00 filing fee has been received.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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QCD-Santa Fe, Attn: Mr. Roy Johnson
TRD-Attn: Mr. Valdean Severson
RMD-Attn: Ms. Linda Vieira



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February 16, 2004

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attention: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Preliminary Approval
Proposed Merle State Exploratory Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

This office has received the unexecuted copy of the unit agreement, which you have submitted for the proposed Merle State Exploratory Unit area, Lea County, New Mexico. This agreement meets the general requirements of the Commissioner of Public Lands, who has this date granted you preliminary approval as to form and content.

Preliminary approval shall not be construed to mean final approval of this agreement in any way and will not extend any short-term leases, until final approval and an effective date have been given.

When submitting your agreement for final approval, please submit the following:

1. Application for final approval by the Commissioner setting forth the tracts that have been committed and the tracts that have not been committed.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19.2.100.51, applications for approval shall contain a statement of facts showing:
 - a. That such agreement will tend to promote the conservation of oil and gas and the better utilization of reservoir energy.
 - b. That under the proposed unit operation, the State of New Mexico will receive its fair share of the recoverable oil and gas in place under its lands in the proposed unit area.
 - c. That each beneficiary institution of the State of New Mexico will receive its fair and equitable share of the recoverable oil and gas under its lands within the unit area.
 - d. That such unit agreement is in other respects for the best interest of the trust.
3. All ratifications from the Lessees of Record and Working Interest Owners. All signatures should be acknowledged by a notary and one set must contain original signatures.
4. Order of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Our approval will be conditioned upon subsequent favorable approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

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5. Please submit two copies of the Unit Agreement.
6. A copy of the Unit Operating Agreement (if applicable).
7. Copies of all the well records for the initial unit well and any subsequent well.
8. Your filing fee in the amount of \$360.00 has been received.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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cc: ~~_____~~
OCD-Santa Fe, Attention: Mr. Roy Johnson
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June 14, 2004

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attn: Mr. Robert Bullock

Re: Merle State Unit Well No. 1
SW/4SE/4 Sec. 13-10S-34E
Commercial Well Determination
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bullock:

We received your letter of June 3, 2004 together with data that supports your commercial determination regarding the Merle State Unit Well No. 1.

The Commissioner of Public Lands concurs with Yates Petroleum Corporation's determination that the above-mentioned well is a commercial well in the Atoka formation.

Please submit your 2004 plan of development.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

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January 14, 2005

Yates Petroleum Corporation
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Attn: Ms. Bonnie Floore

Re: 2004 Plan of Development
Merle State Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

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Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Ms. Floore:

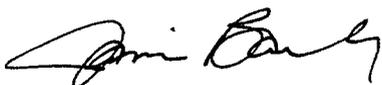
The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the above-captioned Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies.

The possibility of drainage by wells outside of the unit area and the need for further development of the unit may exist. You may be contacted at a later date regarding these possibilities.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

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May 10, 2005

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South 4th Street
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Attn: Mr. Kevin Klein

Re: 2005 Plan of Development (Revised)
Merle State Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Commissioner of Public Lands has, of this date, approved the above-captioned Plan of Development. Our approval is subject to like approval by all other appropriate agencies.

The possibility of drainage by wells outside of the unit area and the need for further development of the unit may exist. You may be contacted at a later date regarding these possibilities.

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April 7, 2005

Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 South Fourth Street
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attn: Mr. Kevin Klein

Re: Merle State Unit
Rejection of 2005 Plan of Development
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klein:

We received your letter of March 31, 2005 together with your 2005 plan of development for the Merle State Unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Your plan as proposed is to evaluate the remaining unit acreage for development.

Please be advised that your 2005 plan of development for the Merle State Unit as submitted is unacceptable. Our records reflect that, per your request for preliminary approval, two wells are required to be drilled within this 11½ section unit.

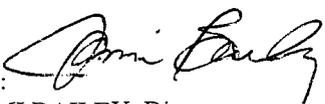
In view of the above, we are returning your 2005 plan of development unapproved. Please submit an acceptable plan of development to this office which calls for the drilling of a second well in this unit for 2005.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

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