

**Mr. Michael E. Stogner
Oil Conservation Division
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Notwithstanding any disagreement we may have over the order, Mr. Kellahin's letter to which this is referred is an insult and appears to be a blatant attempt to make this company look bad before the Division. Mr. Kellahin should be the LAST one to accuse anyone of *ex parte* communications. The accusation of illegal behavior, violation of rules, and the flavor of blackmail is completely inappropriate and we object to this treatment.

Very truly yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION



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