

**From:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**To:** ["Amber Griffin"](#)  
**Cc:** [Bob Asher](#); [Katie Parker](#); [Chase Settle](#); [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Bayliss, Randolph, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bryan ME #1 (2RP-3164)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 9:19:00 AM

---

Amber,

Please extend your excavation on the west side to remove contaminated soils, since this is not considered part of the pit. As for the north (pit) side, you have approval to backfill.

Please be advised that this RP may remain open until this area has achieved 70% plant cover (excluding noxious weeds). Leaving elevated chlorides in place may hinder that goal.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, and for notification, please contact me.

Heather Patterson  
Environmental Specialist  
NMOCD District II  
Office (575)748-1283 ext.101  
Cell (575)703-0228

---

**From:** Amber Griffin [mailto:[AGriffin@yatespetroleum.com](mailto:AGriffin@yatespetroleum.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Bob Asher; Katie Parker; Chase Settle  
**Subject:** FW: Bryan ME #1 (2RP-3164)

Heather,

The Bryan ME #1 has been excavated to 4' below the surface level. As requested by NMOCD, Yates Petroleum has also field tested the sidewalls for chlorides.

The chloride testing results were:

- East Sidewall – 564 ppm
- South Sidewall – Non-Detect
- West Sidewall – 3,792 ppm – we tested out an additional 1'-2' and found that these levels decreased to 180 ppm.
- North Sidewall – 5,708 ppm – we tested out an additional 3-4' and found that these levels decreased to 1,204 ppm.

These chloride levels are not a result of the release that occurred at this site, but rather from a drilling pit on the location. Based off of the closure standards under Pit Rule 17, Yates Petroleum

requests permission to backfill the excavation. No further excavation work will be completed, but Yates will install the 20 mil liner and backfill the location as previously approved by NMOCD.

Thank you,  
Amber Griffin

---

**From:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD [<mailto:Heather.Patterson@state.nm.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 11:07 AM  
**To:** Amber Griffin; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: Bryan ME #1 (2RP-3164)

**RE: Yates Petroleum \* Bryan ME #1 \* 30-015-23097 \* 2RP-3164**

Amber,

Thank you for the vertical delineation at this location. Your work plan is approved with a few exceptions. For liner protection, the OCD would like a four foot excavation. Also, as it appears you may have discovered some historic contamination, the OCD requests sidewall confirmation samples at time of closure. These samples should display chloride levels at 800 mg/kg or less, and may be done with field screens if Yates prefers.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, and for notification, please contact me.

Heather Patterson  
Environmental Specialist  
NMOCD District II  
Office (575)748-1283 ext.101  
Cell (575)703-0228

---

**From:** Amber Griffin [<mailto:AGriffin@yatespetroleum.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Bryan ME #1 (2RP-3164)

Heather/Mike,

Please find attached a work plan for the release that occurred at the Bryan ME #1 on July 11, 2015 (2RP-3164).

Should you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Thank you,

# Amber Griffin

Environmental Regulatory Agent

Yates Petroleum Corporation

Office: (575) 748-4111

Cell: (575) 513-8799

---

**This message may contain confidential information and is intended for the named recipient only. If you are not the intended recipient you are notified that disclosing, copying, distributing or taking any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. E-mail transmission cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free as information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, arrive late or incomplete, or contain viruses. The sender therefore does not accept liability for any errors or omissions in the contents of this message, which arise as a result of e-mail transmission. If verification is required please request a hard-copy version.**

---

---

**This message may contain confidential information and is intended for the named recipient only. If you are not the intended recipient you are notified that disclosing, copying, distributing or taking any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. E-mail transmission cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free as information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, arrive late or incomplete, or contain viruses. The sender therefore does not accept liability for any errors or omissions in the contents of this message, which arise as a result of e-mail transmission. If verification is required please request a hard-copy version.**

---