

District I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural  
Resources

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

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit  
to appropriate NMOCD District Office.  
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe  
office

**Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure**

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes X No ☐

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank X

Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone: 505-748-4500 e-mail address: mstubblefield@state.nm.us

Address: 105. South 4<sup>th</sup> street, Artesia, N.M. 88210

Facility or well name: Orval BDQ State Com. #1 API #: 30-015-33174 U/L or Qtr/Qtr E Sec 32 T 20s R 23e

County: Eddy Latitude 32.53093 Longitude 104.71782 NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 X

Surface Owner: Federal State X Private Indian ☐

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**Pit**

Type: Drilling X Production ☐ Disposal ☐

Work over ☐ Emergency ☐

Lined X Unlined ☐

Liner type: Synthetic ☐ Thickness 6 mil Clay ☐

Pit Volume 15,000 bbl

**Below-grade tank**

Volume: bbl Type of fluid:

Construction material:

Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not.

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)

Less than 50 feet

(20 points)

50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet

(10 points)X

100 feet or more

( 0 points)

Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)

Yes

(20 points)

No

( 0 points)X

Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)

Less than 200 feet

(20 points)

200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet

(10 points)

1000 feet or more

( 0 points)X

**Ranking Score (Total Points)**

10 Points

**If this is a pit closure:** (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite X offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface ft. and attach sample results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Work plan closure for drilling pit. The drilling pit contents will be mixed to stiffen the pit contents. Encapsulation trench will be excavated and lined with a 12 mil. Synthetic liner on former drilling pit site. Drilling pit contents will then be emplaced into the encapsulation trench. A 20 mil. Synthetic liner will then be placed over the pit contents with a min. of a 3' over lap of the underlying trench areas. The encapsulation trenches will then backfilled back to grade using a min. of 3' of clean soil and like material. A one call & 48 hour notice will be provide to the Oil Conservation Division before pit closure actions began.

Pit Closure actions to begin by NA. Ending date NA.

Amended C-144 form.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit X, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 1/6/2005

Printed Name/Title ENV. COORD

Signature Lisa Norton / Environmental Dept.

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval:

Printed Name/Title Mike Bratcher Compliance Officer

Signature Mike Bratcher

Date: 1/14/05