

Form 3160-3  
(March 2012)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

FORM APPROVED  
OMB No. 1004-0137  
Expires October 31, 2014

5. Lease Serial No.  
NM-01144

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.

8. Lease Name and Well No.  
Bracket BRE Federal #1H

9. API Well No.  
**30-015-42850**

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory  
Undesignated; 2nd Bone Spring/SD

11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area  
Section 6, T19S-R30E SHL  
Section 18, T19S-R30E BHL

12. County or Parish  
Eddy County

13. State  
NM

1a. Type of work:  DRILL  REENTER  
1b. Type of Well:  Oil Well  Gas Well  Other  Single Zone  Multiple Zone

2. Name of Operator Yates Petroleum Corporation

3a. Address 105 S. Fourth St., Artesia, NM 88210  
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 575-748-4120

4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)\*  
At surface 190' FSL & 2400' FEL Section 6, SHL  
At proposed prod. zone 2310' FNL & 1980' FEL Section 18, BHL

14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office\*  
21 miles east of Artesia, NM

15. Distance from proposed\* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 240'

16. No. of acres in lease  
2520.45

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well  
200 acres,  
W2E2 Section 7, W2NE4 Section 18

18. Distance from proposed location\* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. 220'  
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19. Proposed Depth  
15650' TD  
8172' TVD

20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file  
NMB000434  
NMB000920

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)  
3348'

22. Approximate date work will start\*  
11/15/2014

23. Estimated duration  
60 days

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, must be attached to this form:

- 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- 2. A Drilling Plan.
- 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- 5. Operator certification
- 6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the BLM.

25. Signature  Name (Printed/Typed) Travis Hahn Date 02/18/2014

Title Land Regulatory Agent

Approved by (Signature)  Name (Printed/Typed) George MacDonell Date DEC 1 2014

Title FIELD MANAGER Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.  
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

**APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS**

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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**NM OIL CONSERVATION** \*(Instructions on page 2)  
ARTESIA DISTRICT

Capitan Controlled Water Basin

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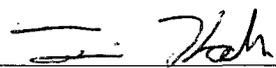
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SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approval Subject to General Requirements  
& Special Stipulations Attached

CERTIFICATION  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
Bracket BRE Federal #1H

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; and an someone under employment of Yates Petroleum Corporation has full knowledge of state and federal laws applicable to the operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 27 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

Signature 

Name Travis Hahn

Position Title Land Regulatory Agent

Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Telephone (575) 748-4120

Field Representative (if not above signatory) Tim Bussell, Drilling Supervisor

Address (if different from above) Same as above

Telephone (if different from above) (575) 748-4221

DISTRICT I  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
Phone (575) 393-6161 Fax: (575) 393-0720

DISTRICT II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
Phone (575) 748-1283 Fax: (575) 748-9720

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410  
Phone (505) 334-6178 Fax: (505) 334-6170

DISTRICT IV  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505  
Phone (505) 476-3460 Fax: (505) 476-3462

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised August 1, 2011

Submit one copy to appropriate  
District Office

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

AMENDED REPORT

API Number <b>30-015-42850</b>	Pool Code <b>54600</b>	Pool Name <b>Santo Nino</b> <small>Undesignated; 2nd Bone Springs/Sand</small>
Property Code <b>313589</b>	Property Name <b>BRACKET BRE FEDERAL</b>	Well Number <b>1H</b>
OGRID No. <b>025575</b>	Operator Name <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORP.</b>	Elevation <b>3384'</b>

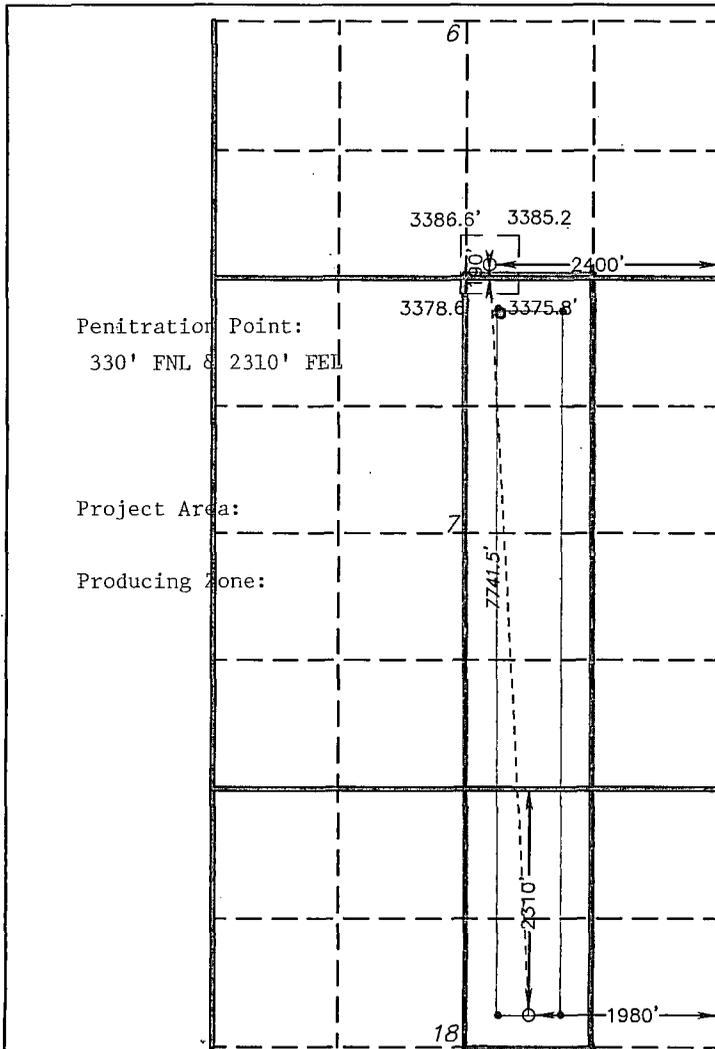
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
0	6	19 S	30 E		190	SOUTH	2400	EAST	EDDY

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
G	18	19 S	30 E		2310	NORTH	1980	EAST	EDDY
Dedicated Acres 200	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



**SURFACE LOCATION**  
Lat - N 32°40'57.49"  
Long - W 104°00'37.81"  
NMSPC- N 612225.7  
E 640662.8  
(NAD-83)

**PROPOSED BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION**  
Lat - N 32°39'41.02"  
Long - W 104°00'32.93"  
NMSPC- N 604498.5  
E 641103.2  
(NAD-83)

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

*Travis Hahn* 12/4/2013  
Signature Date

Travis Hahn  
Printed Name  
thahn@yatespetroleum.com  
Email Address

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

Date Surveyed: 12/4/2013  
Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor 7977

Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977

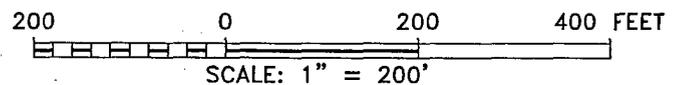
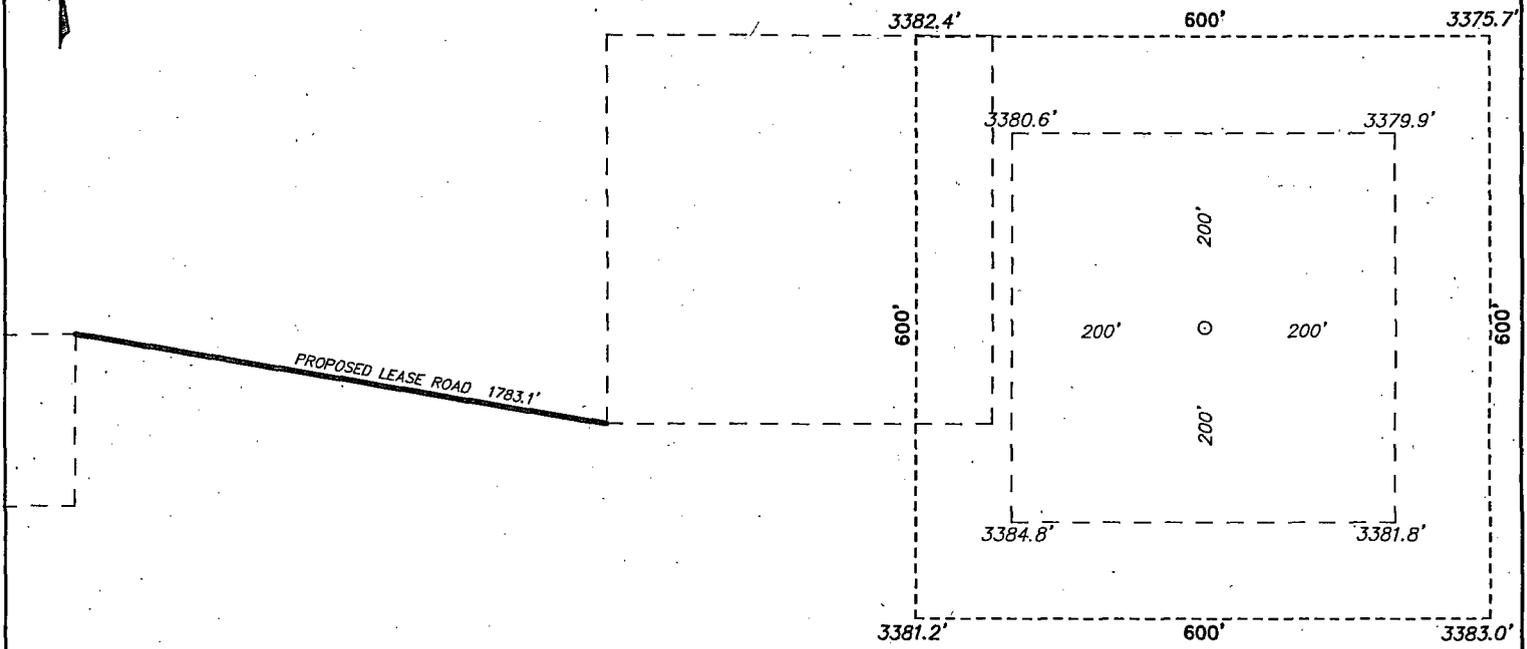
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SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M.,  
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



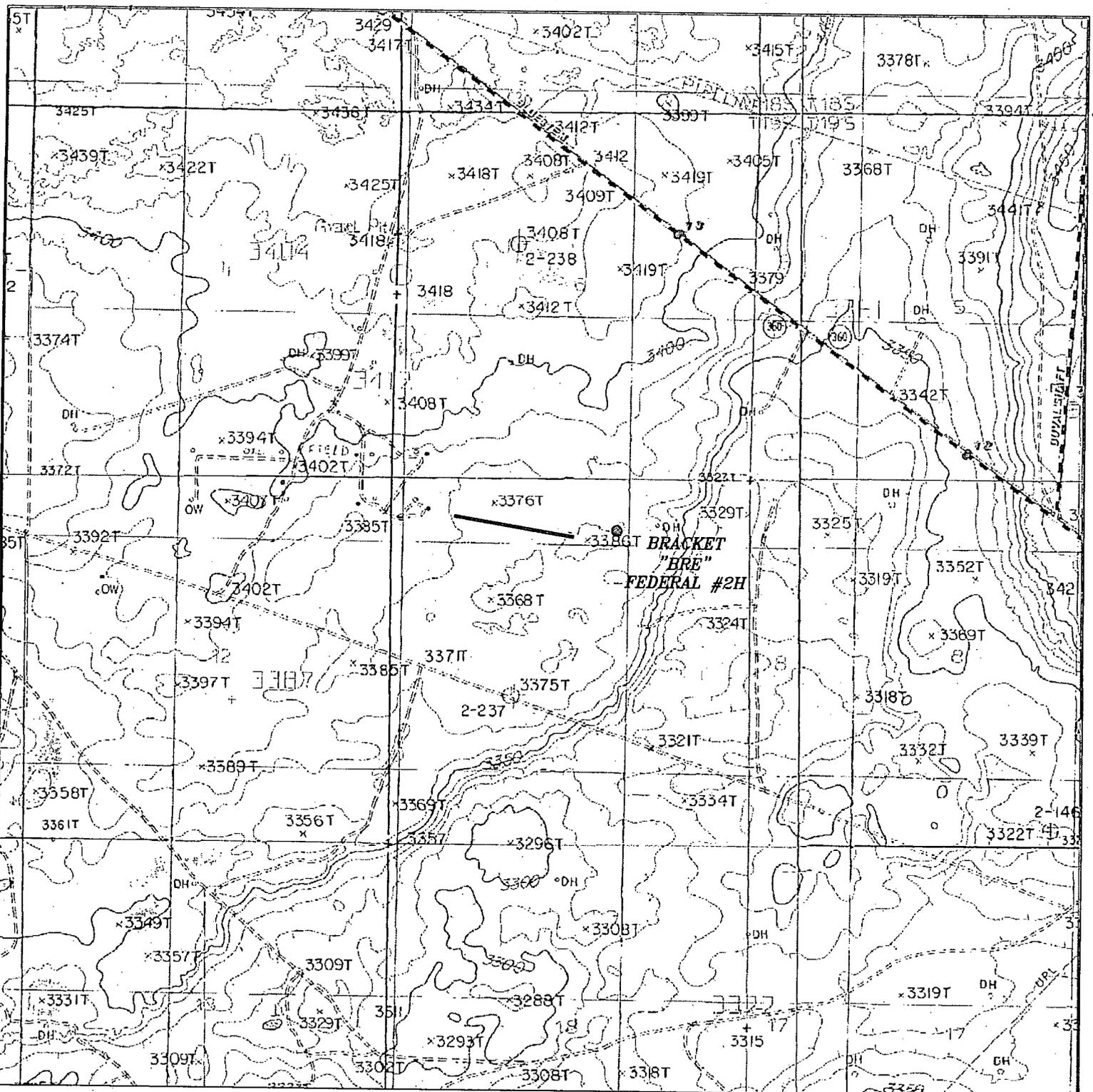
YATES PETROLEUM CORP.  
 BRACKET "BRE" FEDERAL #1H  
 ELEV. - 3384'

Lat - N 32°40'48.57"  
 Long - W 104°00'33.90"  
 NMSPE- N 611324.904  
 E 641086.121  
 (NAD-83)



<b>YATES PETROLEUM CORP.</b>	
REF: BRACKET "BRE" FEDERAL #2H / WELL PAD TOPO	
THE BRACKET "BRE" FEDERAL #2H LOCATED 760' FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 1980' FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.	
W.O. Number: 25349	Drawn By: J. SMALL
Date: 11-28-2011	Disk: JMS 25349
Survey Date: 11-16-2011	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets

**BASIN SURVEYS** P.O. BOX 1786-HOBBS, NEW MEXICO



**BRACKET "BRE" FEDERAL #2H**  
 Located 760' FNL and 1980' FEL  
 Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 30 East,  
 N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico.



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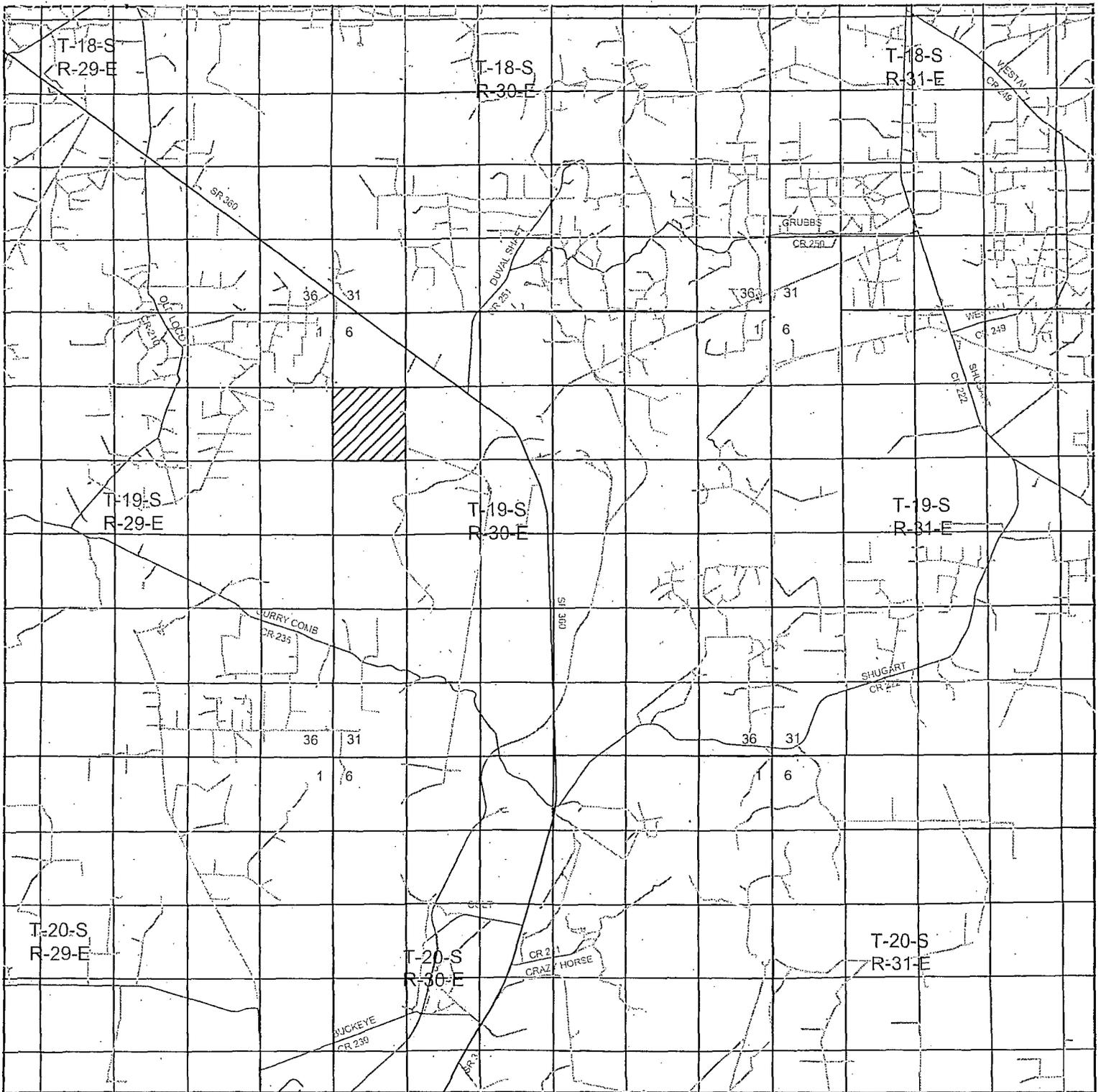
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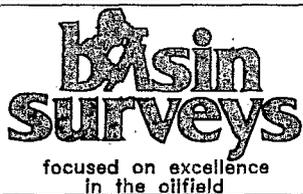
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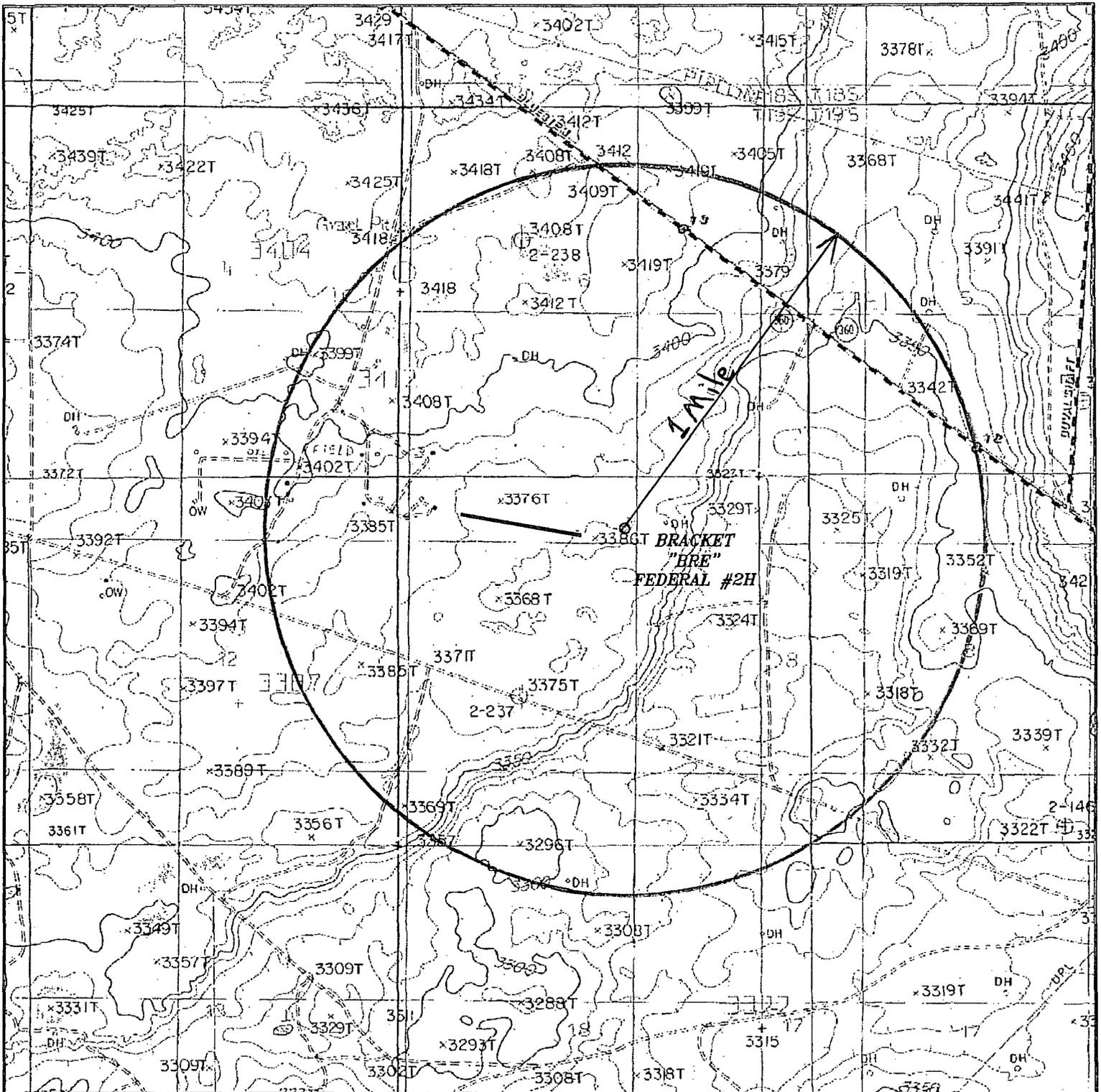
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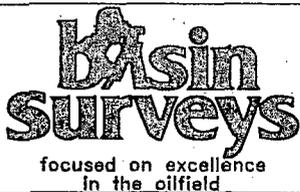
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**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

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190' FSL & 2400' FEL, Section 6 -T19S-R30E, Surface Hole  
 2310' FNL & 1980' FEL, Section 18 - T19S-R30E, Bottom Hole  
 Eddy County, New Mexico

1. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Rustler	322'	Bone Spring Lime	5202'
Top of Salt	547'	Avalon Sand	5572'
Base of Salt	1057'	Bone Springs 1/SD	7222' Oil
Yates	1477' Oil	Bone Springs 2/SD	7994' Oil
Seven Rivers	1782'	Target Zone SBSG	8385' Oil
Queen	2467' Oil	TD	15650'
Grayburg	2932'		
Delaware	3912'		
Brushy Canyon	4062' Oil		

2. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil or gas formations are expected to be encountered:

Water: Approx.: 0' - 400'

Oil or Gas: See above--All Potential Zones

3. Pressure Control Equipment: 3000 PSI BOPE with a 13.625" opening will be installed on the 13.375" casing and also on the 9.625" casing. Pressure tests to 3000 PSI and held for 30 minutes will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings, which are set and cemented in place. Test will be conducted by an Independent Tester, utilizing a test plug in the well head. Test will be held for 10 minutes on each segment of the system tested. Any leaks will be repaired at the time of test. Annular preventer will be tested to 50% of rated working pressure. Accumulator system will be inspected for correct pre charge pressures, and proper functionality, prior to connection to the BOP system. Blowout Preventer controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventers will be inspected and operated at least daily to ensure good mechanical working order, and this inspection recorded on the daily drilling report. See Exhibit.

*See COA*

4. Auxiliary Equipment:

A. Auxiliary Equipment: Kelly cock, pit level indicators, flow sensor equipment and a sub with full opening valve to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position at all times for use when kelly is not in use.

5. THE PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM:

A. Casing Program: (All New) 13 3/8" will be H-40/J-55 Hybrid

Hole Size	Casing Size	Wt./Ft	Grade	Coupling	Interval	Length
26"	20"	94#	H-40	ST&C	0-58'	58'
17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	J-55	ST&C	0-400'	400'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	40#	J-55	LT&C	0'-80'	80'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	36#	J-55	LT&C	80'-3300'	2020'
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	40#	J-55	LT&C	3300'-4000'	700'
8 3/4"	5 1/2"	17#	P-110	LT&C	0-8385'	8385'
8 1/2"	5 1/2"	17#	P-110	Buttress Thread	8385'-15650'	7265'

*See COA*

Surface Casing  
 Intermediate Casing  
 Production Casing

Minimum Casing Design Factors: Burst 1.0, Tensile 1.8, Collapse 1.125

**B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:**

Surface casing: 415 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (YLD 1.34 WT 14.80 H<sub>2</sub>O 6.2 gal/sack). Designed with 100% excess, TOC is surface.

Intermediate Casing: Lead with 1110 sacks of Class PozC 35:65:6 (YLD 2.00 WT 12.50 H<sub>2</sub>O 11 gal/sack); tail in with 210 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (YLD 1.34 WT 14.80 H<sub>2</sub>O 6.2 gal/sack). Designed with 100% excess, TOC is surface.

Production Casing: Cement to be done with DV Tool in three stages at approximately 4050' & 7600'.

Stage 3 from 0'-4050': Lead with 535 sacks of Class PozC 35:65:6 (YLD 2.00 WT 12.50 H<sub>2</sub>O 11 gal/sack); tail in with 205 sacks of Class C + 2% CaCl<sub>2</sub> (YLD 1.34 WT 14.80 H<sub>2</sub>O 6.2 gal/sack). Designed with 35% excess, TOC-0'.

Stage 2 from 4050'-7600': Lead with 450 sacks of Class PozC 35:65:6 (YLD 2.00 WT 12.50 H<sub>2</sub>O 11 gal/sack); tail in with 200 sacks of Pecos Valley Lite (YLD 1.41 WT 13.00 H<sub>2</sub>O 9.3 gal/sack). 30% CaCO<sub>3</sub>, 3.2% Expansion additive, 2% Antifoam, .8% Retarder, 15 Fluid loss. TOC- 3300' Designed with 35% excess.

Stage 1 from 7600'-15650': Lead with 1335 sacks of Pecos Valley Lite (YLD 1.41 WT 13.00 H<sub>2</sub>O 9.3 gal/sack). 30% CaCO<sub>3</sub>, 3.2% Expansion additive, 2% Antifoam, .8% Retarder, 15 Fluid loss. TOC- 3300' Designed with 35% excess.

Well will be drilled vertically depth to 7639'. Well will be kicked off at approximately 7639' and directionally drilled at 12 degrees per 100' with an 8.75" hole to 8385' MD (8115' TVD). Hole will then be reduced to 8.5" and drilled to 15650' MD (8172' TVD) where 5 1/2" casing will be set and cemented using a DV tool at approximately 6600' and 3300'. Penetration point of producing zone will be encountered at 330' FNL & 2310' FEL, Section 7-19S-30E. Deepest TVD is 8172' in the lateral.

**Mud Program and Auxiliary Equipment:**

*See COA*

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
0-400'	Fresh Water	8.6-9.2	32-34	N/C
400'-4000'	Brine Water	10.00-10.20	28-29	N/C
4000'-15650'	Cut Brine	8.8-9.20	28-32	N/C

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blow out will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel.

**6. EVALUATION PROGRAM:** *See COA*

Samples: 30' samples to 4500'. 10' samples 4500' to TD.

Logging: Platform Hals CMR, Intermediate casing to 30° deviation in the curve.

Coring: As warranted.

DST's: As warranted.

Mudlogging: On surface casing to TD (0'-14738').

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blowout will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel. Mud level monitoring: After surface casing is set, an electronic PVT system will be installed as our primary mud level monitoring system. A secondary system will also be implemented as to insure the PVT system is functioning properly. The secondary system will be comprised of the derrick hand checking the fluid level in the pits periodically using a nut on the end of a rope hanging just above the fluid level in the pit.

**7. Abnormal Conditions, Bottom hole pressure and potential hazards:** *See COA*

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0	TO: 400'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	191 PSI
From: 400'	TO: 4000'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	2122 PSI
From: 4000'	TO: 8172'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	3909 PSI

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

H<sub>2</sub>S Zones Not Anticipated *See COA*

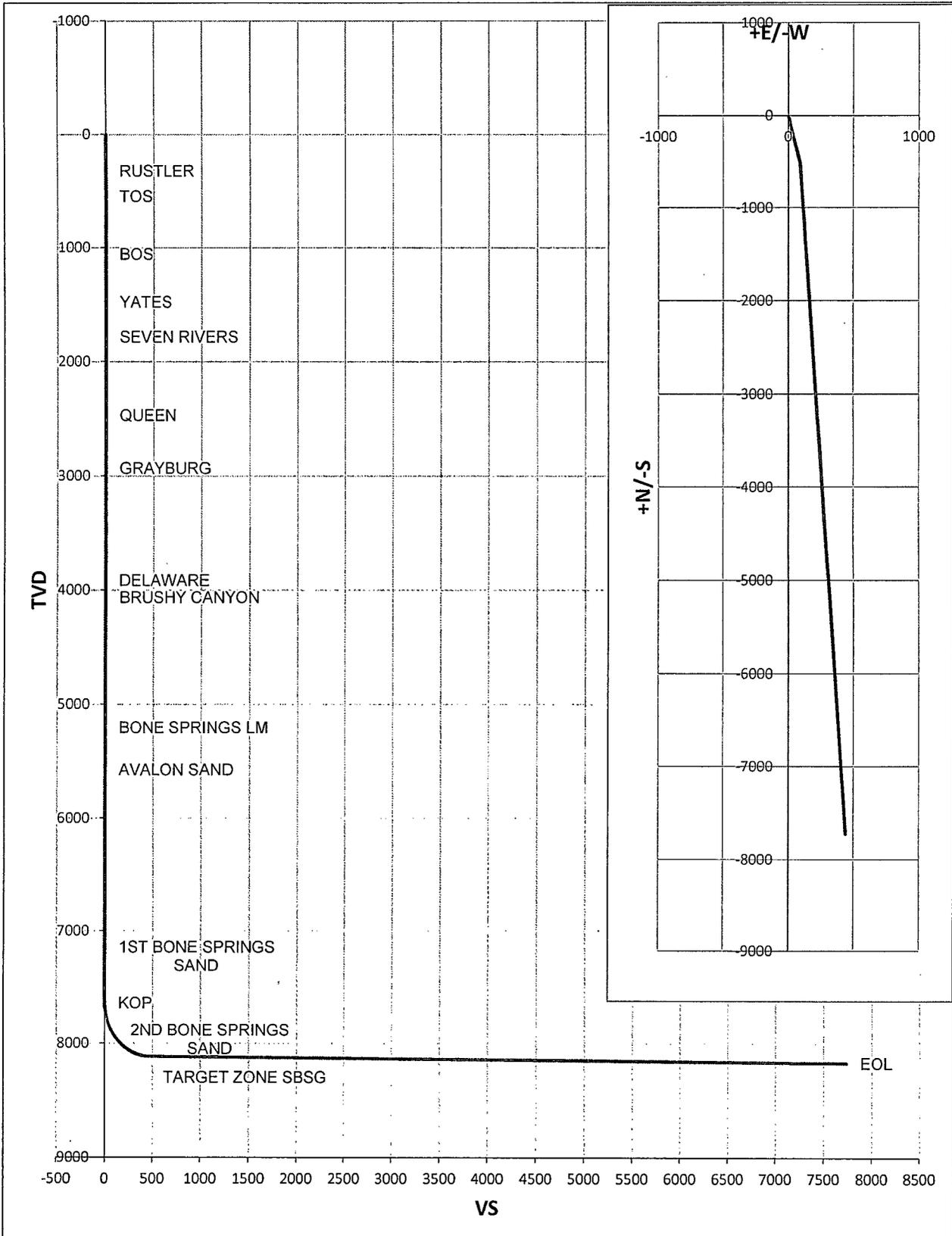
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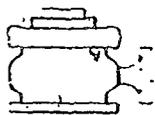
Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 65 days to drill the well with completion taking another 30 days.

Well Name: Bracket BRE Federal #1H		Tgt N/S: -7727.20	EOC TVD/MD: 8115.59 / 8384.52
Surface Location: Section 6 , Township 19S Range 30E		Tgt E/W: 440.40	VS: 7739.74
Bottom Hole Location: Section 18 , Township 19S Range 30E		VS Az: 176.74	EOL TVD/MD: 8116.00 / 8438.41

MD	Incl.	Azi.	TVD	N/S	E/W	VS	DLS	Comments
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
322.00	0.00	0.00	322.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	RUSTLER
547.00	0.00	0.00	547.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	TOS
1057.00	0.00	0.00	1057.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BOS
1477.00	0.00	0.00	1477.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	YATES
1782.00	0.00	0.00	1782.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	SEVEN RIVERS
2467.00	0.00	0.00	2467.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	QUEEN
2932.00	0.00	0.00	2932.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	GRAYBURG
3912.00	0.00	0.00	3912.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	DELAWARE
4062.00	0.00	0.00	4062.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BRUSHY CANYON
5202.00	0.00	0.00	5202.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BONE SPRINGS LM
5572.00	0.00	0.00	5572.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	AVALON SAND
7222.00	0.00	0.00	7222.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1ST BONE SPRINGS SAND
7638.14	0.00	0.00	7638.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	KOP
7650.00	1.42	170.18	7650.00	-0.15	0.03	0.15	12.00	
7675.00	4.42	170.18	7674.96	-1.40	0.24	1.42	12.00	
7700.00	7.42	170.18	7699.83	-3.94	0.68	4.00	12.00	
7994.05	42.71	170.18	7962.00	-124.76	21.59	126.61	12.00	2ND BONE SPRINGS SAND
7725.00	10.42	170.18	7724.52	-7.76	1.34	7.88	12.00	
7750.00	13.42	170.18	7748.98	-12.85	2.22	13.04	12.00	
7775.00	16.42	170.18	7773.13	-19.20	3.32	19.48	12.00	
7800.00	19.42	170.18	7796.92	-26.78	4.63	27.17	12.00	
7825.00	22.42	170.18	7820.27	-35.57	6.16	36.10	12.00	
7850.00	25.42	170.18	7843.12	-45.56	7.89	46.24	12.00	
7875.00	28.42	170.18	7865.40	-56.71	9.82	57.56	12.00	
7900.00	31.42	170.18	7887.07	-69.00	11.94	70.02	12.00	
7925.00	34.42	170.18	7908.05	-82.39	14.26	83.61	12.00	
7950.00	37.42	170.18	7928.29	-96.84	16.76	98.28	12.00	
7975.00	40.42	170.18	7947.74	-112.31	19.44	113.98	12.00	
8000.00	43.42	170.18	7966.34	-128.77	22.29	130.68	12.00	
8025.00	46.42	170.18	7984.04	-146.16	25.30	148.34	12.00	
8050.00	49.42	170.18	8000.79	-164.44	28.46	166.89	12.00	
8384.52	89.57	170.18	8115.59	-466.90	80.81	473.85	12.00	TARGET ZONE SBSG
8438.41	89.57	170.18	8116.00	-520.00	90.00	527.73	0.00	Penetration point of producing zone
15653.90	89.57	177.22	8172.00	-7727.20	440.40	7739.74	0	EOL

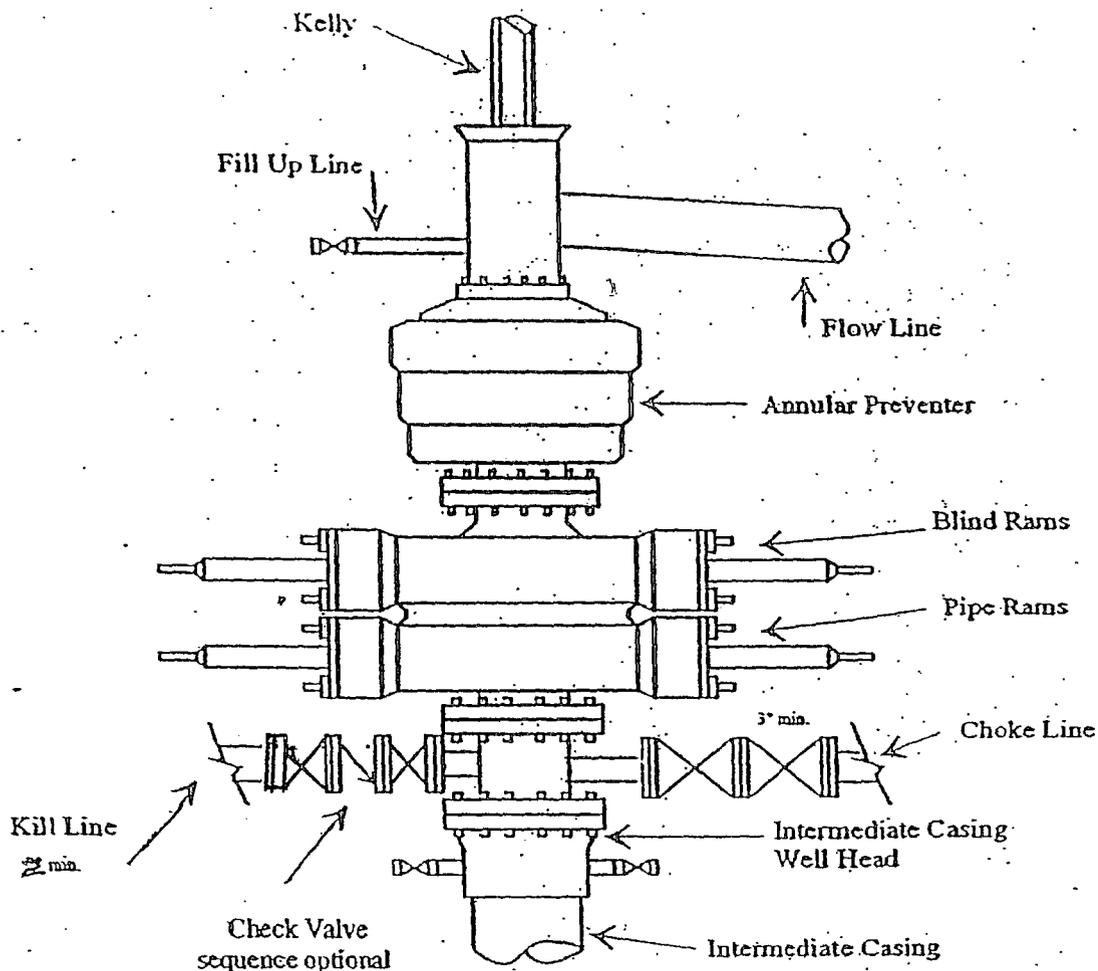
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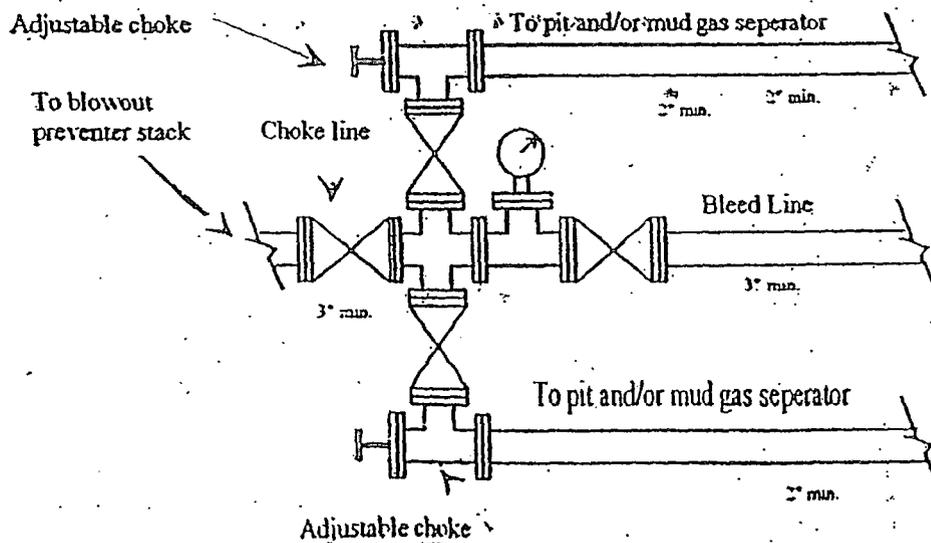


Yates Petroleum Corporation  
Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System  
Schematic  
Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

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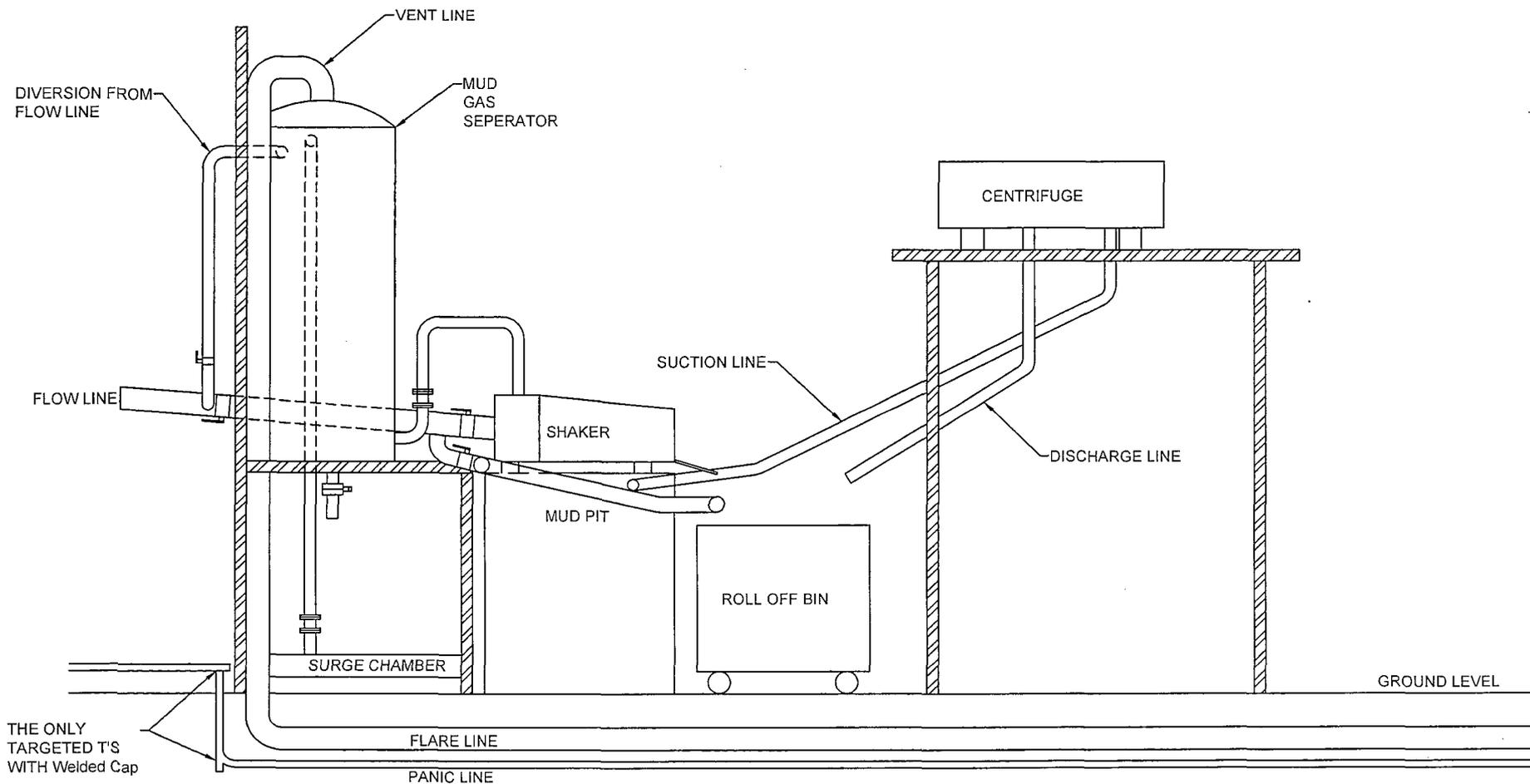


Typical 3,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



# YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

## Piping from Choke Manifold to the Closed Loop Drilling Mud System



The flare discharge must be 100' from wellhead for non H<sub>2</sub>S wells and 150' from wellhead for wells expected to encounter H<sub>2</sub>S.

# Yates Petroleum Corporation Closed Loop System

## Equipment Design Plan

Closed Loop System will consist of:

1 – double panel shale shaker

1 – (minimum) Centrifuge, certain wells and flow rates may require 2 centrifuges

On certain wells, the Centrifuge will be replaced by a Clackco Settling Tank System

1 – minimum centrifugal pump to transfer fluids

2- 500 bbl. FW Tanks

1 – 500 bbl. BW Tank

1 – half round frac tank – 250 bbl. capacity as necessary to catch cement / excess mud returns generated during a cement job.

1 Set of rail cars / catch bins

Certain wells will use an ASC Auger Tank

## Operation Plan

All equipment will be inspected at least hourly by rig personnel and daily by contractors' personnel.

Any spills / leaks will be reported to YPC, NMOCD, and cleaned up without delay.

## Closure Plan

Drilling with Closed Loop System, haul off bins will be taken to Gandy Marley, Lea Land Farm, CRI or Sundance Services Inc.

District I\*  
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
811 S. First St., 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  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144 CLEZ  
Revised August 1, 2011

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOC District Office.

**Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application**

*(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)*

Type of action:  Permit  Closure

**Instructions:** Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-loop system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1.  
Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation OGRID #: 025575  
Address: 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> St. Artesia, NM 88210  
Facility or well name: Bracket BRE Federal #1H  
API Number: \_\_\_\_\_ OCD Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
U/L or Qtr/Qtr B Section 7 Township 19S Range 30E County: Eddy  
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude N 32.6801583 Longitude W 104.00914 NAD:  1927  1983  
Surface Owner:  Federal  State  Private  Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment

2.  
 **Closed-loop System:** Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
Operation:  Drilling a new well  Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent)  P&A  
 Above Ground Steel Tanks or  Haul-off Bins

3.  
**Signs:** Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers  
 Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC

4.  
**Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:** Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC  
**Instructions:** Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.  
 Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC  
 Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC  
 Closure Plan (Please complete Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
 Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5.  
**Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:** (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)  
**Instructions:** Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.  
Disposal Facility Name: Gandy Marley Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM - 01-0019  
Disposal Facility Name: CRI Disposal Facility Permit Number: R-1966  
Disposal Facility Name: Lea Land Farm Disposal Facility Permit Number: WM - 1-035  
Disposal Facility Name: Sundance Services Inc. Disposal Facility Permit Number: NM - 01-0003  
Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations?  
 Yes (If yes, please provide the information below)  No  
**Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:**  
 Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
 Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
 Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

6.

**Operator Application Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Print): Travis Hahn Title: Land Regulatory Agent

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/27/2012

e-mail address: thahn@yatespetroleum.com Telephone: 575-748-4120

7.

**OCD Approval:**  Permit Application (including closure plan)  Closure Plan (only)

**OCD Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OCD Permit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

8.

**Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

Closure Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

9.

**Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:**

*Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.*

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?

Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below)  No

*Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:*

- Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)
- Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation
- Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

10.

**Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

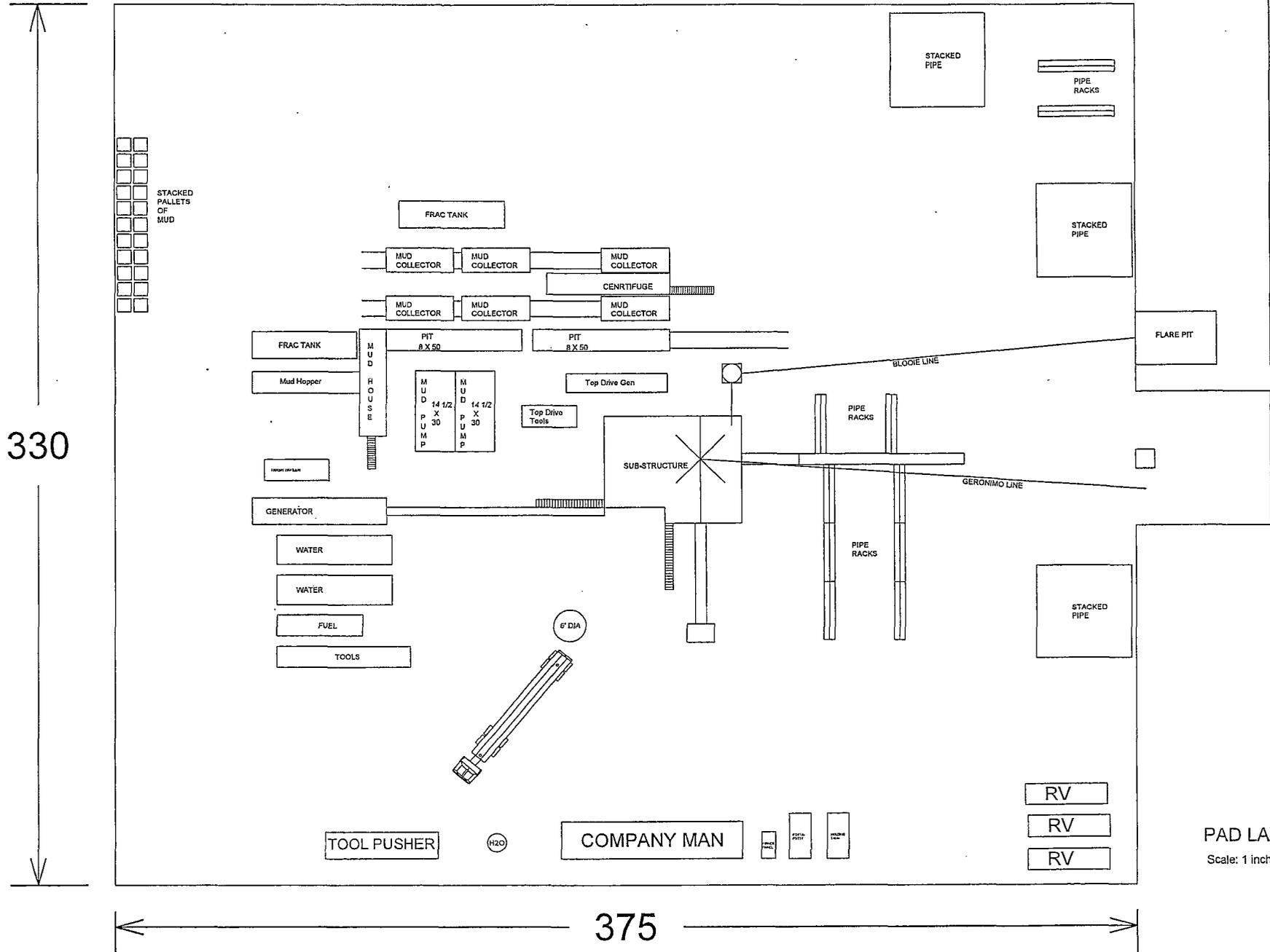
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



# YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

425.00



PAD LAYOUT

Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet

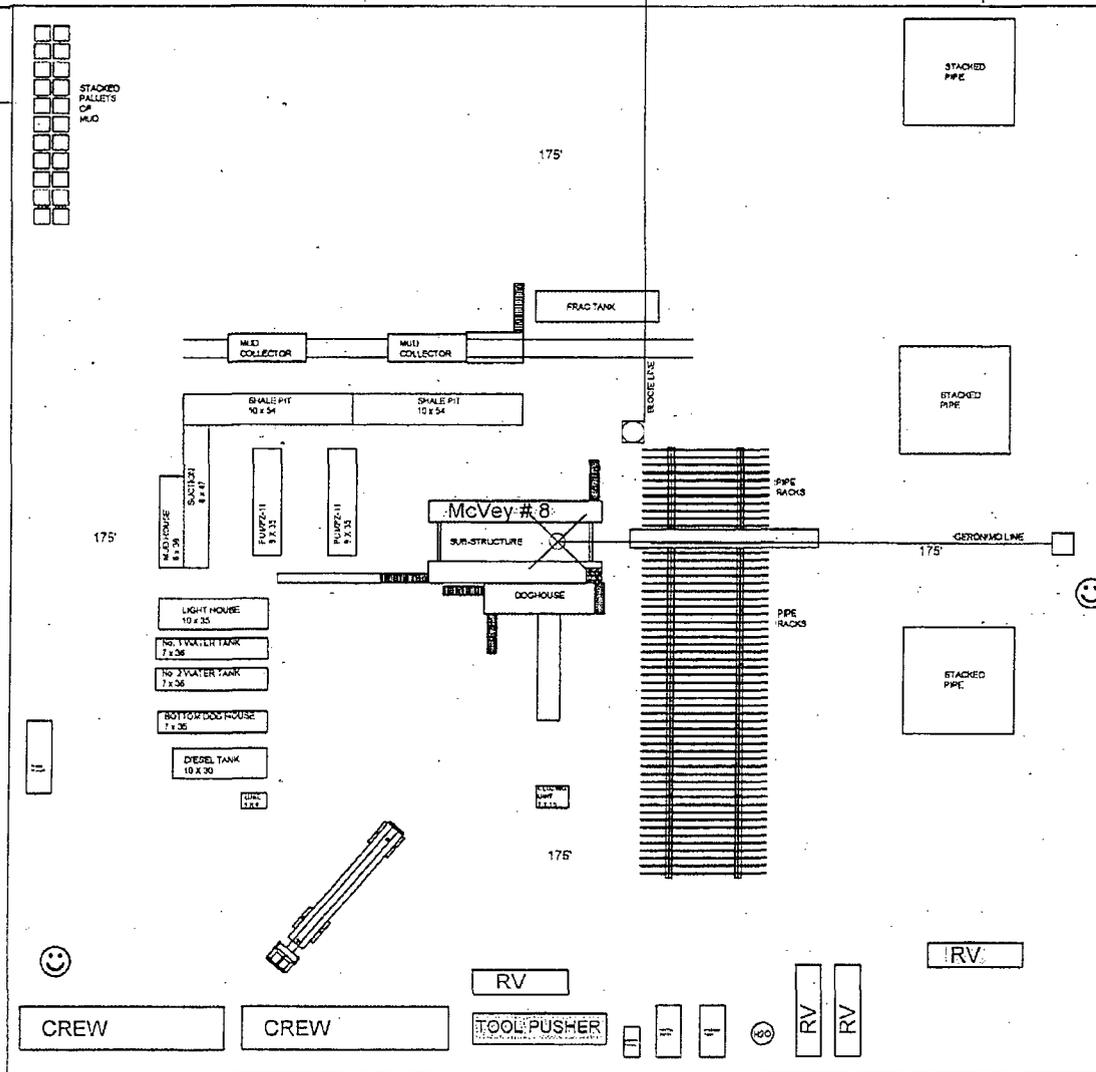
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
 McVey # 8  
 12-16-13

Access Road



350.00

Secondary



350.00

Prevailing Wind

-  Safe Briefing Area with caution signs and breathing equipment
-  Wind Direction Indicators
-  H2S Monitor with alarm at the well nipple

PAD LAYOUT  
 Scale: 1 inch = 80 feet

Yates Petroleum Corporation  
105 S. Fourth Street  
Artesia, NM 88210

## Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Contingency Plan

For

Bracket BRE Federal #1H  
190' FSL & 2310' FEL  
Section 6, T19S-R30E  
Eddy County, NM

## Yates Petroleum Corporation

### Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operation Plan

#### I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S on metal components. If high tensile tubular are to be used, personnel well be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan and H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H<sub>2</sub>S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operation Plan and the H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan. **The location of this well does not require a Public Protection Plan.**

## II. H2S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

NOTE: All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H2S.

### 1. Well Control Equipment:

- A. Flare line
- B. Choke manifold will have a remotely operated adjustable choke system.
- C. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit
- D. Auxiliary equipment may include if applicable: annular preventer & rotating head.

### 2. Protective equipment for essential personnel:

- A. Mark II Survive Air (or equivalent) 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

### 3. H2S detection and monitoring equipment:

- A. 3 portable H2S monitors positioned at: Shale Shaker, Bell Nipple, and Rig Floor. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H2S levels of 10 PPM are reached.

### 4. Visual warning systems:

- A. Wind direction indicators as shown on well site diagram (attached).
- B. Caution/Danger signs (attached) shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted with high visibility yellow with black lettering of a sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used, when appropriate. See example attached.

### 5. Mud program:

- A. The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices and the use of H2S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

### 6. Metallurgy:

- A. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H2S service.
- B. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S trim.

**7. Communication:**

- A. Cellular communications in company vehicles.
- B. Land line (telephone) communication at the Office.

**8. Well testing:**

- A. There will be no drill stem testing.

**EXHIBIT**

**DANGER**

**POISONS GAS**

**HYDROGEN SULFIDE**

 **NORMAL OPERATIONS**  
(GREEN)

 **CAUTION POTENTIAL DANGER**  
(YELLOW)

 **DANGER POISONS GAS ENCOUNTERED**  
(RED) **AUTHORIZED PERSONAL ONLY.**

**LOCATION SECURED.**

**1-575-746-1096**

**1-877-879-8899**

EDDY COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

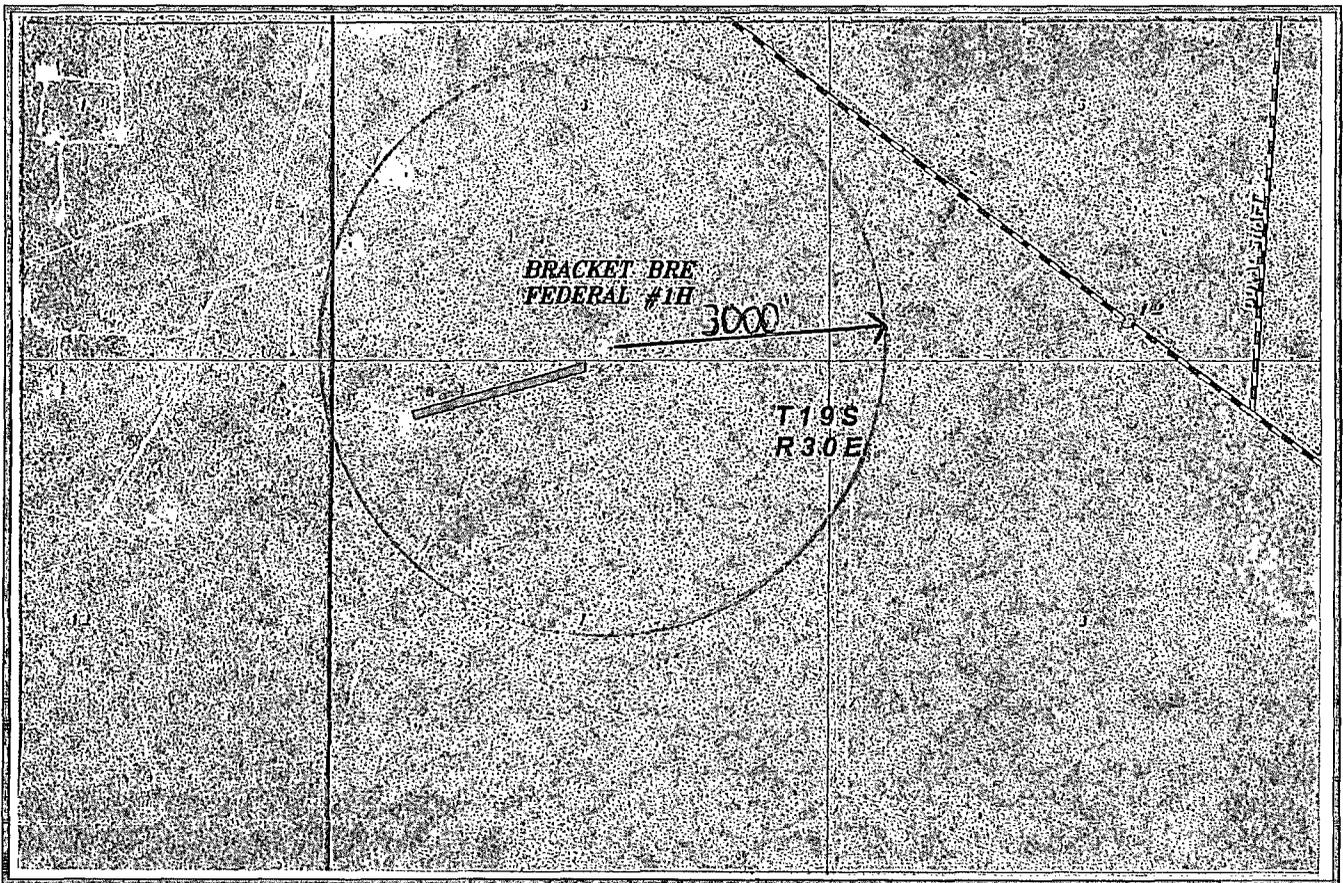
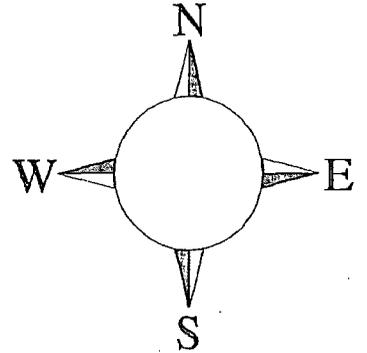
ARTESIA FIRE DEPT. 575-746-5050  
ARTESIA POLICE DEPT. 575-746-5000  
EDDY CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-746-9888

LEA COUNTY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

HOBBS FIRE DEPT. 575-397-9308  
HOBBS POLICE DEPT. 575-397-9285  
LEA CO. SHERIFF DEPT. 575-396-1196

## Bracket BRE Federal #1H

This is an open drilling site. H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring equipment and emergency response equipment will be used within 500' of zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S, including warning signs, wind indicators and H<sub>2</sub>S monitor.



Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000'  
100 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.

## Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of H<sub>2</sub>S, measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H<sub>2</sub>S monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the “buddy system” to ensure no injuries during the response.

## Ignition of Gas Source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

## Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO <sub>2</sub>	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

## Contacting Authorities

YPC personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. YPC Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico’s ‘Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan’ (HMER)

## ***Yates Petroleum Corporation Phone Numbers***

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YPC Office .....	(575) 748-1471
Wade Bennett/Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4236
LeeRoy Richards/Assistant Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4228
Mike Larkin/Drilling .....	(575) 748-4222
Paul Hanes/Prod. Foreman/Roswell .....	(575) 624-2805
Tim Bussell/Drilling Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4221
Artesia Answering Service .....	(575) 748-4302
(During non-office hours)	

### **Agency Call List**

#### **Eddy County (575)**

##### **Artesia**

State Police .....	746-2703
City Police.....	746-2703
Sheriff's Office .....	746-9888
Ambulance.....	911
Fire Department .....	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) .....	746-2122
NMOCD.....	748-1283

##### **Carlsbad**

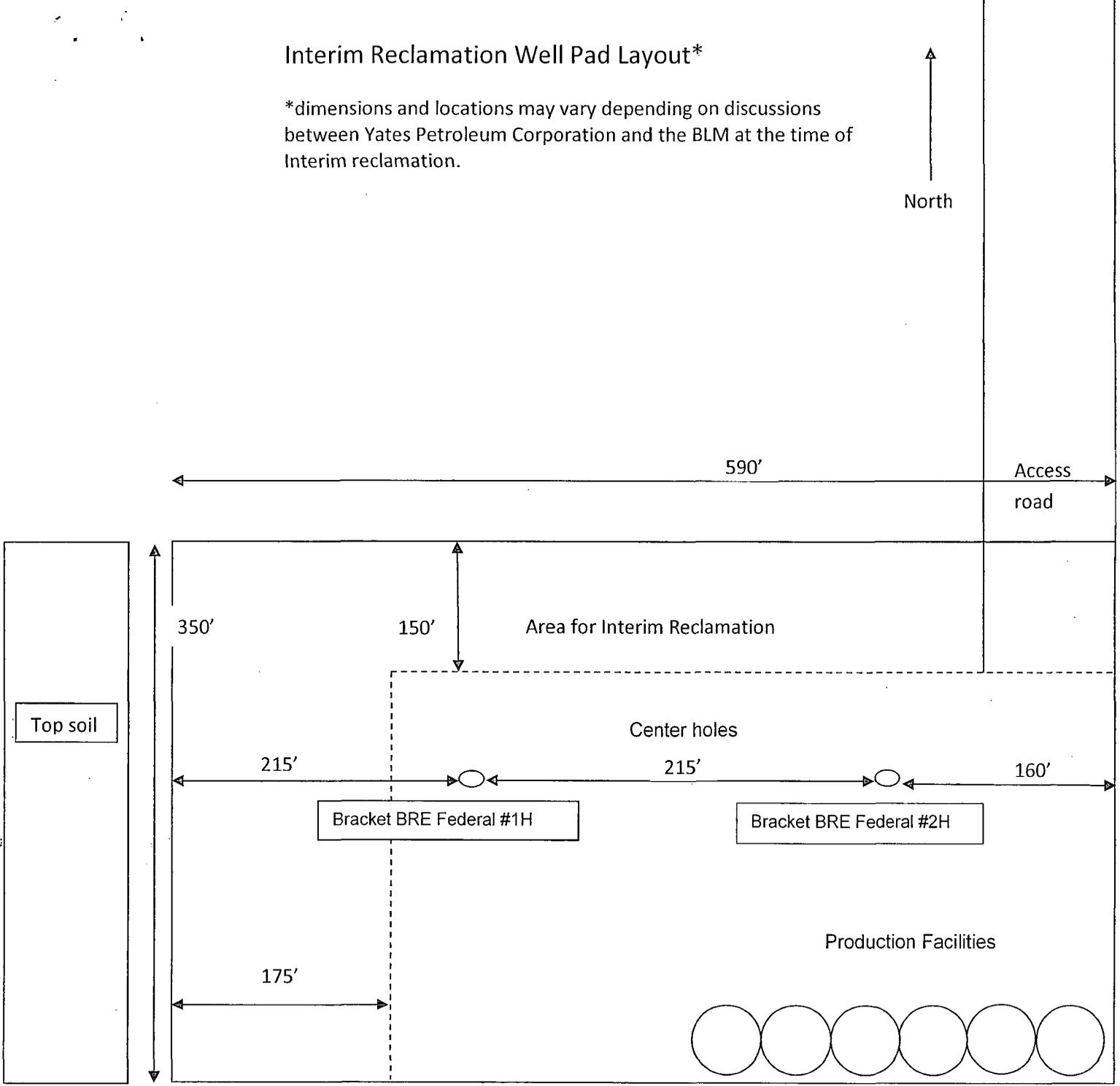
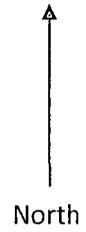
State Police .....	885-3137
City Police.....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office.....	887-7551
Ambulance.....	911
Fire Department .....	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management.....	887-6544
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe) .....	(505)476-9600
24 HR .....	(505) 827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center.....	(505) 476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC) .....	...(800) 424-8802

##### **Other**

Boots & Coots IWC .....	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control.....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
Halliburton .....	(575) 746-2757
B. J. Services.....	(575) 746-3569
Flight For Life -4000 24th St, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare -Rr 3 Box 49f, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb 2301 Yale Blvd SE #D3, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4433
S B Air Med Svc 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4949

# Interim Reclamation Well Pad Layout\*

\*dimensions and locations may vary depending on discussions between Yates Petroleum Corporation and the BLM at the time of Interim reclamation.



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
Surface Use Plan of Operations  
Bracket BRE Federal #1H  
~~760' FNL and 1980' FWL, Section 7-T19S-R30 SHL~~  
~~23.10' FNL and 1980' FEL, Section 18-T19S-R30E, BHL~~

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

1. EXISTING ROADS:

Exhibit A is a portion of the BLM map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed wellsite is located approximately 25 miles, southeast of Artesia, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibit attached.

DIRECTIONS:

Go east of Artesia, NM on Highway 82 for approximately 14 mile to the intersection of 82 and 360 (Bluestem Road). Turn right on Bluestem and go approximately 14 miles to lease road. Turn right onto the lease road and go south approximately 5540.8', turn slightly left on lease road for 521.2'. Turn right here and continue south for approximately 1101'. Turn left here and continue for approximately 3129'. Road will enter at the southwest corner of the location.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- 3,717 ~~1283.1~~ 3/23/14*
- A. The proposed new access will be approximately ~~1283.1~~ feet in length from the point of origin to the southeast corner of the drilling pad.
  - B. The new road will be 30 feet in width with 16 feet in width (driving surface) and will be adequately drained to control runoff and soil erosion.
  - C. The new road will be bladed with drainage on both sides if needed. No traffic turnouts will be needed.
  - D. The route of the road is visible.
  - E. Existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL:

- A. There is no drilling activity within a one-mile radius of the well site.
- B. Exhibit attached shows existing wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed well site.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

- A. We are planning to place the production on this location.
- B. If the well is productive oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power until an electric line can be built, if needed. Power should not be required if the well is productive of gas.
- C. Should a Pipeline Right-Of-Way be required it will be filed under a separate application and/or by 3<sup>rd</sup> party if applicable.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

- A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with a fresh water system. The water will be obtained from commercial sources and will be hauled to the location by truck over the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit attached.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

- A. Dirt contractor will locate nearest pit and obtain any permits and materials needed for construction.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system.
- B. A closed loop system will be constructed, maintained and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division—the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC. Form C-144 attached – Exhibit E.
- C. Drilling fluids will be removed after drilling and completions are finalized.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted.
- E. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- G. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not approved.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: NONE

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit attached shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the closed loop design plan, the location of the drilling equipment, orientation and access road approach.  
(Approximately 3.5 acres)
- B. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained, and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division – the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC. Form C-144 is attached – Exhibit E.
- C. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION:

- A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
- B. If the proposed well is plugged and abandoned, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP: Federal

Minerals: USA-Federal-NM-01144  
Administered by: Bureau of Land Management  
Carlsbad Field Office  
620 E. Greene Street  
Carlsbad, NM 88220-6292

12. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. The primary use of the surface is for grazing.
- B. Refer to the archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, and historical and cultural sites.

# PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	YATES PETROLEUM
LEASE NO.:	NM01144
WELL NAME & NO.:	1H-BRACKET BRE FEDERAL
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	760'/FNL. & 1980'/FEL.
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	660'/N. & 330'/E. (Sec. 8)
LOCATION:	Section 7, T. 19 S., R. 30 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

### **Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken:**

Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 ft. from the source of the noise.

### **Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching:**

Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-6235 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. TOPSOIL**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 6 inches in depth. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **C. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any federal mineral materials. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

### **F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS**

#### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed twenty (20) feet.

### Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### Crowning

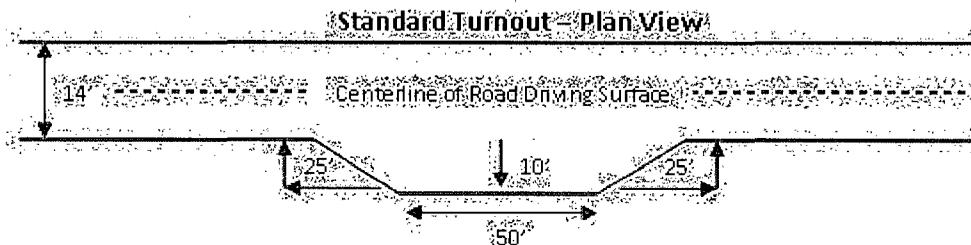
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### Turnouts

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

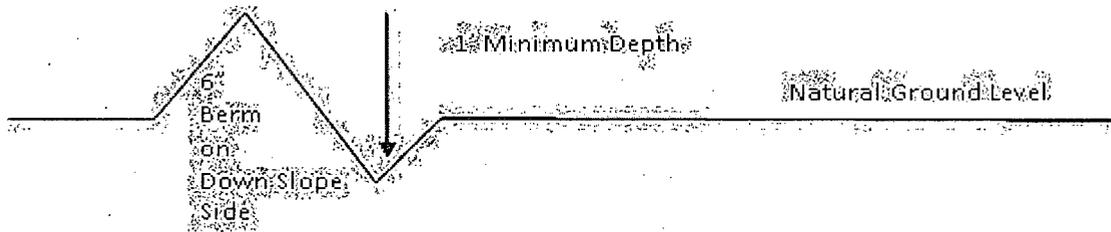


### Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outsloping and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

### Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

#### Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

#### Culvert Installations

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

#### Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

#### Fence Requirement

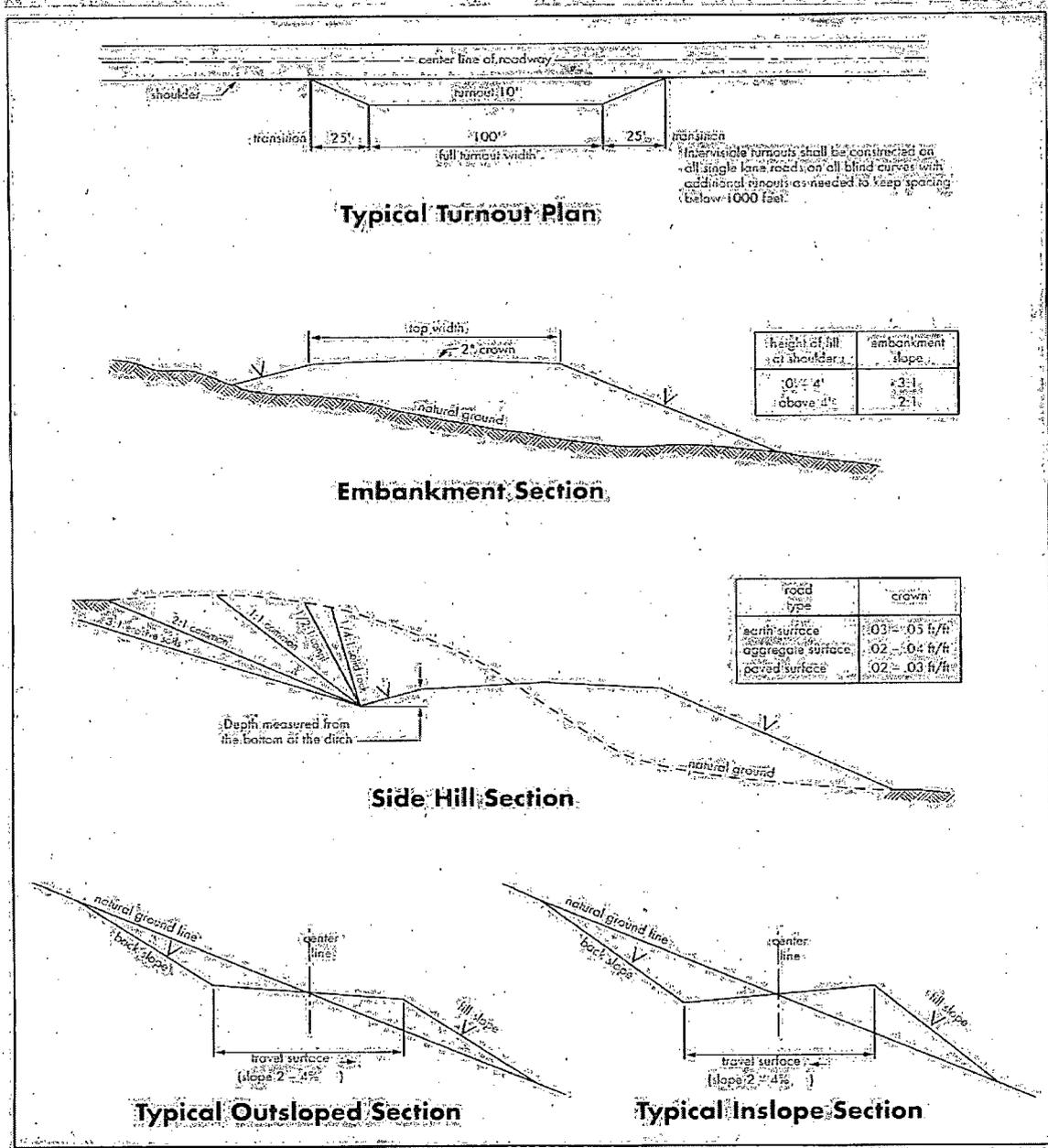
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

**Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

**Figure 1 = Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections**



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well (minimum of 24 hours)
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings (minimum of 4 hours)
- c. BOPE tests (minimum of 4 hours)

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(575) 361-2822

1. **Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) monitors shall be installed prior to drilling out the surface shoe. If H<sub>2</sub>S is detected in concentrations greater than 100 ppm, the Hydrogen Sulfide area shall meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, provide measured values and formations to the BLM.**
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval. **If the drilling rig is removed without approval – an Incident of Non-Compliance will be written and will be a “Major” violation.**
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works is located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. **The record of the drilling rate along with the GR/N well log run from TD to surface (horizontal well – vertical portion of hole) shall be submitted to the BLM office as well as all other logs run on the borehole 30 days from completion. If available, a digital copy of the logs is to be submitted in addition to the paper copies. The Rustler top and top and bottom of Salt are to be recorded on the Completion Report.**

### B. CASING

**Changes to the approved APD casing program need prior approval if the items substituted are of lesser grade or different casing size or are Non-API. The Operator can exchange the components of the proposal with that of superior strength (i.e. changing from J-55 to N-80, or from 36# to 40#). Changes to the**

approved cement program need prior approval if the altered cement plan has less volume or strength or if the changes are substantial (i.e. Multistage tool, ECP, etc.). The initial wellhead installed on the well will remain on the well with spools used as needed.

**Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.**

Wait on cement (WOC) time prior to drilling out for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater for all casing strings. **DURING THIS WOC TIME, NO DRILL PIPE, ETC. SHALL BE RUN IN THE HOLE.** Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. **IF OPERATOR DOES NOT HAVE THE WELL SPECIFIC CEMENT DETAILS ONSITE PRIOR TO PUMPING THE CEMENT FOR EACH CASING STRING, THE WOC WILL BE 30 HOURS.** See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.

**No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.**

#### **R-111-P-Potash**

**Possibility of water flows in the Artesia Group, Salado, and Queen.**

**Possibility of lost circulation in the Artesia Group, Rustler, Grayburg, San Andres, and Delaware.**

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 400 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. **If salt is encountered, set casing at least 25 feet above the salt.**
  - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Temperature survey will be run a minimum of six hours after pumping cement and ideally between 8-10 hours after completing the cement job.
  - b. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.**
  - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
  - d. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing, which shall be set at approximately 1800 feet (R-111-P requirements), is:

- Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to potash.**

**Centralizers required on horizontal leg, must be type for horizontal service and a minimum of one every other joint.**

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:

**Operator has proposed two DV tools at depths of 4050' and 7600', but will adjust cement proportionately if moved. First DV tool shall be set a minimum of 50' below previous shoe and second DV tool a minimum of 200' above current shoe. Operator shall submit sundry if DV tool depths cannot be set in this range.**

- a. First stage to DV tool:

- Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with second stage cement job. Operator should have plans as to how they will achieve circulation on the next stage.

- b. Second stage above DV tool:

- Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office before proceeding with third stage cement job. Operator should have plans as to how they will achieve circulation on the next stage.

- c. Third stage above DV tool:

- Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.

4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.
5. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P potash area, the NMOCD requirements shall be followed.

### C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M) psi**.
  - a. **For surface casing only:** If the BOP/BOPE is to be tested against casing, the wait on cement (WOC) time for that casing is to be met (see WOC statement at start of casing section). Independent service company required.
3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. In potash areas, for all casing strings utilizing slips, these are to be set as soon as the crew and rig are ready and any fallback cement remediation has been done. For all casing strings, casing cut-off and BOP installation can be initiated at twelve hours after bumping the plug. However, **no tests** shall commence until the cement has had a minimum of 24 hours setup time.
  - b. The tests shall be done by an independent service company utilizing a test plug **not a cup or J-packer**. The operator also has the option of utilizing an independent tester to test without a plug (i.e. against the casing) pursuant to Onshore Order 2 with the pressure not to exceed 70% of the burst rating for the casing. Any test against the casing must meet the WOC time for water basin (18 hours) or potash (24 hours) or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater, prior to initiating the test (see casing segment as lead cement may be critical item).
  - c. The test shall be run on a 5000 psi chart for a 2-3M BOP/BOP, on a 10000 psi chart for a 5M BOP/BOPE and on a 15000 psi chart for a 10M BOP/BOPE. If a linear chart is used, it shall be a one hour chart. A circular chart shall have a maximum 2 hour clock. If a twelve hour or twenty-four hour chart is used, tester shall make a notation that it is run with a two hour clock.
  - d. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
  - e. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. **A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.**

- f. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug. This test shall be performed prior to the test at full stack pressure.

**D. DRILL STEM TEST**

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

**E. WASTE MATERIAL AND FLUIDS**

All waste (i.e. drilling fluids, trash, salts, chemicals, sewage, gray water, etc.) created as a result of drilling operations and completion operations shall be safely contained and disposed of properly at a waste disposal facility. No waste material or fluid shall be disposed of on the well location or surrounding area.

Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

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## **VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

### **B. PIPELINES**

Not applied for in the APD

### **C. ELECTRIC LINES**

Not Applied for in the APD

## **IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

Within six (6) months of well completion, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909) to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Interim reclamation should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche that is free of contaminants may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

All disturbed areas after they have been satisfactorily prepared need to be reseeded with the seed mixture provided below.

Upon completion of interim reclamation, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, Subsequent Report of Reclamation (Form 3160-5).

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & RECLAMATION**

At final abandonment, well locations, production facilities, and access roads must undergo "final" reclamation so that the character and productivity of the land are restored.

Earthwork for final reclamation must be completed within six (6) months of well plugging. All pads, pits, facility locations and roads must be reclaimed to a satisfactory revegetated, safe, and stable condition, unless an agreement is made with the landowner or BLM to keep the road and/or pad intact.

After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily prepared, these areas need to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided below. Seeding should be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other approved methods. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful, as determined by the BLM.

Operators shall contact a BLM surface protection specialist prior to surface abandonment operations for site specific objectives (Jim Amos: 575-234-5909).

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well.

## Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed