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October 11, 2006

Mike Bratcher
Oil Conservation Division
1301 W Grand Avenue
Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Bratcher

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests a six month extension of time be allowed to accomplish closure of the following drilling pit:

WELL NAME	API NUMBER	SEC-TWN-RNG
Chosa ATR Federal Com 3	30-015-34441	17 25S 26E

The extension is requested due to waiting on equipment for closure.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Should you have any questions, you may contact Mike Stubblefield at 505-748-4500.

Sincerely

Mike Stubblefield
Environmental Regulatory Agent



DENIED OCT 24 2006
** See Attachment*



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ATTN: Mike Stubblefield

October 24, 2006

Reference: Chosa ATR Federal Com 003 J-17-25s-26e API: 30-015-34441

Dear Mr. Stubblefield,

Your request for a 6-month extension of time to close the drilling pit at the above referenced site cannot be approved at this time due to the following:

- Available data and documents submitted by Yates Petroleum indicate this site to be situated in a "water sensitive" area (ground water may be encountered at less than 50' bgs.)

Please prioritize this site to commence closure right away.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bratcher".

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