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TO: Tim Gum  
Oil Conservation Division  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

FROM: Sheryl L. Jonas  
Yates Energy Corporation  
O'Briant and Associates, Inc.

DATE: November 21, 2006

Well: **East Travis Federal "17" No. 1**  
17-18S-29E  
API#30-015-23205  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Subject: PIT CLOSURE

Dear Mr. Gum:

The following is a procedure to close the pits on the above captioned location.

- 1.) De-water fluid in pits.
- 2.) Fold existing plastic liner into pit.
- 3.) Cover with 3 feet of spoils from pit.
- 4.) Level pit area on location.

I am informing you that I filed the original C-144 and had only reported a burn pit, there was a liquid pit also dug; noted on the attached diagram. If there are any questions or additional work required please advise me by fax or phone.

Sheryl L. Jonas

Cc: Paul King  
Yates Energy Corporation

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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

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

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 ☐ No ☒

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

Operator: Yates Energy Corporation Telephone: (432) 683-5511 e-mail address: Sjonas4011@aol.com  
Address: P. O. Box 2323, Roswell, New Mexico 88202  
Facility or well name: E. Travis Federal "17" API #: 30-015-23205 U/L or Qtr/Qtr \_\_\_\_\_ Sec 17 T 18S R 29E  
County: Eddy Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ NAD: 1927 ☐ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner: Federal ☐ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

<u>Pit</u>	<u>Below-grade tank</u>	
Type: Drilling <input type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Workover <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Thickness _____ mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>106</u> bbl 10X20X3	Volume: _____ bbl Type of fluid: _____ Construction material: _____ Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not.	
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.) <u>175'</u>	Less than 50 feet 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet 100 feet or more	(20 points) (10 points) ( 0 points) <u>0</u>
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes No	(20 points) ( 0 points) <u>0</u>
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet 1000 feet or more	(20 points) (10 points) ( 0 points) <u>0</u>
	<b>Ranking Score (Total Points)</b>	<u>0</u>

**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 ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility Approved SWD (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:

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 ☐, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date: 11-17-06

Printed Name/Title Sheryl Jonas

Signature Sheryl Jonas

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 District II Supervisor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/7/06

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<b>RECEIVED</b>	
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Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.) <u>175'</u>	Less than 50 feet (20 points) 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) 100 feet or more (0 points) <u>0</u>
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Additional Comments:
<u>This is a burn pit for workover purposes, there will be a "T" connection with valves to a 300 barrel storage tank that will set atop the ground.</u>

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Date: 12/28/05

Printed Name/Title Sheryl L. Jonas

Signature Sheryl L. Jonas

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Approval:

Printed Name

**Liquids may not be stored in earthen area of pit. Tank must be removed immediately after workover.**

Signature [Signature]

Date: 1-9-06

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Form C-103

May 27, 2004

WELL API NO. 30-015-23205
5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.
7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name E. Travis Federal "17"
8. Well Number 1
9. OGRID Number
10. Pool name or Wildcat Empire Morrow South (Gas)
11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)
Pit or Below-grade Tank Application <input type="checkbox"/> or Closure <input type="checkbox"/>
Pit type <u>LINED</u> Depth to Groundwater <u>C-144</u> Distance from nearest fresh water well _____ Distance from nearest surface water _____
Pit Liner Thickness: <u>12</u> mil Below-Grade Tank: Volume _____ bbls; Construction Material _____

**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**  
(DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.)

1. Type of Well: Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☒ Other

2. Name of Operator

Yates Energy Corporation

3. Address of Operator

P. O. Box 2323, Roswell, NM 88201

4. Well Location

Unit Letter \_\_\_\_\_ : 1800' feet from the South line and 2310' feet from the East line  
Section 17 Township 18S Range 29E NMPM County Eddy

11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)

AMENDMENT  
Pit type LINED Depth to Groundwater C-144 Distance from nearest fresh water well \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from nearest surface water \_\_\_\_\_  
Pit Liner Thickness: 12 mil Below-Grade Tank: Volume \_\_\_\_\_ bbls; Construction Material \_\_\_\_\_

## 12. Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report or Other Data

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:

PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK ☐ PLUG AND ABANDON ☐  
TEMPORARILY ABANDON ☐ CHANGE PLANS ☐  
PULL OR ALTER CASING ☐ MULTIPLE COMPL ☐

## SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

REMEDIAL WORK ☐ ALTERING CASING ☐  
COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. ☐ P AND A ☐  
CASING/CEMENT JOB ☐

OTHER: Amend the C-144 to a lined pit ☒OTHER: ☐

13. Describe proposed or completed operations. (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work). SEE RULE 1103. For Multiple Completions: Attach wellbore diagram of proposed completion or recompletion.

Amendment to the C-144 filed and approved January 9, 2006.

The pit will be a 10 X 20 X 6' pit lined with 12 mil plastic

213 barrel pit volume.

There is a steel tank on location for storage of fluids from recompletion

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SIGNATURE Sheryl L. Jonas TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 02/28/06

Type or print name Sheryl L. Jonas

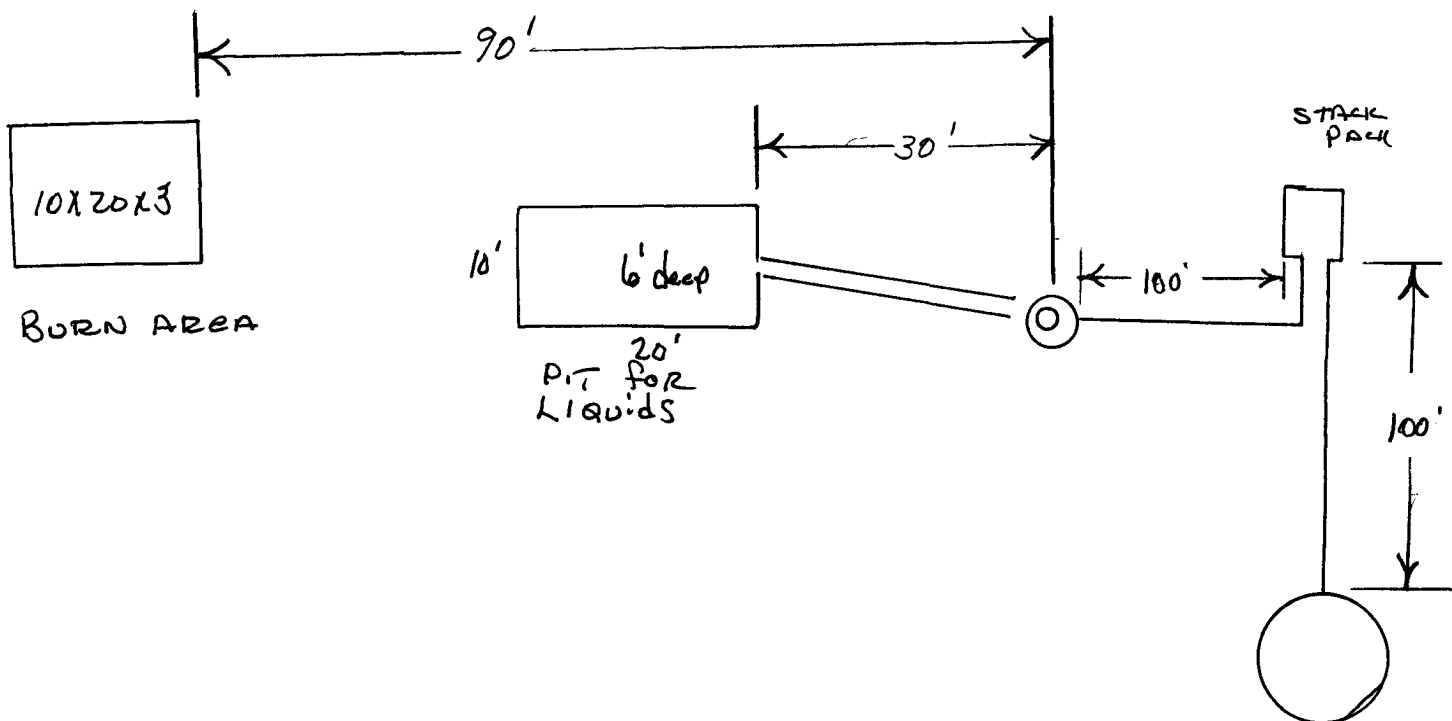
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APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions of Approval (if any):

EAST TRAVIS Federal "17" No 1



NOT TO SCALE

ALL DIMENSIONS  
ARE APPROXIMATE

STORAGE  
TANK  
300 BBL