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ARTESIA, OFFICE

Mr. W. A. Gressett, District Supervisor
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
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Re: Gas Blowout on Nine Mile "OB" State No. 1
Unit F, Section 32-14S-28E, Chaves County

Dear Sir:

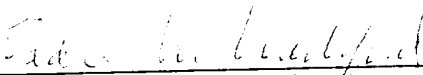
About 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 1980, the Contractor, Capitan Drilling Company, Rig 14, reported a drilling break at 1649-1654' and that the well was unloading drilling water and gas. The rig motors were killed immediately and the standby pump hooked up to continue circulating the hole. Brine was hauled to location but only slowed down the blowout.

During the night a rotating head rubber was located and installed on the drill pipe and lowered into the flow nipple thereby diverting the well effluent to the working pits. Meanwhile heavy mud was mixed (with barite) bringing mud weight to 10.8 ppg and the well was drilled down to 1698', 8-5/8" casing run and cemented.

It is not known how much gas was flared except that a hazardous condition did exist for a time, but the well was contained and the gas flow was successfully shut off. The 10.8 ppg mud restrained the flow but did not shut it off.

Sincerely yours,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION


Eddie Mahfood, Engineer

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