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ARTESIA, OFFICE

Mr. Jack W. McCaw
Yates Petroleum Corporation
207 South 4th Street
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Dear Mr. McCaw:

This letter is in reply to your letter of September 11, 1974, and associated data proposing to erect a drilling rig on the Artesia, New Mexico Airport. The site proposed for the Artesia Airport (CF) #2 well is 1650' FSL and 860 FEL Sec 10, T17S, R25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

The proposal has been studied and it has been found that the rig will be approximately 700 feet from the centerline of Runway 8/26 and 1250' from the centerline of Runway 12/30. In addition, a service road to the site will cross Runway 8/26 approximately midway.

The study disclosed that the structure would exceed the standards of Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77, Subpart C, paragraph 77.25(e) by 17 feet as applied to Runway 12/30 and by 76 feet as applied to Runway 8/26.

The Chairman of the Artesia Airport Committee submitted a letter stating "no objection" to the proposal and also stating that Runway 8/26 would be closed during the time the project is in progress, approximately October 1, 1974 to January 1, 1975.

In view of the above it is the determination of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the access road and drilling rig will not be a hazard to air navigation providing:

a. 48-hours prior to the start of the project you should contact the Chief, FAA, Flight Service Station (FSS) at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and the Chairman, Airport Committee of the Artesia Airport and advise them so that Runway 8/26 can be closed and marked properly in addition to an appropriate Notice to Airmen being issued to alert the flying public. The Chief, Carlsbad FSS is:

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