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Yates Petroleum Corporation 207 South 4th Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION Texas Hill "KM" No. 1 1836 FNL 915 FEL Sec. 21, T21S, R21E Eddy County Lease No. NM-3047 Above Data Required on Well Sign

Gentlemen:

Your APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO RE-ENTER the above-described well to a depth of 8,450 feet to test the Morrow is hereby approved subject to compliance with the OIL AND GAS OPERATING REGULATIONS (30 CFR 221) and the following conditions:

- 1. Drilling operations authorized are subject to compliance with the attached General Requirements for Oil and Gas Operations on Federal Leases, dated July 1, 1978.
- 2. Prior to commencing construction of road, pad, or other associated developments, operator will provide the dirt contractor with a copy of the Surface Use Plan and these Conditions of Approval including the attached General Requirements.
- 3. Submit a Daily Report of Operations from spud date until the well is completed and the Well Completion Report (form 9-330) is filed. The report should be not less than 8" x 5" in size and each page should identify the well.
- 4. All permanent above-ground structures and equipment shall be painted in accordance with the attached Painting Guidelines. The color used should simulate sandstone brown (Federal Standard Color 595A, color 20318 or 30318).
- 5. Before drilling below the 8-5/8" casing, the blowout preventer assembly will consist of a minimum of one annular type and two ram type preventers.
- 6. A kelly cock will be installed and maintained in operable condition.
- 7. Before drilling below the 8-5/8" casing string and before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, the blowout preventers and related control equipment shall be pressure tested to rated working pressures by an independent service company. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced. This office should be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests and shall be furnished a copy of the pressure test report.

- 8. Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be installed and operating before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation and used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:
 - (1) A recording pit level indicator to determine pit volume gains and losses.
 - (2) A mud volume measuring device for accurately determining mud volume necessary to fill the hole on trips.
 - (3) A flow sensor on the flow-line to warn of any abnormal mud returns from the well.
- 9. Surface use must be limited to the well pad and access road area used when the well was originally drilled.

Sincerely yours,

Orig. Sgd.) ALBERT R. STALL

Albert R. Stall Acting District Engineer

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APPLICATION FOR DRILLING

Yates Petroleum Corporation Texas Hill KM #1 Section 21-T21S-R21E Eddy County, New Mexico

In conjunction with Form 9-331C, Application for Permit to Reenter the well originally drilled by Kimball Production Company then taken over by Mallard Exploration Corporation, we submit the following ten items of pertinent information in accordance with U.S.G.S. requirements:

The geologic surface formation is quaternary alluvium. 1.

The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows: 2.

Glorieta	1900'	Ree	ntry Tops
Tubb	2825'		
Abo	3128'	Strawn	6300 '
Wolfcamp	4244'	Atoka	6850 '
Cisco	5488'	Morrow	8250'
Canyon	5875'	TD	8450'
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P & A 9/2/77	6200'		

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

Fresh water:	None
Oil:	Cisco at approximately 5400'
	Strawn at approximately 6300'
	Morrow at approximately 8250'

4. Proposed Casing Program: See Form 9-331C.

5. Pressure Control Equipment: See Form 9-331C and Exhibit C.

6. Mud Program: See Form 9-331C.

7. Auxiliary Equipment: Mud monitoring equipment to record pit level, measure mud volume and a flow sensor; kelley valve; safety sub with full opening valve, drill pipe float valve.

8. Testing, logging and coring program:

All shows will be drill stem tested. (Strawn and Morrow will be tested) Neutron-Formation Density and Dual Induction Laterolog.

9. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are anticipated.

10. Anticipated starting date: As soon as approved.



This plan is submitted with Form 9-331, Sundry Notice covering the reentry of the above described well. This well was originally drilled as the Federal 21 #1. The proposed re-construction activities and operations plan, the surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, to enhance an appraisal of the environment associated with the operation.

- 1. EXISTING ROADS.
 - A. Exhibit A. is a portion of BLM quad color map No. SE-23, on a scale of 1/2" to a mile, showing the proposed location and the surrounding area. Exhibit B is a portion of a USGS topographic map on a scale of 1" to a mile, showing the area and the roads in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed wellsite is located approximately 50 miles south and west of Artesia, New Mexico, and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibits A.
 - Proceed south from Artesia on Highway 285 for a distance of approximately 19.2 miles, turning right at that point onto the Marathon Plant Road.
 - (2) Continue southwest for approximately 12.7 miles until the road dead ends at a stop sign.
 - (3) Turn right (west) at a stop sign and continue for approximately 7.95 miles, then, turn right onto a dirt road (at the point where there is a wrecked automobile at the side of the road).
 - (4) Continue for approximately 7.85 miles to a fork in the road. Take the left fork (there is a water tank off to the right at this point).
 - (5) After taking the left fork, continue for approximately 1.65 miles to an oilfield road on your left, which goes through Box Canyon toward the southwest, and which leads to Yates Petroleum Corporation Huber "IA" Federal Well No. 2, located in Section 15-T21S-R21E. The re-constructed access road to the location will begin at this point.
- 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROADS.
 - A. The access road will be the same as the original one which was approximately one mile in length and 12 feet wide.
- 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS.
 - A. Drilling acitivity within a two-mile radius of the wellsite is shown on Exhibit 3. The nearest production is a gas well in section 15, the Huber "IA" Well No. 2 which serves as the beginning point for the access road. There are plugged and abandoned wells in sections 9, 28 and 14.

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- 4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES.
 - A. There are no production facilities on this lease at the present time.
 - B. In the event that the well is productive, the necessary production facilities will be installed on the drilling pad. If the well is productive of oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power. No power will be required if the well is productive of gas.
- 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 Exhibits A and B.
- 6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
 - A. Any caliche required for construction of the drilling pad and the access road will be obtained from the pad area.
- 7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL
 - A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
 - B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
 - C. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted to the U.S.G.S. for appropriate approval.
 - D. Oil produced during operation will be stored in tanks until sold.
 - E. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
 - F. Trash, waste paper, garbage and junk will be buried in a separate trash pit and covered with a minimum of 24 inches of dirt. All waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind.
 - G. All trash and debris will be buried or removed from the wellsite within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.
- 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

A. None required.

- 9. WELLSITE LAYOUT.
 - A. Exhibit D (Page 1) shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the reserve pits, sump pit, etc.
 - B. The pad and road will be in the same place.
 - C. The reserve pits will be plastic lined.

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10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE

- 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 wellsite in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
- B. Unguarded pits, if any, containing fluids will be fenced until they have been filled.
- C. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the BLM and the USGS will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled and leveled within 90 days after abandonment.
- 11. OTHER INFORMATION.
 - A. Topography: The land surface in the vicinity of the wellsite is very irregular, consisting of mountainous terrain with hard, rocky surface.
 - B. Flora and Fauna: The vegetation cover in the vicinity is relatively heavy for a desert area, consisting of cactus, lechuguilla, mesquite, prairie grass, prairie flowers, yucca, and miscellaneous desert growth. The only wildlife observed were jackrabbits, cottontails, and snakes, but the wildlife in the area probably includes other wildlife typical of semi-arid desert land. The area is used for cattle grazing.
 - C. There are no ponds, lakes, streams or rivers in the area.
 - D. There are no inhabited dwellings in the vicinity of the proposed well. There is an abandoned house and a windmill approximately 1/2 mile south of the wellsite.
 - E. Surface Ownership: The wellsite is on federal surface.
 - F. There is no evidence of any archeological, historical or cultural sites in the area. The archeological report was completed in August, 1977 and submitted with the original application.
- 12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE.
 - A. The field representative responsible for assuring compliance with the approved surface use and operations plan is:

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13. CERTIFICATION.

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge true and correct; and that the work associated with operations proposed herein will be performed by Yates Petroleum Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

<u>1-17-79</u> Date

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THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTE MINIMUM BLOWOUT PREVENTER REQUIREMENTS

- 1. All preventers to be hydraulically operated with secondary manual controls installed prior to drilling out from under casing.
- 2. Choke outlet to be a minimum of 4" diameter.
- 3. Kill line to be of all steel construction of 2" minimum diameter.
- 4. All connections from operating manifolds to preventers to be all steel. hole or tube a minimum of one inch in diameter.
- 5. The available closing pressure shall be at least 15% in excess of that required with sufficient volume to operate the B.O.P.'s.
- 6. All connections to and from preventer to have a pressure rating equivalent to that of the B.O.P.'s.
- 7. Inside blowout preventer to be available on rig floor.
- 8. Operating controls located a safe distance from the rig floor
- 9. Hole must be kept filled on trips below intermediate casing. Operator not responsible for blowouts resulting from not keeping hole full.
- 10. D. P. float must be installed and used below zone of first gas intrusion.

