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Attention: David Vandiver

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RE: Application for Yates Petroleum Corporation for directional drilling and an unorthodox gas well location. Gazelle "AHG" Federal Well No. 2, Sections 16 and 22, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Vandiver:

The subject application was received by this office on Monday June 18, 1990. Because I was involved in moving furniture and equipment, and remodeling our offices, I instructed my assistant to hold all of my incoming mail for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. I did not pick this mail up or even review it until Thursday morning. By this time, the advertisements for the July 11, 1990 docket had been distributed.

I take full responsibility for this oversight and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience it has cause you and your client.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Stogner Chief Hearing Officer/Engineer

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- cc: William J. LeMay, Director Yates Petroleum Corporation - Artesia
 - Mike Williams OCD, Artesia
 Case File