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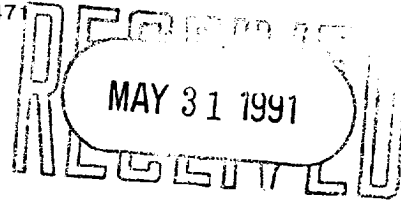
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May 20, 1991

Mr. Bob Lane
New Mexico Potash
P. O. Box 610
Hobbs, NM 88241



Dear Mr. Lane:

Yates Petroleum Corporation is the operator of the State Oil & Gas Lease LG 9280. We have staked the following location:

Mary AIV State #5
660'FNL & 660'FEL
Sec. 36-T21S-R31E
Eddy County, NM

An Application to Drill is being filed with the Oil Conservation District.

We have been advised that your company is the owner of record of certain potash leases in this area. We respectfully request that you waive any objection you may have to this proposed well location and so indicate by signing and returning one copy of this letter in the enclosed envelope.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Clifton R. May
Permit Agent

CRM:jh

NO OBJECTIONS OFFERED

NEW MEXICO POTASH

By: Robert H. Lane
Title: Supr. Mine Engineering
Date: 5/28/91