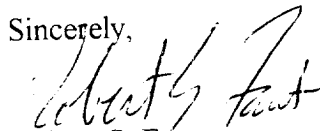


We here at Yates Petroleum would like to thank the OCD for your support in this matter.

It is important to note that this entire analysis was made using public data available to the NMED. We believe that if a more rigorous analysis had been applied by the NMED, then the expense and extra effort created by this incident could have been avoided.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (505) 748-4185 or at the Yates Petroleum Corporate office at the letterhead address.

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