

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Yates Petroleum Corporation Well No. 5 - Adeline ALN Federal
Location: 330' FNL & 990' FWL sec. 6, T. 24 S., R. 31 E.
Lease: NM-82904

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at (505) 234-5972 in sufficient time for a representative to witness:

A. Spudding

B. Cementing casing: 13-3/8 inch 8-5/8 inch 5-1/2 inch

2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.

3. Include the API No. assigned to well by NMOCDC on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

4. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado formation to the surface; cable speed not to exceed 30 feet per minute.

II. CASING:

1. 13-3/8 inch surface casing should be set at approximately 750 feet in the Rustler Anhydrite, below usable water and circulate cement to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface this BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.

2. Minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch salt protection casing is sufficient to circulate to the surface.

3. Minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is sufficient to circulate to the surface.

4. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P Potash Area, cement shall be allowed to stand a minimum of twelve (12) hours under pressure and a total of twenty-four (24) hours before drilling the plug or initiating tests.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

1. Before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer or Two Ram-Type Preventers and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve. Before drilling below the 8-5/8 inch salt protection casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer, Two Ram-Type Preventers, and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve.

2. Before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 2000 psi. Before drilling below the 8-5/8 inch salt protection casing, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 3000 psi.

3. After setting the 13-3/8 inch surface casing string and before drilling into the Delaware formation, the BOPE shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

A. The results of the test will be reported to the BLM Carlsbad Field office at 620 East Greene Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292.

B. Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.

C. Testing must be done in a safe workman like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.