

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources
Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, RE-ENTER, DEEPEN, PLUGBACK, OR ADD A ZONE

1. Operator Name and Address YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 105 South Fourth St. Artesia, NM 88210		2. OGRID Number 25575
		3. API Number 30-025-37575
4. Property Code 33444	5. Property Name MERLE STATE UNIT	6. Well No. 004

7. Surface Location

UL - Lot	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet From	N/S Line	Feet From	E/W Line	County
N	23	10S	34E	N	660	S	1980	W	LEA

8. Pool Information

Wildcat Mississippian	0
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Additional Well Information

9. Work Type New Well	10. Well Type GAS	11. Cable/Rotary	12. Lease Type State	13. Ground Level Elevation 4173
14. Multiple N	15. Proposed Depth 12300	16. Formation Mississippian Age Rocks-Undivided	17. Contractor	18. Spud Date
Depth to Ground water 34		Distance from nearest fresh water well > 1000		Distance to nearest surface water > 1000
Pit: Liner: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 _____ miles thick Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume: 24000 bbls Drilling Method: Closed Loop System <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brine <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel/Oil-based <input type="checkbox"/> Gas/Air <input type="checkbox"/>				

19. Proposed Casing and Cement Program

Type	Hole Size	Casing Type	Casing Weight/ft	Setting Depth	Sacks of Cement	Estimated TOC
Surf	17.5	13.375	48	400	400	0
Int1	12.25	9.625	40	4150	1450	0
Prod	8.75	5.5	17	12300	2550	3650

Casing/Cement Program: Additional Comments

Yates Petroleum Corporation proposes to drill and test the Mississippian/intermediate formations. Approximately 400' of surface casing will be set and cement circulated to surface. Intermediate casing will be set at 4150', cement circulated to surface. If commercial, production casing will be ran, cemented, perforated and stimulated as needed to gain production.

Proposed Blowout Prevention Program

Type	Working Pressure	Test Pressure	Manufacturer
DoubleRam	5000	5000	

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the drilling pit will be constructed according to NMOCB guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> , a general permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or an (attached) alternative OCB-approved plan <input type="checkbox"/> .	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Electronically filed by Debbie Caffall	Approved By: Paul Kautz	
Title: Regulatory Agent	Title: Geologist	
Email Address: debbiec@ypcnm.com	Approved Date: 12/1/2005	Expiration Date: 12/1/2006
Date: 11/30/2005	Phone: 505-748-4376	Conditions of Approval Attached

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Form C-102
 Permit 19264

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

1. API Number 30-025-37575	2. Pool Code	3. Pool Name Wildcat Mississippian
4. Property Code 33444	5. Property Name MERLE STATE UNIT	6. Well No. 004
7. OGRID No. 25575	8. Operator Name YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	9. Elevation 4173

10. Surface Location

UL - Lot N	Section 23	Township 10S	Range 34E	Lot Idn	Feet From 660	N/S Line S	Feet From 1980	E/W Line W	County LEA
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11. Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL - Lot	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet From	N/S Line	Feet From	E/W Line	County
12. Dedicated Acres 320.00	13. Joint or Infill	14. Consolidation Code	15. Order No.						

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 E-Signed By: Debbie Caffall
 Title: Regulatory Agent
 Date: 11/30/2005

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.
 Surveyed By: Herschel Jones
 Date of Survey: 11/29/2005
 Certificate Number: 3640

Permit Comments

Operator: YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION , 25575

Well: MERLE STATE UNIT #004

API: 30-025-37575

Created By	Comment	Comment Date
clif	MUD PROGRAM: 0-400' FW Gel/Paper; 400'-2140' FW; 2140'-4150' Red BedMud/Oil; 4150'-7600' Cut Brine; 7600'-11363' SGel/Starch; 11363'-TD SW/Starch/4-6% KCL.	11/30/2005
clif	Sources at YPC have relayed information to me that they beleive there will not be enough H2S found from the surface to the Mississippian formation to meet the OCD's minimum requirements for submission of a contingency plan per Rule 118.	11/30/2005
clif	BOPE Program: A 5000 psi BOPE will be installed on the 9.625" casing and tested daily for operational.	11/30/2005

Permit Conditions of Approval

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Well: MERLE STATE UNIT #004

API: 30-025-37575

OCD Reviewer	Condition
pkautz	Pit construction and closure must satisfy all requirements of your approved plan, O.C.D. Rule 19.15.2.50, and the Pit and Below-Grade Tank Guidelines
pkautz	prior to any pit construction notify Gary Wink at 505-393-6161 ext 114