



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## *Field Inspection Program*

*"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"*

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### **YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

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ARTESIA NM 88210

### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION - Inspection**

Dear Operator:

The following inspection(s) indicate that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well(s) failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below. To comply with standards imposed by Rules and Regulations of the Division, corrective action must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The detail section indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This determination is based on an inspection of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division on the date(s) indicated.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division, in writing, of the date corrective actions are scheduled to be made so that arrangements can be made to reinspect the well and/or facility.

### ***INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION***

**MEDANO VA STATE No.002**

**E-16-23S-31E**

**30-015-26382-00-00**

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
10/18/2004	Routine/Periodic	Mike Bratcher	Yes	No	11/18/2004	iMLB0429240321

**Comments on Inspection:** Site inspection after receipt of C-141 reporting a release of an undetermined amount of produced water due to hole in waterline. Work plan dated 8/20/04 was submitted and indicated impacted soil would be landfarmed on area, tested and pending analyticals and approval, soil would be used for constructing berms at area wells. No indication of any work having been done at this time. Original reserve pit area is North of wellbore and is upslope from location. Pit area has what appears to be heavy chloride contamination on surface. A small excavation (less than 6" depth) was made by me and shows visible hydrocarbon contamination. Area of reported release was undetermined.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,



Artesia OCD District Office

**Note:** Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.

\*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.