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1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Form C-144
June 1, 2004

For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

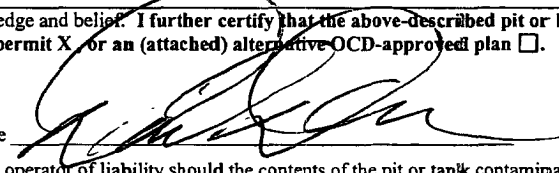

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☒ No ☐

Type of action: Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

Operator: <u>Yates Petroleum Corporation</u> Telephone: <u>505-748-4500</u> e-mail address: <u>mikes@vpc.com</u>		
Address: <u>105 South 4th Street, Artesia, N.M. 88210</u>		
Facility or well name: <u>Cottonwood Federal 5</u> API #: <u>30-005-63448</u> U/L or Qtr/Qtr <u>J</u> Sec <u>26</u> T <u>6S</u> R <u>25E</u>		
County: <u>Chaves</u> Latitude <u>33.76414</u> Longitude <u>104.36875</u> NAD: 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Surface Owner: Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/>		
Pit Type: Drilling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal <input type="checkbox"/> Work over <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Lined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlined <input type="checkbox"/> Liner type: Synthetic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thickness <u>12</u> mil Clay <input type="checkbox"/> Pit Volume <u>12,000</u> bbl	Below-grade tank Volume: <input type="text"/> bbl Type of fluid: <input type="text"/> Construction material: <input type="text"/> Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If not, explain why not. <input type="text"/>	RECEIVED JUL 20 2005 OCD-ARTESIA
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.)	Less than 50 feet (20 points) 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet (10 points) 100 feet or more (0 points) XXXX	
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes (20 points) No (0 points) XXXX	
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet (20 points) 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet (10 points) 1000 feet or more (0 points) XXXX	
Ranking Score (Total Points) 0 POINTS		

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks. (2) Indicate disposal location: (check the onsite box if you are burying in place) onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility NA. (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date.
(4) Groundwater encountered: No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface ft. and attach sample results.
(5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.

Additional Comments: Closure work plan for drilling pit. Propose that drill cuttings from the Spring Deep Federal 4, Sec 5, T6S, R26E be transferred to this site and placed with existing pit contents. The drilling pit contents will be mixed to stiffen the pit contents. Encapsulation trench will be excavated and lined with a 12 mil. Synthetic liner on former drilling pit site. Drilling pit contents will then be emplaced into the encapsulation trench. A 20 mil. Synthetic liner will then be placed over the pit contents with a min. of a 3' over lap of the underlying trench areas. The encapsulation trenches will then be backfilled back to grade using a min. of 3' of clean soil and like material. A one call & 48 hour notice will be provided to the Oil Conservation Division before pit closure actions begin.
Pit Closure actions to begin by <u>NA</u> . Ending date <u>NA</u>
Amendment to previously submitted form dated <u>2/7/05</u>

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> , a general permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan <input type="checkbox"/> .	
Date: <u>06/16/2005</u>	Signature: 
Printed Name/Title <u>Dan Dolan / Regulatory Agent</u>	
Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.	
Approval: Printed Name/Title <u>Field Supervisor</u>	Signature:  Date: <u>JUL 22 2005</u>