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Mr. Tim Gum
Oil Conservation Division
1301 West Grand Avenue
Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Gum:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests a six month extension of time be allowed to accomplish closure of the following drilling pits:

WELL NAME	API NUMBER	SEC-TWN-RNG
Bennett Federal 2	30-015-32189	30 25S 30E

The extension is needed due to waiting on equipment for closure.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Should you have any questions, you may contact Mike Stubblefield at 505-748-4500.

Sincerely,

Mike Stubblefield

Mike Stubblefield
Environmental Regulatory Agent

*Extension granted
to 4-2-06*

Gerry Guye
Compliance Officer