(April 2004)

N.M. Oil Cons. DIV-Dist. 2

1301 W. Grand Avenue

esia, NM 88210

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

FORM APPROVED OMB No. 1004-0137 Expires March 31, 2007

5. Lease Serial No.

NM 111398 6. If Indian, Allotee or Tribe Name

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

la. Type of work: X DRILL	REENTER	REC	CEIVED	7. If Unit or CA Agr	eement, Na	me and No. 3534
lb. Type of Well: Oil Well X Gas W	ell Other	DEC	1 6 2005 Multiple Zone	8. Lease Name and North Hess	rei No. Feder	
2 Name of Operator Yates Energy Corporation	on 2554	2	A AN E B SHAMEN OF A	9. API Well No.	- 34	5 09
3a. Address P. O. Box 2323, Roswell		hone No. (include are -632-4935	78380	10. Field and Pool, or Hess Morrow		
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*) At surface 1955' FSL & 10' FEL 1550 FSL 5 60 FSL 5 860 At proposed prod. zone 1955' FSL & 710', FEL PUL attacks Sec. 23						•
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest to	-			12. County or Parish		13. State
40 miles from Carlsbad,	NM			Eddy		NM
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 71(No. of acres in lease	17. Spacin	g Unit dedicated to this a	well	
18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft.		roposed Depth 10,650	20. BLM/E 585	BIA Bond No. on file 667		
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GI	., etc.) 22. A	pproximate date wo	rk will start*	23. Estimated duratio	n	
4117-4 GL 4/20.9		11-15-05		45 days	dril	ling
	24.	Attachments	Roswell	Controlled Water	Basin	
The following, completed in accordance with the rec	nuirements of Onshore Oil at	nd Gas Order No.1.	shall be attached to this	s form:		

- 1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- 2. A Drilling Plan.

25. Signature / #

- 3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- 4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
- Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

Date

Sheling, yorkes	Sheryl L. Jonas	09-16-05
Title		
Agent for Yates Energy Corporation	l .	
Approved by (Signature)/s/ Joe G. Lara	Name (Printed/Typed) /s/ Joe G. Lara	DEC 1 4 2005
TING FIFID MANAGER	Office CARISBAD FIELD O	

Name (Printed/Typed)

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

*(Instructions on page 2)

ATTACHED

Witness Surface Casing

If earthen pits are used in association with the drilling of this well, an OCD pit permit must be obtained prior to pit construction.

Form 3160-5 (April 2004)

OCD-ARTESIA DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
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SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

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6.	If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name	

	e this form for proposals to dilli or to re-enter an well. Use Form 3160 - 3 (APD) for such proposals.	6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
	TRIPLICATE- Other instructions on reverse side.	7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
1. Type of Well Oil Well	XIGas Well Other	
		8. Well Name and No. North Hess Federal "23" No
2. Name of Operator Yates Energy Co	ornoration	9. API Well No.
3a. Address	3b. Phone No. (include area code)	
	Roswell, NM 88202 (505) 623-4935 (Sec. T. R. M. or Survey Description)	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area Hess Morrow East
· -	FEL of Sec. 23, T23S, R23E	11. County or Parish, State
1330 F3L & 000	FEE 01 Sec. 25, 1255, R252	Eddy, New Mexico
12. CHECK	APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE,	REPORT, OR OTHER DATA
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	ТҮРЕ OF ACTION	
	Acidize Deepen Production (S	Start/Resume) Water Shut-Off
Notice of Intent	Alter Casing Fracture Treat Reclamation	Well Integrity
Subsequent Report	Casing Repair New Construction Recomplete	Other Change Location
Final Abandonment Notice	Change Plans Plug and Abandon Temporarily	
	Convert to Injection Plug Back Water Dispose	<u> </u>
as follows: 1550' FSL & 860'	ological sight problem, the location for FEL of Sec. 23, T23S, R23E, Eddy County,	
14. I hereby certify that the f	oregoing is true and correct	
Name (Printed/Typed)		Catal Engage Company tion
Sheryl L. Jonas		ates Energy Corporation
Signature Milley	2 Jones Date 11/21/05	The state of the s
	THÍS SPACE FÓR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE	USE
Approved by /s/ Jo		AGER DEC 1 4 2005
	are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or egal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease Office CARL	SBAD FIELD OFFICE
which would entitle the applican	nt to conduct operations thereon	

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State of New Mexico

DISTRICT I

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

+DISTRICT II
1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Form C-102
Revised JUNE 10, 2003
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

DISTRICT IV

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

** AMENDED REPORT

B7505		LI AMENDED REPORT
Pool Code	Pool Naz	ae
78380	Hess Morrow East	
Prop	Property Name	
NORTH HES	SS FEDERAL 23	. 1
Oper	ator Name	Elevation
YATES ENERG	GY CORPORATION	4121'
	Pool Code 78380 Prop NORTH HES	Pool Code Pool Name 78380 Hess Morrow East

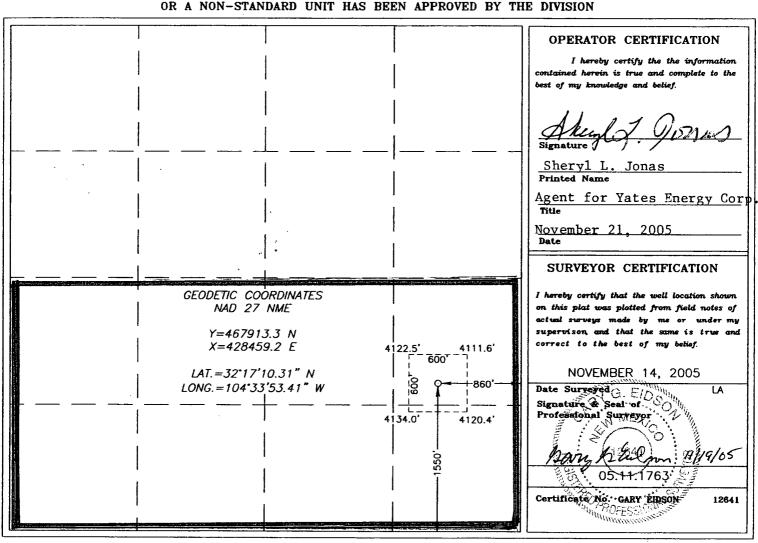
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
l	23	23-S	23-E		1550	SOUTH	860	EAST	EDDY

Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres	Joint o	or Infill	Consolidation	Code O	der No.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u>L</u>
320	<u> </u>								

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



<u>District I</u> 1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240 <u>District II</u> 1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210 District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410 District IV 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

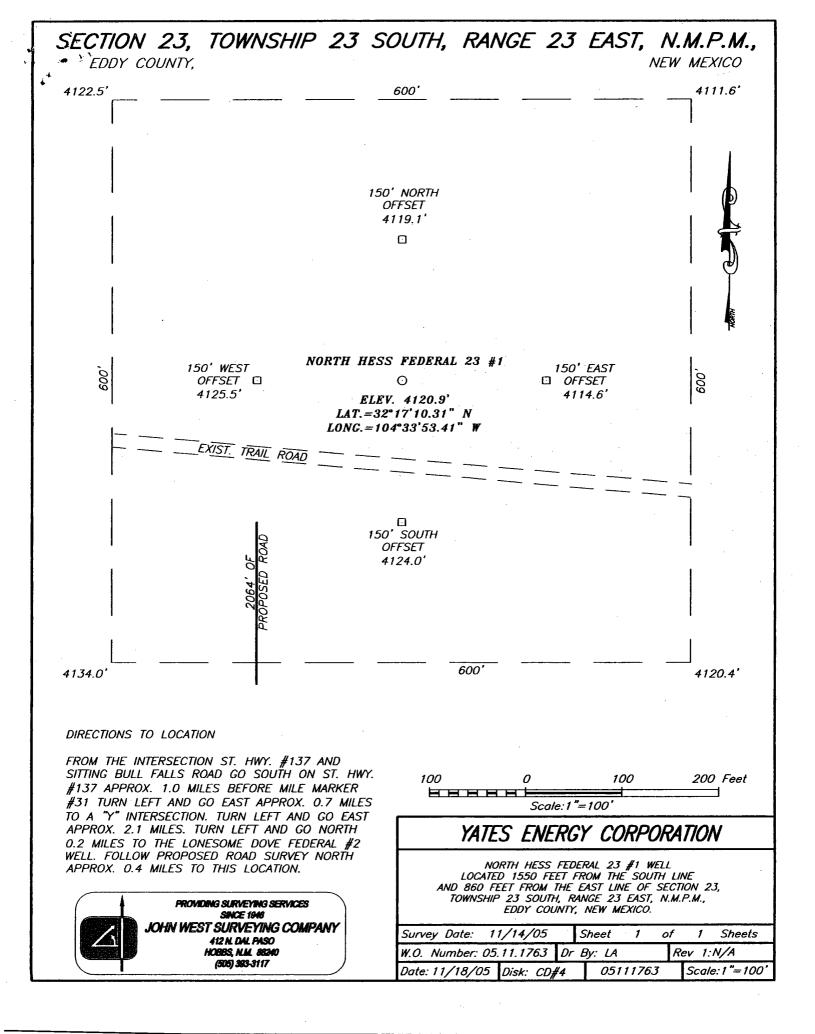
For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office.
For downstream facilities, submit programmer for the control of the con

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure
Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes No

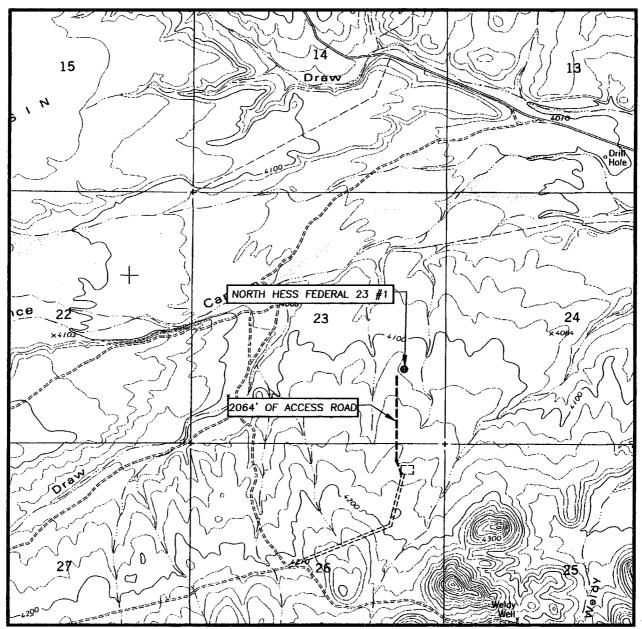
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Form C-144 June 1, 2004

Type of action: Registration of a pit	or below-grade tank Closure of a pit or bel	ow-grade tank	
Operator: Yates Energy Corporation Telephon	ne: 432-683-5511 e-mail address	cobriant@a	pex2000.net
Address: P. O. Box 2323, Roswell, NM 882			p-112-0-0-1-1-0-
Facility or well name: North Hess Fed "23" # API #:	U/L or Qtr/Qtr	Sec 23	T 23S R 23E
בנת	Longitude		NAD: 1927 🔲 1983 🗍
Surface Owner: Federal State Private Indian			
Pit	Below-grade tank		
Type: Drilling Production Disposal	Volume:bbl Type of fluid:		!
Workover Emergency	Construction material:		
Lined Dulined	Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes		ot.
Liner type: Synthetic F Thickness 12 mil Clay			
Pit Volume bbl 19,531 barrels			
	Less than 50 feet	(20 points)	······································
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal	50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet	(10 points)	,
high water elevation of ground water.)	100 feet or more	(0 points)	0 points
Walley A anatobious and Class they 200 Each Course migrate demonstra	Yes	(20 points)	
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	No	(0 points)	0 points
water source, or ress than 1000 reet from all other water sources.)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas,	Less than 200 feet	(20 points)	
irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet	(10 points)	
	1000 feet or more	(0 points)	0 points
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Ranking Score (Total Points)		0 points
If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit your are burying in place) onsite offsite If offsite, name of facility remediation start date and end date. (4) Groundwater encountered: No 5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations.	Yes I If yes, show depth below ground surface	eneral description of rea	nedial action taken including
Additional Comments:			
			
			<u> </u>
I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guideline			
Date: 09-27-05	11	<i>(</i>)	
Printed Name/Title Sheryl L. Jonas/Agent	Signature Muy O	Jonas	Λ···
Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve regulations.	not relieve the operator of liability should the co		
Approval: Field Supervisor	Simulation	R	DCT 3 2005
Printed Name/Title	Signature	<u> </u>	Jane:



LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL: BANDANNA POINT, N.M. – 20'

SEC. 23 TWP. 23-S RGE. 23-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.

COUNTY EDDY

DESCRIPTION 1550' FSL & 860' FEL

ELEVATION 4121'

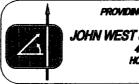
YATES ENERGY

OPERATOR CORPORATION

LEASE NORTH HESS FEDERAL 23

U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

BANDANNA POINT, N.M.



PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES
SINCE 1946
JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY
412 N. DAL PASO
HOBBS, N.M. 88240
(505) 393-3117

O'Briant and Associates, Inc.

P. O. Box 10487 Midland, TX, 79702 (432) 683 5511 (24 Hr. Ans), (432) 683 5903 (Fax) E-Mail: cobriant@apex2000.net

STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

Bureau of land Management 2909 West 2nd Street Roswell, New Mexico 88201-2019

Armando Attn: Orlando Lopez

Yates Energy corporation accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land, or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No.:

NM-NM-111398

Legal Description:

acres including Section 23, T-23-S, R-23-E, \$2

Eddy County, New Mexico

Well Name:

North Hess Federal "23" No. 1

Formation(s):

Strawn-Atoka-Morrow

Bond Coverage:

Nationwide BLM Bond

BLM Bond File No.: 585667 DOC, NM 2202 BOND*

Authorized Signature:

Representing Yates Energy Corporation

Name: Sheryl L. Jonas

Title: Agent for Yates Energy Corporation

Date: September 16, 2005

Application to Drill Yates Energy Corporation

North Hess Federal "23" No. 1 S/2 Section 23, T23S-R23E Eddy County, New Mexico

In response to questions asked under Onshore Oil & Gas order No. 1 the following information is provided for you consideration:

1. Location: 1955' FSL & 710' FEL Section 23, T23S-R23E

2. **Elevation:** 4117.4' GL 4132' KB

3. Geologic name of surface formation: **Quaternary Aeolian Deposits**

4.

Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using fluid as a circulating medium for

solids removal.

5. Proposed drilling depth: 10,650'KB.

6. Estimated tops of geological markers: (EST KB 4132')

	SS	MD
Brushy Canyon	2924	1208
Bone Springs	1248	2884
1 st Bone Spring Sand	1947	2185
2 nd Bone Spring Sand	-18	4150
Wolfcamp	-2894	7026
L. Cisco-Canyon	-4037	8169
Strawn	-4659	87 91
Atoka	-4907	9039
Morrow	-5456	9588
M. Morrow	-5735	9867
L. Morrow	-5941	10,073
Mississippian	-6083	10,215

7. Póssible mineral bearing formation:

Strawn:

Oil

Atoka:

Gas

Morrow:

Gas

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8. Proposed casing and cementing program:

A. Casing program:

2.0.

B.

Hole size	Casing	Wt/Ft	<u>Grade</u>	Depth	
26.5"	20"	94#	H-40	0-30'	
17.75"	13.375"	48-54.50#	H-40	0-350' WITHESS	
12.25"/11.00"	8.625"	24-32#	J/K55	0-2600'	
7.875"	4.5-5.5 "	11.6-23#	L/N-80	0-10,650'	
Minimum casing design factors: Collapse 1.2, Burst 1.1, Tensile strength					

Cementing Program:

Conductor: Fill annular space with ready mix.

Surface Casing: 450 sacks of Class "C" cement with 2% CaCl2 and 1/4# flocele.

Intermediate Casing: 800 sacks Interfill "C" with 5# Gilsonite/sk., 1/4# flocele/sk., and 320 sacks Class "C" with 1% CaCl2. Circulate cement to surface.

Production Casing: 1200 sacks Class H cement containing fluid loss additive, friction reducer additive, compressive strength enhancer, and NaC1. Shallower productive zones may be protected by utilizing and multiple stage cementing tool in the production casing below potentially productive zones and cementing with a light cement slurry.

*Yates Energy Corp. reserves the right to change cement designs as hole conditions may warrant.

10. Pressure Control Equipment:

An 11.0"/13.625" 3000 PSIG working pressure B.O.P. consisting of one set of blind rams and one set of pipe rams; 3000 psig annular type preventer; choke manifold; and 120 gallon accumulator with remote operating stations. Rotating head below 6000'. See Exhibit "E". Pressure tests with rig pump will be conducted prior to drilling out under all casing strings. A third party Safety Test Company will pressure test and record on chart the approved testing pressure of the BOP, Choke, Hydril, Kelly Cock Valves before we drill below the 8-5/8" casing. BOP controls will be installed prior to drilling under surface casing and will remain in use until completion of drilling operations. BOP's will be inspected and operated daily to insure mechanical integrity and the inspection will be recorded on the daily drilling report.

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Kelly cock and a sub equipped with a full opening valve sized to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position when the Kelly is not in use.

11. Mud Program:

<u>Interval</u>	Type System	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	Fluid Loss
0 '- 350'	FW Gel	8.4-9.4	34-36	NC
350' – 2600'	Fresh Water	8.3-9.5	28-32	NC
2600' – 8000'	Cut Brine	8.8-9.2	32-37	NC
8000' - 10,700'	Brine/Drispac Starch	9.0-9.2	32-50	5 - 10

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run DST's, open hole logs, and casing the viscosity and water loss may have to be adjusted in order to meet these needs. Mud system monitoring equipment with derrick floor indicators and visual/audio alarms shall be installed and operative prior to drilling into the Wolfcamp formation. This equipment will remain in use until production casing is run and cemented.

12. Evaluation Program:

A.	Samples:	10' samples from intermediate casing to TD.
B.	Logging:	CNL/LDT/CAL/GR/DLL/CAL/GR/BHC
		SONIC
C.	Coring:	As needed for evaluation
D.	Drill Stem Tests:	As needed for evaluation (possibly three).

13. Down hole Conditions:

A.	Zones of abnormal pressure:	None anticipated.
В.	Zones of loss circulation:	Anticipated in surface and
	Intermediate holes.	•
C.	Maximum bottom hole temperature:	<200 degrees F
D	Maximum hottom hole pressure:	4000 psig estimated

Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud/gas separator, if installed, where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used.

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14. Anticipated Starting Date:

Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date will be November 15, 2005. Drilling is expected to take 45 days with an additional 45 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

15. Other Facets of Operations:

After running production casing, cased hole GR-CBL-Collar log will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals. The Morrow/Atoka pay will be perforated and stimulated. The well will be tested and potentialed as a gas well.

YATES ENERGY CORPORATION

North Hess Federal "23" No. 1 S/2 Section 23, T23S, R23E Eddy County, New Mexico

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, Covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved, and the procedures to be followed in restoring the surface so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental impact associated with the proposed operations.

- 1. Existing Roads: Area maps, Exhibit "B" is a reproduction of Eddy County General Highway Map. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS Topographic Map, showing existing roads and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. Any New roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.
 - A. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.
 - B. From the Intersection of State Hwy #137 and Co. Rd. #409 (Sitting Bull Falls Rd.) go south on St. Hwy. #137 approximately 1.0 mile before mile Marker #31 turn left and go east approximately 0.7 miles to a "Y" intersection. Turn left, go east approximately 2.1 miles. Turn left and go north 0.2 miles to the Lonesome Dove Federal #2 well. Follow proposed road survey north approximately 0.4 miles to location.
 - C. Construct power lines and lay pipelines that will be necessary to produce this lease along road ROW.
- 2. Planned Access Roads: There is 2210+/- feet of new access road planned.
- 3. Location of Existing Wells in a One-Mile Radius Exhibit "A".

A. Water wellsB. Disposal wellsC. Drilling wellsNone Known
None Known

D. Producing wellsE. Abandoned wellsAs shown on Exhibit "A"
As shown on Exhibit "A"

4. If, on completion this well is a producer Yates Energy Corp. will furnish maps and/or plats showing on-site facilities or off-site facilities if needed. This will be accomplished with a Sundry Notice.

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5. Location and type of Water Supply

Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads or piped in flexible lines laid on top of the ground.

6. Source of Construction Material:

If possible construction material will be obtained from the excavation of drill site; if additional material is needed it will be purchased from local source and transported over the access route as shown on Exhibit "C".

7. Methods of handling Waste Material:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pit.
- B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in an approved sanitary landfill.
- C. The mud remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier, including broken sacks.
- D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holes with a minimum depth of 10'. These holes will be covered during and will be back filled upon completion. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.
- E. Remaining drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pit until the pit is dry enough for breaking out. In the event that drilling fluids do not evaporate in a reasonable time they will be hauled off by transports and be disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Later pits will be broken out to speed drying. Water produced during testing will be put in reserve pits. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

8. Ancillary Facilities:

No camps or airstrips to be constructed.

9. Well Site Layout:

- A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.
- B. This exhibit indicated proposed location of reserve and trash pits; and living facilities.
- C. Mud pits in the active circulating system will be steel pits and the reserve pit proposed will be lined.

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- D. The reserve pit will be lined with PVC polyethylene liner. The pit liner will be 12 mil thick and extend a minimum 2.0' over the reserve pits dikes where the liner will be anchored down.
 - E. The reserve pit will be fenced on three sides with four strands of barbed wire during drilling and completion phases. The fourth side will be fenced after all drilling operations have ceased. If the well is a producer, the reserve pit fence will be torn down. The reserve pit and those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

10. Plans for Restoration of Surface.

- A. Rehabilitation of the location and reserve pit will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or dry hole.
- B. However, in either event, the reserve pit will be allowed to dry properly, and/or fluid removed and disposed of in accordance with Article 7.E as previously noted. The pit area will then be leveled and contoured to conform to original surface as near as practical. Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's surface and facilities.
- C. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.
- D. If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be contoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.
- E. Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

11. Other Information:

- A. Topography: Refer to the archaeological report for a detailed description of flora, fauna, soil characteristics, dwellings, and historical or cultural sites.
- B. The well site is on Federal owned surface. The surface is part of the Three Forks Canyon Allotment and leased to Dan Murry P. O. Box 129, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220. They will be notified of our intention to drill prior to any activity. The land is used mainly for cattle ranching and oil and gas production.

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- C. An Archaeological survey has been conducted of the location and proposed pipeline route/road, and will be filed with the Bureau of Land Management in the Carlsbad BLM office.
- D. There are no known dwellings within 1 ½ miles of this location.

12. Operators Representative:

Yates Energy Corporation C/O O'Briant and Associates, Inc. ATTN: Jim O'Briant P. O. Box 10487 Midland, Texas 79702 Office Phone: (432) 683-5511

13. Certification:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Yates Energy Corporation contractors/subcontractors is in the conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

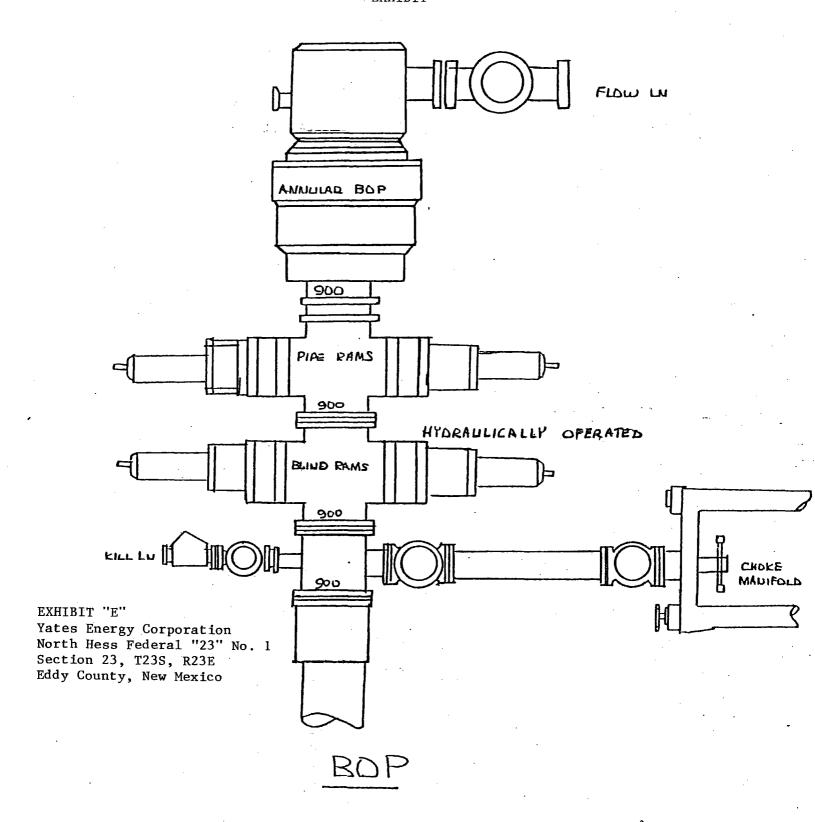
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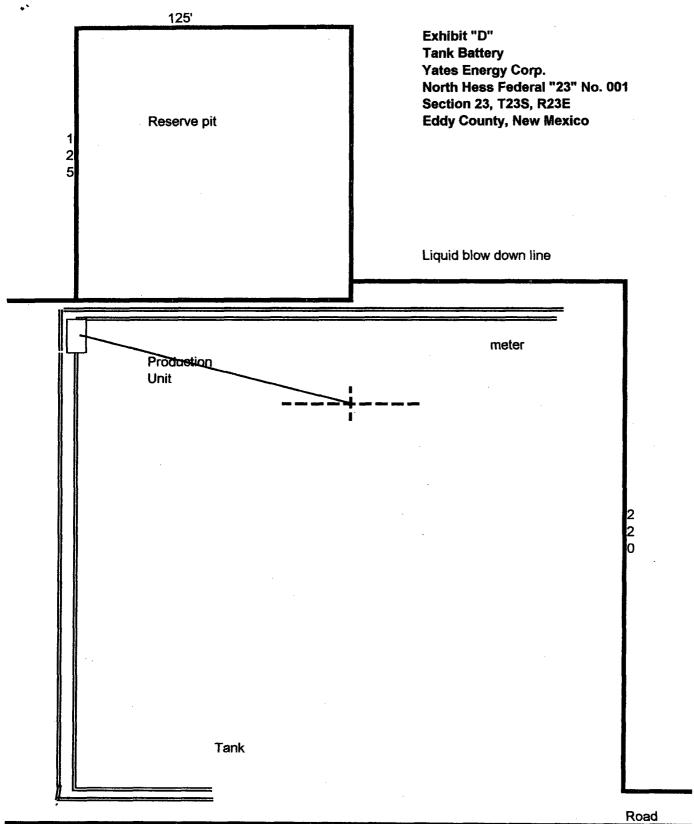
DATE: 9-27-05

TITLE:
Agent for Yates Energy Corporation

Agent for Tates Energy Corporation

YATES ENERGY CORPORATION EXHIBIT





CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name:

Yates Energy Corporation

Well Name & No. Location:

North Hess Federal 23 #1 /550 1955' FSL, 7210' FEL, Section 23, T. 23 S., R. 23 E., Eddy County, New Mexico

NM-111398 320

Lease:

per attached SN dated 11/2/05

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
 - A. Well spud
 - B. Cementing casing: <u>13-3/8</u> inch <u>8-5/8</u> inch <u>4-1/2 or 5-1/2</u> inch
 - C. BOP tests
- 3. 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.
- 4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15-day time frame.
- 5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

II. CASING:

- 1. The <u>13-3/8</u> inch surface casing shall be set at <u>approximately 350 feet</u> and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate 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. The minimum required fill of cement behind the <u>8-5/8</u> inch intermediate casing is to be circulated to the surface.
- 3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 4-1/2 or 5-1/2 inch production casing is to reach at least 500 feet above the top of the uppermost hydrocarbon productive interval.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

- 1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.
- 2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 3000 psi.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.
- The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
- The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of 10/3/2005

drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.

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

IV. DRILLING MUD:

Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the **Wolfcamp** formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:

- Recording pit level indicator to indicate volume gains and losses.
- Mud measuring device for accurately determining the mud volumes necessary to fill the hole during trips.
- Flow-sensor on the flow-line to warn of abnormal mud returns from the well.

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SUBJECT: Hydrogen Sulfide Gas Statement

Yates Energy Corporation North Hess Federal "23" No. 1 Sec. 23, T-23S, R-23E Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Arrant:

We have research the general area of this well, the wells Yates Energy has drilled nearby and have found no indication hydrogen sulfide gas. A well drilled south of this location did not encounter any hydrogen sulfide gas.

At such a time there is a suspicion of hydrogen sulfide gas during the drilling of this well, the appropriate steps will be taken to calculate the radii of exposure and add the appropriate safety equipment and contingency plans.

Sheryl L. Jonas

Agent for Yates Energy Corporation

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