Form 3160-5 (September 2001)

# UNITED STATES OCD-ARTESIA DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OCD-ARTESIA BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED

5. Lease Serial No.

#### **SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**

OMB No. 1004-0135 Expires January 31, 2004

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or re enter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.				NM-86241		
				6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name N/A		
SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side				7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.		
Type of Well     Gas Well     Other		R	RECEIVED		8. Well Name and No.	
2. Name of Operator			EB 0 8 2006	HILLVIEW AHE FED COM #12		
Yates Petroleum Corporation OCU-AMIESIA				9. API Well No.		
3a. Address 3b. Phone No. (						
105 S. 4th Str., Artesia, NM 88210 505-7			71	10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area		
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., OR Survey Description)				DAGGER DRAW UPPER PENN, SOUTH		
				11. County or Parish, State		
1,980' FSL & 660' FEL SECTION 23-T20S-R24E UNIT I				EDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO		
12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA						
TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION					
	Acidize	Deepen	Production (	Start/Resume)	Water Shut-Off	
Notice of Intent	Alter Casing	Fracture Treat	Reclamation	· Ē	Well Integrity	
	Casing Repair	New Construction	Recomplete	_	X Other EXTEND	
X Subsequent Report			H	Ł	<u> </u>	
	Change Plans	Plug and Abandon	Temporarily	Abandon	TA STATUS	
Final Abandonment Notice	Convert to Injection	Plug Back	Water Dispo	sal		
13. Describe Proposed of Completed Operation (cla				•		
If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recomplete horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones.  Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BLA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days.  following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompletion in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)						
SEE ATTACHED FOR						
Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests permission to extend the TA status of this well for possible future use as a canyon secondary well. The estimated date of production will depend on economic conditions & production in the water flood area.						
NOTE: Mechanical Integrity Test was conducted on 12/2/03.				APPRO		
APPROVED FOR MONTH PERIOD FEB - 6 2006						
	8-6-06			GARY GOU PETROLEUM E	RLEY MONEER	
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Su'Ann Rogers	_	Title Re	gulatory Complia	ance Tech.		
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Condition.  Condit			ice	, Date		
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- (2) gas production from marginal properties....
- (c) REDUCED ROYALTY RATE. [see legislation]
- (d) TERMINATION OF REDUCED ROYALTY RATE. [see legislation]
- (e) REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING DIFFERENT RELIEF.
  - (1) Discretionary regulations; (2) Mandatory regulations

## Section 349. Orphaned, Abandoned, or Idled Wells on Federal Land.



- (a) [timeframe] The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall establish a program not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, to remediate, reclaim and close orphaned, abandoned, or idled oil and gas wells located on land administered by the land management agencies within the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.
- (b) The program under subsection (a) shall
  - (1) include a means of ranking well sites for priority in remediation, reclamation, and closure based on public health and safety, potential environmental harm, and other land use priorities;
  - (2) provide for identification and recovery of the costs for persons or other entities currently providing a bond or other financial assurance;
  - (3) provide for recovery from those identified under paragraph (2)
- (c) In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall work cooperatively with the Secretary of Agriculture and the States and consult with the Secretary of Energy and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.
- (d) PLAN [timeframe] Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a plan for carrying out the program.



- (c) A well is idled if the well has been non-operational for at least 7 years and there is no anticipated beneficial use for the well.
- (f) FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ORPHANED WELL RECLAMATION PILOT PROGRAM.
  - (1) The Secretary shall carry out a pilot program under which, issuing a new oil and gas lease on federally owned land on which 1 or more orphaned wells are located, the Secretary may
    - (A) require, other than as a condition of the lease, that the lessee remediate, reclaim, and close in accordance with standards established by the Secretary, all orphaned wells on the land leased; and
    - (B) shall develop a program to reimburse a lessee, through a royalty credit against the Federal share of royalties owed or other means, for the reasonable actual costs of remediation, reclaiming, and closing the orphaned wells pursuant to that requirement.
  - (2) The Secretary (A) may authorize any lessee to reclaim in accordance with the Secretary's standards and orphaned well on unlessed federally owned land; or an orphaned well located on an existing lease on federally owned land for the reclamation of which the lessee is not responsible.
  - (b) shall develop a program to provide reimbursement of 100 percent of the reasonable actual

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## Temporary Abandonment of Wells on Federal Lands Conditions of Approval

A temporarily abandoned well is defined as a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service well. Pursuant to 43 CFR 3162.3-4 (c), no well may be temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days without the prior approval of the authorized officer.

Temporary Abandonment (TA) status approval requires a successful casing integrity test as follows:

- A bridge plug or packer must be installed as close to 50 feet above any open perforations or open hole as possible. If a cement plug is used, the top of the cement must be verified by tagging.
- 2. The wellbore must be filled with corrosion inhibited fluid and pressure tested to 500 psi. The casing shall be capable of holding this pressure for at least 30 minutes with a 10% allowable leakoff.
- All downhole production/injection equipment (tubing, rods, etc.) shall be removed from the casing if they
  are not isolated by a packer.
- 4. A bradenhead test must be conducted. If the test indicates a problem exists, a remedial plan and time frame for remediation shall be submitted within ninety (90) days of the test.
- Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled Casing Integrity
  Test. For wells in Chaves and Roosevelt County, call 505-627-0272; Eddy County, 505-887-6544; Lea
  County 505-393-3612.

Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test will be approved for Temporary Abandonment (TA) status for a 12 month period provided that the operator:

- 1. Submits a subsequent Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) requesting TA approval.
- 2. Attaches a clear copy or the original of the pressure test chart.
- Provides justification why the well should be temporarily abandoned rather than permanently plugged and abandoned and an estimated date that the well will be returned to beneficial use or plugged and abandoned.
- Describes the temporary abandonment procedure.

The TA status could be extended without another casing integrity test provided there was no leak-off during the test and the test was witnessed by a BLM representative.

If the well does not pass the casing integrity test, then the operator shall within 30 days submit to BLM for approval one of the following:

- 1. A procedure to repair the casing so that a TA approval can be granted.
- 2. A procedure to plug and abandon the well.

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