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Mike Bratcher
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Dear Mr. Bratcher

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

WELL NAME	API NUMBER	SEC-TWN-RNG
Temperate BEC Federal Com 1	30-015-34339	6 21S 29E

The extension is requested 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
Environmental Regulatory Agent

DENIED OCT 24 2006

* See Attachment



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ATTN: Mike Stubblefield

October 24, 2006

Reference: Temperate BEC Federal 001 M-6-21s-29e API: 30-015-34339

Dear Mr. Stubblefield,

Your request for a 6-month extension of time to close the drilling pit at the above referenced site cannot be approved at this time due to the following:

- The Form C-144 submitted to the NMOCD, dated 6/28/2005, lists the site ranking as 40 points. The Form C-144 submitted for closure of the pit, dated 5/26/2006, lists the site ranking as 0 points.

Please verify the actual site ranking and re-submit the proper C-144. An extension request may be considered at that time.

Sincerely,

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