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January 7, 2008

Mr. Mike Bratcher NM OCD District 2 1301 W. Grand Avenue Artesia, NM 88210

Dear Mr. Mike Bratcher

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests an extension period in order to accomplish closure of the following drilling pit:

WELL NAME	API NUMBER	SEC-TWN-RNG
Tide AXT State Com #1	30-005-63722	32 – 9S – 26E

The extension is requested due to additional treatment on formation.

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

Sincerely,

mike Stubblefield

Mike Stubblefield Environmental Regulatory Agent **Extension Approved To**

Signed By // IAN 1 4 2008

