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1625 N. French Dr. Hobbs NM 88240  
District II  
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 to Santa Fe office

Form C-144  
June 1, 2004

Pit or Below-Grade Tank Registration or Closure

Is pit or below-grade tank covered by a "general plan"? Yes ☒ No ☐  
Type of action Registration of a pit or below-grade tank ☐ Closure of a pit or below-grade tank ☒

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OCD-ARTESIA

Operator Yates Petroleum Corporation Telephone 505-748-4500 e-mail address mikes@ypecnm.com  
Address 105 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, NM 88210  
Facility or well name Retriever BJH Federal #1 API # 30-015-20869 U/L or Qtr/Qtr F Sec 22 T 26S R 25E  
County Eddy Latitude 32.03067 Longitude 104.38619 NAD 1927 ☒ 1983 ☐  
Surface Owner Federal ☒ State ☐ Private ☐ Indian ☐

**Pit**  
Type Drilling ☒ Production ☐ Disposal ☐  
Work over ☐ Emergency ☐  
Lined ☒ Unlined ☐  
Liner type Synthetic ☒ Thickness 12 mil Clay ☐  
Pit Volume 24000 bbl

**Below-grade tank**  
Volume \_\_\_\_\_ bbl Type of fluid \_\_\_\_\_  
Construction material \_\_\_\_\_  
Double-walled, with leak detection? Yes ☐ If not, explain why not \_\_\_\_\_

Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water)	Less than 50 feet	(20 points) XXXX
	50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet	(10 points)
	100 feet or more	(0 points)
Wellhead protection area (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources)	Yes	(20 points)
	No	(0 points) XXXX
Distance to surface water (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses)	Less than 200 feet	(20 points)
	200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet	(10 points)
	1000 feet or more	(0 points) XXXX
Ranking Score (Total Points)		20 points

If this is a pit closure: (1) Attach a diagram of the facility showing the pit's relationship to other equipment and tanks (2) Indicate disposal location (check the onsite box if you are burying in place)

onsite ☒ offsite ☐ If offsite, name of facility NA (3) Attach a general description of remedial action taken including remediation start date and end date (4) Groundwater encountered No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, show depth below ground surface \_\_\_\_\_ ft and attach sample results

(5) Attach soil sample results and a diagram of sample locations and excavations

Additional Comments All excess drilling fluid will be removed. A burial pit will be excavated and lined with a 12mil liner. The drilling mud will be mixed with Elke Environmental Solidification Product at a 20(mud) to 1(Product) ratio to solidify the mud then placed in the burial pit. After all mud has been solidified and placed in the burial pit, the burial pit will be capped with a 20 mil liner overlapping 3' in all directions and a minimum 3' below ground surface. The drilling pit will be backfilled with clean native soil and contoured to the surrounding area. A final report will be submitted after completion of the job.

NMOCD will be given 48 hours notice before start of job and 24 hours before sampling

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that the above-described pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NMOCD guidelines ☐, a general permit ☒, or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

Date 02/21/2008

Printed Name/Title Mike Stubblefield / Environmental Regulatory Agent

Signature Mike Stubblefield

Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not relieve the operator of liability should the contents of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the operator of its responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Approval

Printed Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed By Mike Stubblefield

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NOTIFY OCD 24 HOURS PRIOR to beginning closure and 24 HOURS PRIOR to obtaining samples. Samples are to be obtained from pit area and analyses submitted to OCD prior to back-filling.