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Form 3160-3
(August 2007)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

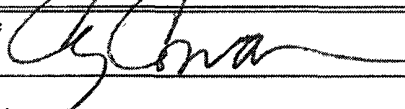
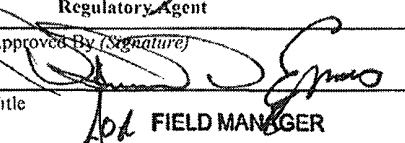
Split Estate

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0137
Expires: July 31, 2010

1a. Type of Work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No. NM-103872 & VB -0824
1b. Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name N/A
2. Name of Operator Yates Petroleum Corporation 025575		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No. N/A
3a. Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210		8. Lease Name and Well No. Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 505-748-1471		9. API Well No. 30.015.36683
4. Location of well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements. *) At surface 1210' FNL & 250' FEL, Sec.19-16S-28E, Ut. Ltr. A At proposed prod. zone 360' FNL & 330' FWL, Sec. 19-16S-28E, Ut. Ltr. D		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Wildcat Wolfcamp
11. Sec., T., R., M., or Blk. And Survey or Area Section 19-T16S-R28E		12. County or Parish Eddy
13. State NM		14. Name of Operator The well is about 12 miles north & west of Loco Hills, NM.
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any) 250'	16. No. of acres in lease St. 240 & Fed. 200	17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well N2N2 of Sec.19-T16S-R28E
18. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, etc.) to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft. None	19. Proposed Depth TVD - 61721 VD-6395' MD-10993'	20. BLM/ BIA Bond No. on file NATIONWIDE BOND #NMB000434
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 3567 GL	22. Approximate date work will start* ASAP	23. Estimated duration 45 days
24. Attachments		

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1 shall be attached to this form:

- Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- A Drilling Plan.
- A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
- Bond to cover the operations unless covered by existing bond on file (see item 20 above).
- Operator certification.
- Such other site specific information and/ or plans as may be required by the BLM

25. Signature 	Name (Printed/ Typed) Cy Cowan	Date 9/29/08
Title Regulatory Agent		
Approved By (Signature) 	Name (Printed/ Typed) J. Field Manager	Date 10-30-08
Title J. FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

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 cc operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

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

* (Instructions on page 2)

SEE ATTACHED FOR
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Roswell Controlled Water Basin
Witness Surface &
Intermediate Casing

Approval Subject to General Requirements
& Special stipulations Attached

ENTERED
1-21-09

DISTRICT I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

DISTRICT II
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

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

DISTRICT IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number 30.015.36683	Pool Code 97668	Pool Name Wildcat Wolfcamp
Property Code 37413	Property Name BEGINNER "BLB" FEDERAL COM	Well Number 1H
GRID No. 025575	Operator Name YATES PETROLEUM CORP.	Elevation 3567'

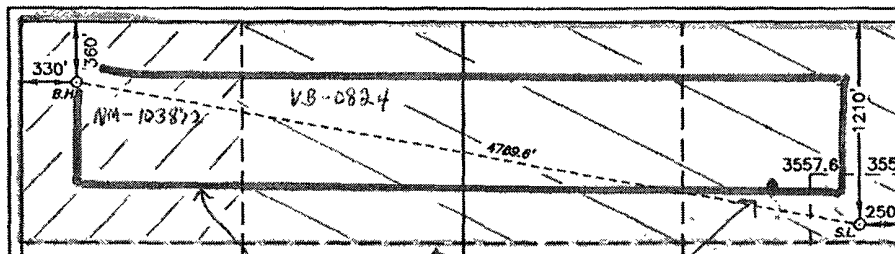
Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
A	19	16 S	28 E		1210	NORTH	250	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
D	19	16 S	28 E		360	NORTH	330	WEST	EDDY
Dedicated Acres 160	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

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

		OPERATOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or undivided mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</i> Signature: <i>Cy Cowan</i> Date: <i>9/29/07</i>	
Producing Area BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION Lat - N32°54'50.94" Long - W104°13'21.33" SPC- N.: 696320.066 E.: 575321.112 (NAD-83)	Project Area	Penetration Point 1124' FNL & 723' FEL	SURFACE LOCATION Lot - N32°54'42.95" Long - W104°12'25.95" SPC- N.: 695518.084 E.: 580043.080 (NAD-83)
		SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</i> Date Surveyed: <i>AUGUST 3, 2008</i> Signature: <i>Gary L. Jones</i> Professional Surveyor Certificate No. <i>7977</i>	
		BASIN SURVEYS	

Beginner BLB Federal Com #1H

1. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

Minimum Casing Design Factors: Burst 1.0, Tensile Strength 1.8, Collapse 1.125

B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:

Surface Casing: 425 sx "C" w/CaCl₂ (WT 14.80 YLD 1.34). TOC at surface.

Intermediate Casing: 325 sx C Lite (Wt. 12.50 YLD 2.04). Tail in with 200 sx C w/CaCl₂ (Wt 14.80 YLD 1.33) TOC at surface

Production Casing: TOC 1250', Lead w/ 600 sx 50:50:10C (WT 11.60 YLD 2.43). Tail in with 1300 Sx 50:50:4C (WT 13.50 YLD 1.46). ~~TOC at surface.~~

5. Mud Program and Auxiliary Equipment:

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
Spud to 400'	Fresh Water Gel	8.60-9.00	32-34	N/C
400'-1750'	Brine Water	10.00-10.20	28-28	N/C
1750'-5100'	Cut Brine	8.70-9.20	28-28	N/C
5100'-5944'	Cut Brine	8.70-9.20	28-28	10-15
5944'-10993'	Cut Brine (Lateral Section)	8.70-9.20	28-28	10-12

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blow out will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel.

6. EVALUATION PROGRAM:

Samples: 10' out from under intermediate casing to TD.

Logging: Platform Express; CNL/LDT/NGT TD to intermediate casing, DLL-MSFL TD to surface casing, BHC-Sonic TD to surface casing, CNL/GR TD to surface & Horizontal MWD / GR.

Coring: None anticipated.

DST's: None anticipated.

MUDLOGGING: Yes

H₂S: None anticipated.

7. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

Anticipated BHP:

From: 0 TO 400' TVD	Anticipated Max. BHP: 190	PSI
From: 400' TO 1750' TVD	Anticipated Max. BHP: 925	PSI
From: 1750' TO 6421' TVD	Anticipated Max. BHP: 3070	PSI

Abnormal Pressures Anticipated: None

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: None

H₂S Zones Anticipated: None

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 120° F

8. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

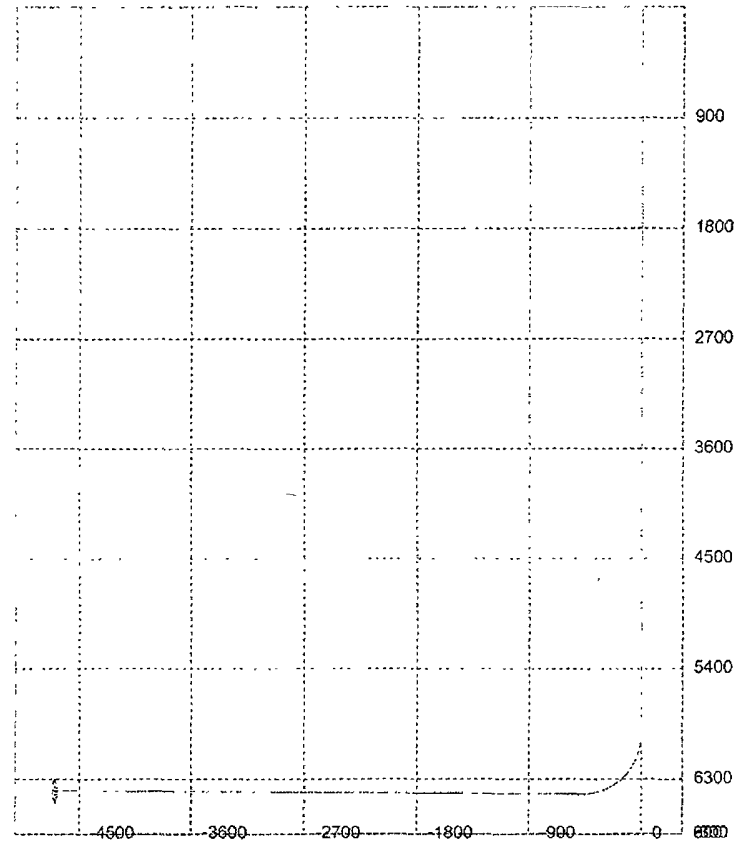
Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 45 days to drill the well with completion taking another 30 days.

M.D.	Inclination	Azimuth	T.V.D.	N/S	E/W	D.L.S.	ToolFace	T.P. Ref.	HS/CN
0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
179	0	0	179	0	0	0			YATES
349	0	0	349	0	0	0			SEVEN RIVERS
875	0	0	875	0	0	0			QUEEN
1049	0	0	1049	0	0	0			GRAYBURG
1655	0	0	1655	0	0	0			SAN ANDRES
3133	0	0	3133	0	0	0			GLORIETA
4417	0	0	4417	0	0	0			TUBB
5137	0	0	5137	0	0	0			ABO
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6025	9.72	280.25	6024.61	1.22	-6.74	12	0	HS	
6050	12.72	280.25	6049.13	2.09	-11.53	12	0	HS	
6075	15.72	280.25	6073.36	3.18	-17.57	12	360	HS	
6100	18.72	280.25	6097.24	4.5	-24.86	12	0	HS	
6125	21.72	280.25	6120.7	6.03	-33.36	12	0	HS	
6150	24.72	280.25	6143.67	7.79	-43.06	12	0	HS	
6175	27.72	280.25	6166.09	9.75	-53.92	12	0	HS	
6200	30.72	280.25	6187.91	11.92	-65.93	12	360	HS	
6225	33.72	280.25	6209.06	14.3	-79.05	12	360	HS	
6250	36.72	280.25	6229.48	16.86	-93.23	12	360	HS	
6275	39.72	280.25	6249.12	19.61	-108.45	12	0	HS	
6300	42.72	280.25	6267.92	22.54	-124.66	12	0	HS	
6325	45.72	280.25	6285.83	25.65	-141.82	12	360	HS	
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6425	57.72	280.25	6347.67	39.59	-218.92	12	0	HS	
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6475	63.72	280.25	6372.11	47.35	-261.82	12	0	HS	
6500	66.72	280.25	6382.59	51.39	-284.15	12	0	HS	
6525	69.72	280.25	6391.87	55.52	-306.99	12	360	HS	
6550	72.72	280.25	6399.91	59.73	-330.28	12	360	HS	
6575	75.72	280.25	6406.71	64.01	-353.95	12	0	HS	
6600	78.72	280.25	6412.24	68.35	-377.94	12	0	HS	
6625	81.72	280.25	6416.49	72.73	-402.18	12	360	HS	
6650	84.72	280.25	6419.44	77.15	-426.61	12	0	HS	
6675	87.72	280.25	6421.09	81.59	-451.15	12	0	HS	
6696.94	90.35	280.25	6421.46	85.5	-472.74	0			Producing Zone
10992.86	90.35	280.25	6395	850	-4700	0			Lateral TD

Well will be drilled vertically to approx. 5944'. At 5944' well will be kicked off and directionally drilled at 12 degrees per 100' with a 7 7/8" hole to 10,993' MD 6,395' TVD where 5 1/2" casing will be set and cemented. Penetration point of producing zone will be encountered at 1124' FNL and 723' FEL, 19-16S-28E. Deepest TVD in the well is 6421' in the lateral. NO PILOT HOLE.

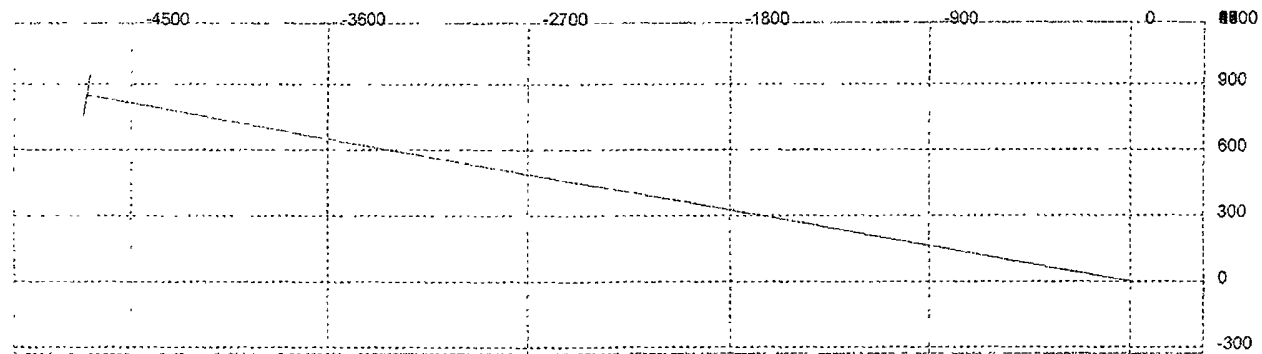
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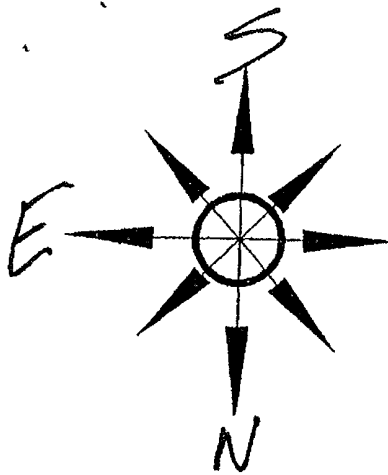
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Well: Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H



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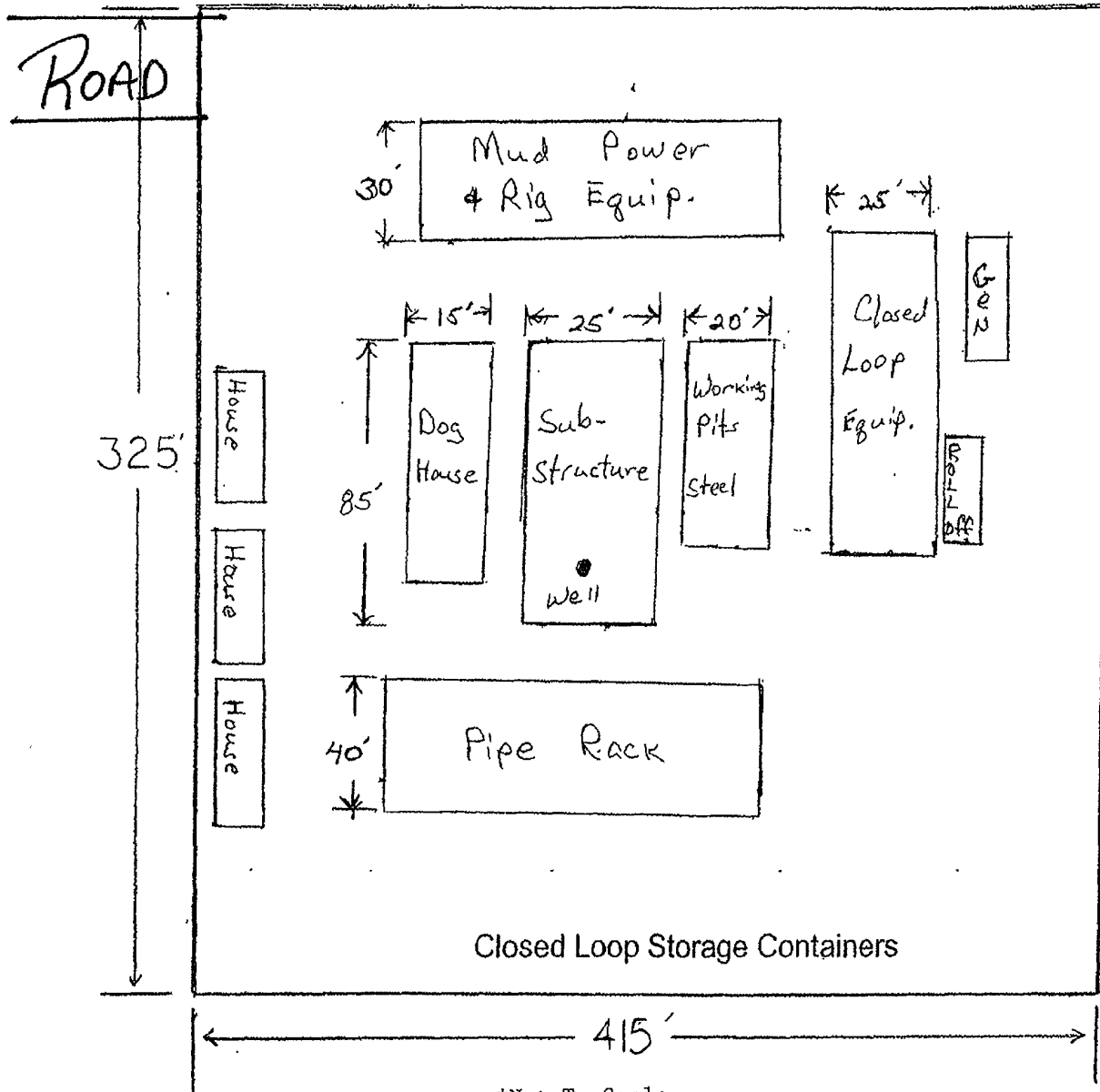


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Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H
1210' FNL and 250' FEL SHL
360' FNL and 330' FWL BHL
Section 19, Township 16S Range 28East
Eddy County, New Mexico Exhibit B

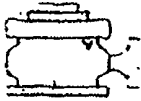
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Location Layout for Permian Basin

Closed Loop Design Plan



*Not To Scale

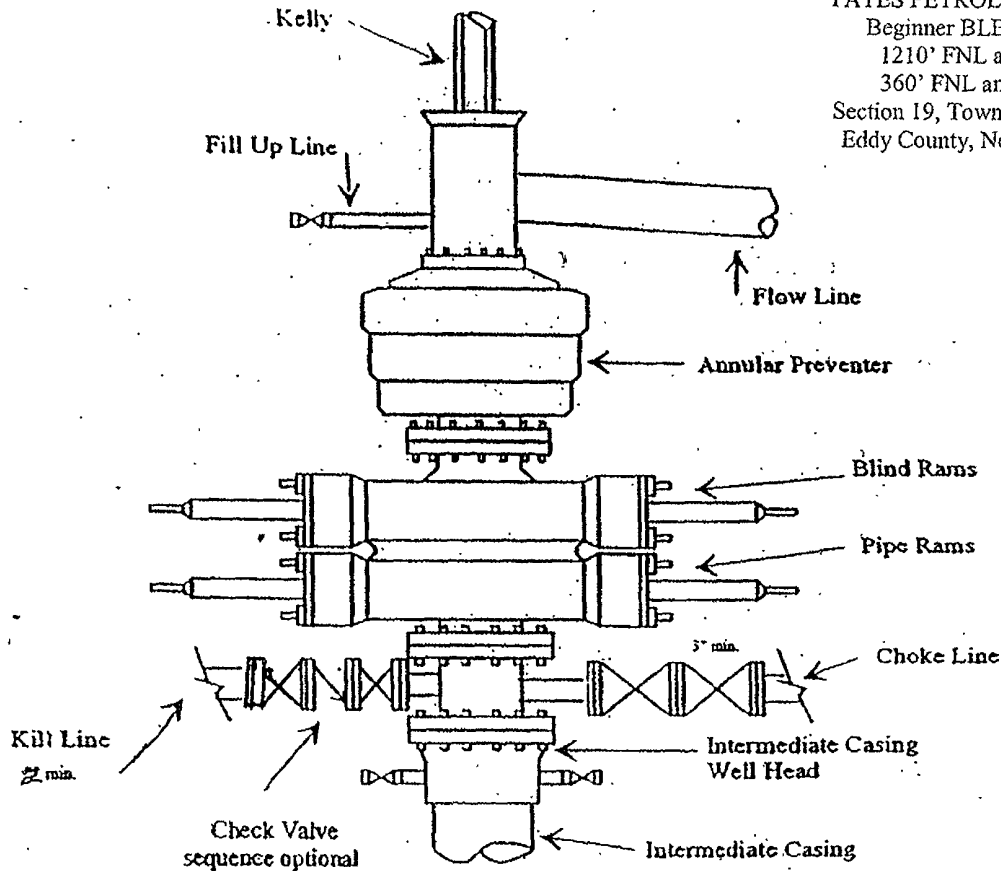


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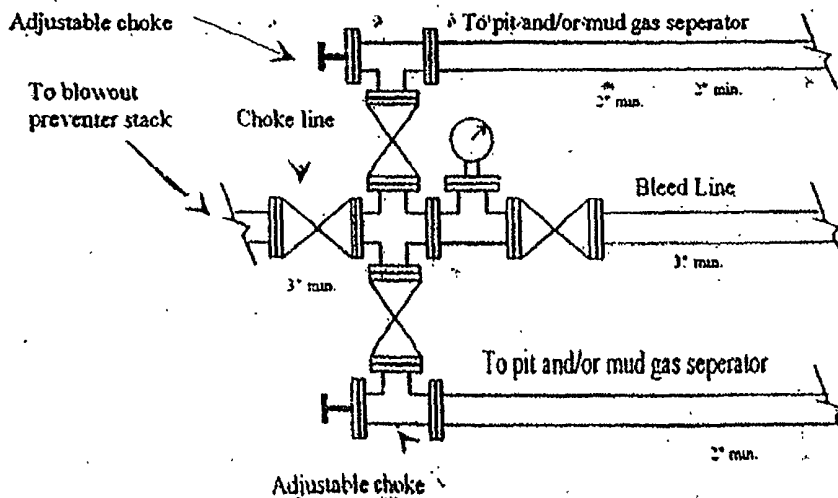
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Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System Schematic Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H
1210' FNL and 250' FEL SHL
360' FNL and 330' FWL BHL
Section 19, Township 16S Range 28East
Eddy County, New Mexico Exhibit C



Typical 3,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN
Yates Petroleum Corporation
Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H
1210' FNL and 250' FEL, 19-16S-28E (Surface Hole Location)
360' FNL and 330' FWL, 19-16S-29E (Bottom Hole Location)
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 rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

1. EXISTING ROADS:

Exhibit A is a portion of the BLM map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed well site is located approximately 34 miles east of Artesia, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibit A.

DIRECTIONS:

Go east of Artesia, NM on highway 82 for approximately 9.5 miles to County Road 202. Electric power station here. Turn north on County Road 202 and go approximately 4 miles. Turn left here at PNM Station and go approx. .1 of a mile. Turn right and go 1 mile. Turn right here and go east for approx. 1.1 miles. Turn left here and go north for .6 of a mile. Road will curve. Turn left here and go approx. .7 of a mile. The road will fork. Take the left fork and cross a cattle guard. From here go approx. 2.7 miles. The road will "T" here. Turn left here and go approx. 1.2 miles. Turn left here on a trail road and go approx. .5 of a mile. The new road will start here going west for approx. .2 of a mile to the southeast corner of the proposed well location.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- A. The proposed new road will go in a southerly and westerly direction for about 0.7 of a mile to the southeast corner of the drilling pad.
- B. The new road will be 14' in width (driving surface) and will be adequately drained to control runoff and soil erosion.
- C. The new road will be bladed with drainage on one side. Turnouts may be built as needed.
- D. The route of the road is visible.
- E. Existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL

- A. There is drilling activity within a one-mile radius of the well site.
- B. Exhibit D shows existing wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed well site.

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES

- A. There are no production facilities on this lease at the present time.
- B. In the event that the well is productive, the necessary production facilities will be installed on the drilling pad. If the well is productive oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power until an electric power line can be built if needed.

Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H
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5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

- A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with a fresh water system. The water will be obtained from commercial sources and will be hauled to the location by truck over the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit A.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

The dirt contractor will acquire any materials from the closest source at the time of construction of the well pad.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. A closed loop system will be used to drill this well..
B. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained, and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division – the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC.
C. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted.
D. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
E. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
F. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not approved.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: None

9. WELLSITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit C shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the reserve pits, and the location of the drilling equipment, rig orientation and access road approach.
B. The closed loop system will be constructed, maintained and closed in compliance with the State of New Mexico, Energy and Natural Resources Department, Oil Conservation Division—the "Pit Rule" 19.15.17 NMAC. Form C-144 attached.
C. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION

- A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
B. Unguarded pits, if any, containing fluids will be fenced until they have dried and been leveled.
C. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled level within 90 days after abandonment.

11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP: State of New Mexico, PO Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504

12. OTHER INFORMATION:

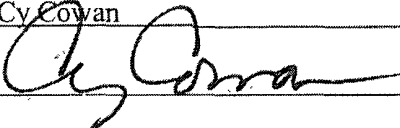
- A. Topography: Refer to the existing archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, and dwellings, historical and cultural sites.
- B. The primary surface use is for grazing.

CERTIFICATION
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Beginner BLB Federal Com. #1H

I hereby certify that I or the company I represent, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that the company I represent is familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that full knowledge of state and federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that the company I represent is responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 29th day of September, 2008.

Printed Name Cy Cowan

Signature 

Position Title Regulatory Agent

Address 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210

Telephone 575-748-4372

E-mail (optional) cyc@ypcnm.com

Field Representative (if not above signatory) Tim Bussell

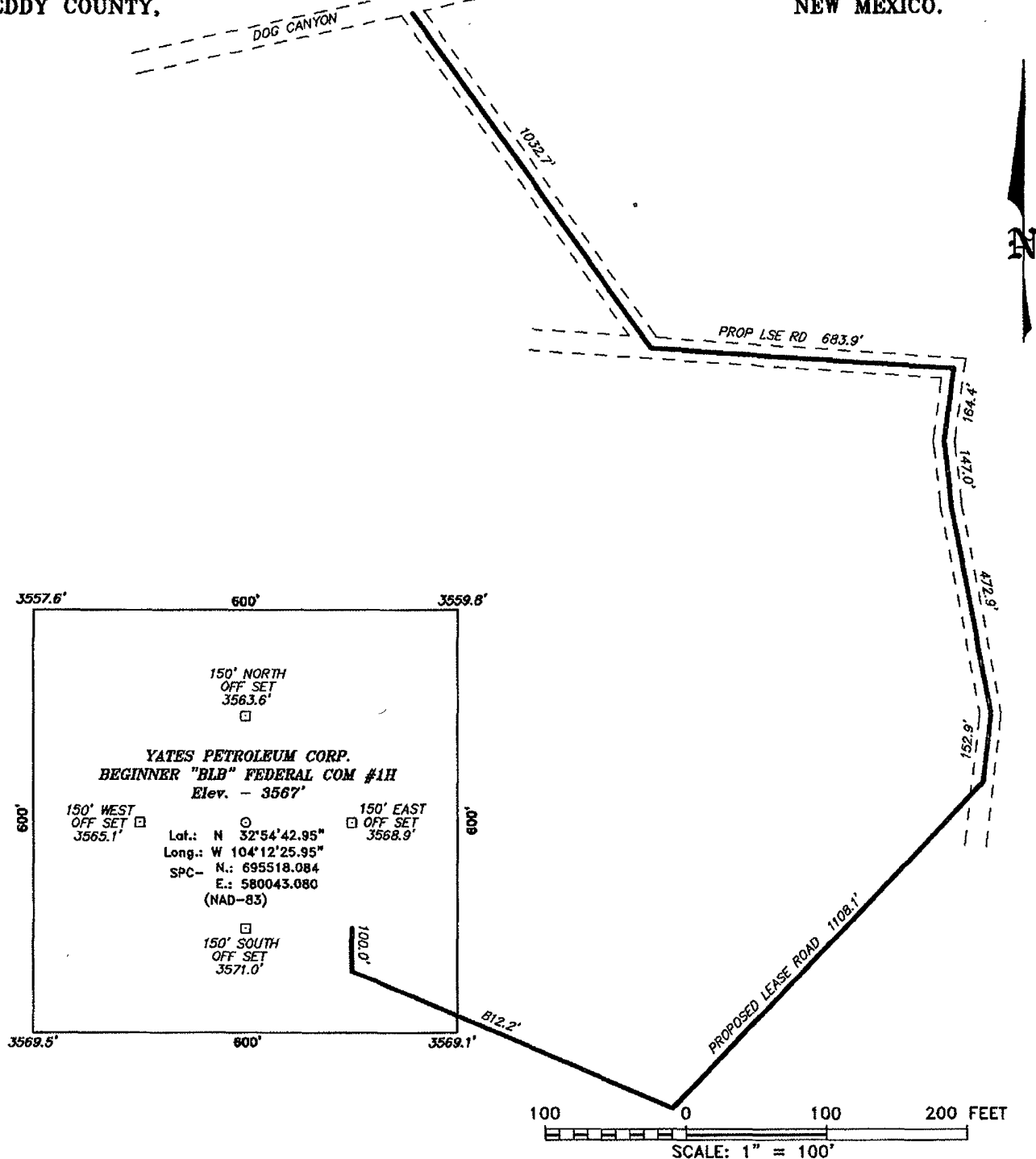
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Telephone (if different from above) 575-748-4221

E-mail (optional) _____

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SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



YATES PETROLEUM CORP.

REF: BEGINNER "BLB" FEDERAL COM #1H / WELL PAD TOPO

THE BEGINNER "BLB" FEDERAL COM #1H LOCATED 1210'
FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 250' FROM THE EAST LINE OF
SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST,
N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

BASIN SURVEYS P.O. BOX 1786-HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

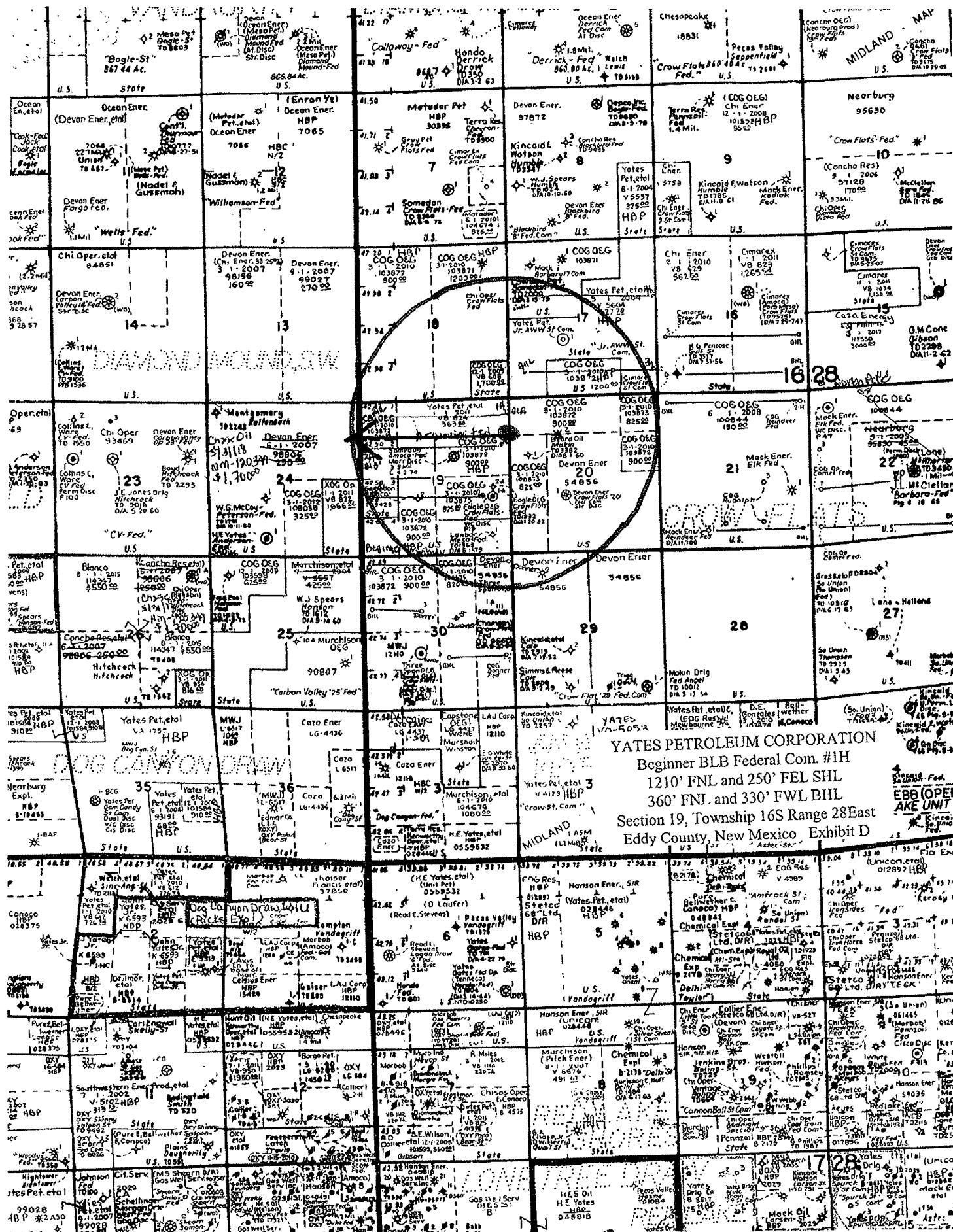
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Survey Date: 08-02-2008

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets



PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
LEASE NO.:	NM-103872
WELL NAME & NO.:	Beginner BLB Federal Com #1H
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	1210' FNL & 250' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE:	360' FNL & 330' FWL
LOCATION:	Section 19, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Eddy County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

- ☐ **General Provisions**
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- ☐ **Archaeology, Paleontology, and Historical Sites**
- ☐ **Noxious Weeds**
- ☒ **Special Requirements**
 - Cave/Karst
 - Cultural
- ☐ **Construction**
 - Notification
 - Topsoil
 - Reserve Pit
 - Federal Mineral Material Pits
 - Well Pads
 - Roads
- ☐ **Road Section Diagram**
- ☒ **Drilling**
- ☐ **Production (Post Drilling)**
 - Well Structures & Facilities
- ☐ **Interim Reclamation**
- ☐ **Final Abandonment/Reclamation**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

II. PERMIT EXPIRATION

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

Conditions of Approval Cave and Karst

** Depending on location, additional Drilling, Casing, and Cementing procedures may be required by engineering to protect critical karst groundwater recharge areas.

Cave/Karst Surface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to minimize impacts during construction, drilling and production.

Construction:

In the advent that any underground voids are opened up during construction activities, construction activities will be halted and the BLM will be notified immediately.

Pad Berming:

The pad will be bermed on the north and west side to prevent oil, salt, and other chemical contaminants from leaving the pad.

Closed Mud System Using Steel Tanks with All Fluids and Cuttings Hauled Off.

A closed mud system using steel tanks for all cuttings and fluids is required. All fluids and cuttings will be hauled off site for disposal. No pits are allowed.

Tank Battery Liners and Berms:

Tank battery locations will be lined and bermed. A 20 mil permanent liner will be installed with a 4 oz. felt backing to prevent tears or punctures. Tank battery berms must be large enough to contain 1 ½ times the content of the largest tank.

Leak Detection System:

A method of detecting leaks is required. The method could incorporate gauges to measure loss, siting valves and lines so they can be visually inspected, or installing electronic sensors to alarm when a leak is present. Leak detection plan will be submitted to BLM for approval.

Automatic Shut-off Systems:

Automatic shut off, check valves, or similar systems will be installed for pipelines and tanks to minimize the effects of catastrophic line failures used in production or drilling.

Cave/Karst Subsurface Mitigation

The following stipulations will be applied to protect cave/karst and ground water concerns:

Rotary Drilling with Fresh Water:

Fresh water will be used as a circulating medium in zones where caves or karst features are expected. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

Directional Drilling:

Kick off for directional drilling will occur at least 100 feet below the bottom of the cave occurrence zone. SEE ALSO: Drilling COAs for this well.

Lost Circulation:

ALL lost circulation zones from the surface to the base of the cave occurrence zone will be logged and reported in the drilling report.

Regardless of the type of drilling machinery used, if a void of four feet or more and circulation losses greater than 70 percent occur simultaneously while drilling in any cave-bearing zone, the BLM will be notified immediately by the operator. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator on corrective actions to resolve the problem.

Abandonment Cementing:

Upon well abandonment in high cave karst areas additional plugging conditions of approval may be required. The BLM will assess the situation and work with the operator to ensure proper plugging of the wellbore.

Pressure Testing:

Annual pressure monitoring will be performed by the operator on all casing annuli and reported in a sundry notice. If the test results indicated a casing failure has occurred, remedial action will be undertaken to correct the problem to the BLM's approval.

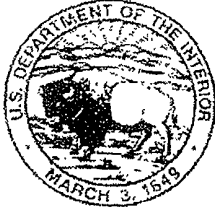


EXHIBIT NO. 1

Date of Issue:
10/14/2008

Bureau of Land Management, Carlsbad Field Office
620 E. Greene Street Carlsbad, NM 88220

Cultural and Archaeological Resources

BLM Report No.
08-NM-523-994

NOTICE OF STIPULATIONS

Historic properties in the vicinity of this project are protected by federal law. In order to ensure that they are not damaged or destroyed by construction activities, the project proponent and construction supervisors shall ensure that the following stipulations are implemented.

Project Name:	A Class III Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Beginner BLB Federal Com #1H Pad and Associated Access Road
Required	1. A 3-day preconstruction call-in notification. Contact BLM Inspection and Enforcement at (505) 234-5977, 5909, or 5995, to establish a construction start date.
Required	2. Professional archaeological monitoring. Contact your project archaeologist, or BLM's Cultural Resources Section at (505) 5917, 5967, 5943, or 5986, for assistance.
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	These stipulations must be given to your monitor at least 5 days prior to the start of construction.
B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No construction, including vegetation removal or other site prep may begin prior to the arrival of the monitor.
	3. Cultural site barrier fencing. (Your monitor will assist you).
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	A temporary site protection barrier(s) shall be erected prior to all ground-disturbing activities. The minimum barrier(s) shall consist of upright wooden survey lath spaced no more than ten (10) feet apart and marked with blue ribbon flagging or blue paint. There shall be no construction activities or vehicular traffic past the barrier(s) at any time.
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	A permanent, 4-strand barbed wire fence strung on standard "T-posts" shall be erected prior to all ground-disturbing activities. No construction activities or vehicle traffic are allowed past the fence.
Required	4. The archaeological monitor shall:
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that all site protection barriers are located as indicated on the attached map(s).
B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Observe all ground-disturbing activities within 100 feet of cultural sites LA 132331 and LA 158658.
C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the proposed well pad construction, vehicles, and equipment remain outside LA 158658.
D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the proposed reroute for the access road is adhered to avoid LA 132331.
E. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submit a brief monitoring report within 30 days of completion of monitoring.
	If subsurface cultural resources are encountered during the monitoring, all activities shall cease and a BLM-CFO archaeologist shall be notified immediately.
Other:	IF THE CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGIST DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE SITE(S) ARE LOCATED AT PLEASE COME BY THE CARLSBAD BLM AND MAPS AND OTHER DATA WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST TO THE CONTRACT ARCHAEOLOGIST

Site Protection and Employee Education: It is the responsibility of the project proponent and his construction supervisor to inform all employees and subcontractors that cultural and archaeological sites are to be avoided by all personnel, vehicles, and equipment; and that it is illegal to collect, damage, or disturb cultural resources on Public Lands.

For assistance, contact
BLM Cultural Resources: Martin Stein (575) 234-5967 Bruce Boeke (575) 234-5917 James Smith (575) 234-5986
George MacDonell (575) 234-
2228

VI. CONSTRUCTION

A. NOTIFICATION

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

B. TOPSOIL

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

C. RESERVE PITS

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

E. WELL PAD SURFACING

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

Road Width

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

Crowning

Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

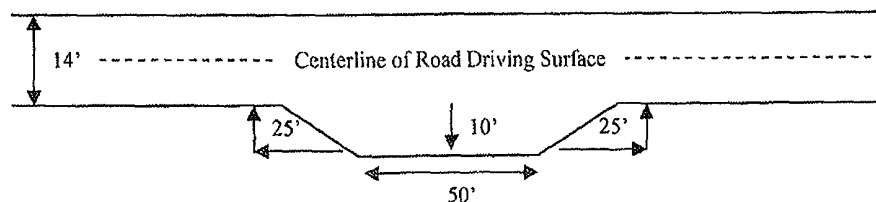
Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

Turnouts

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

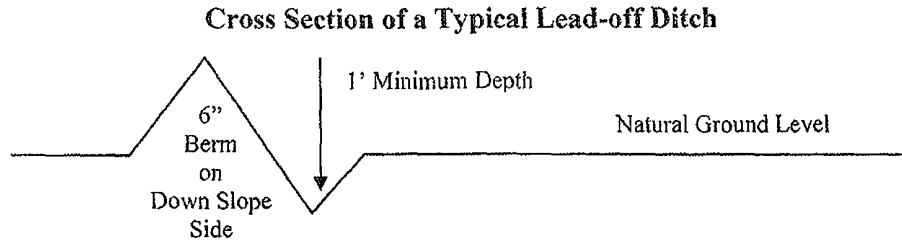
Standard Turnout – Plan View



Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outslowing and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

Culvert Installations

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for

the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

Fence Requirement

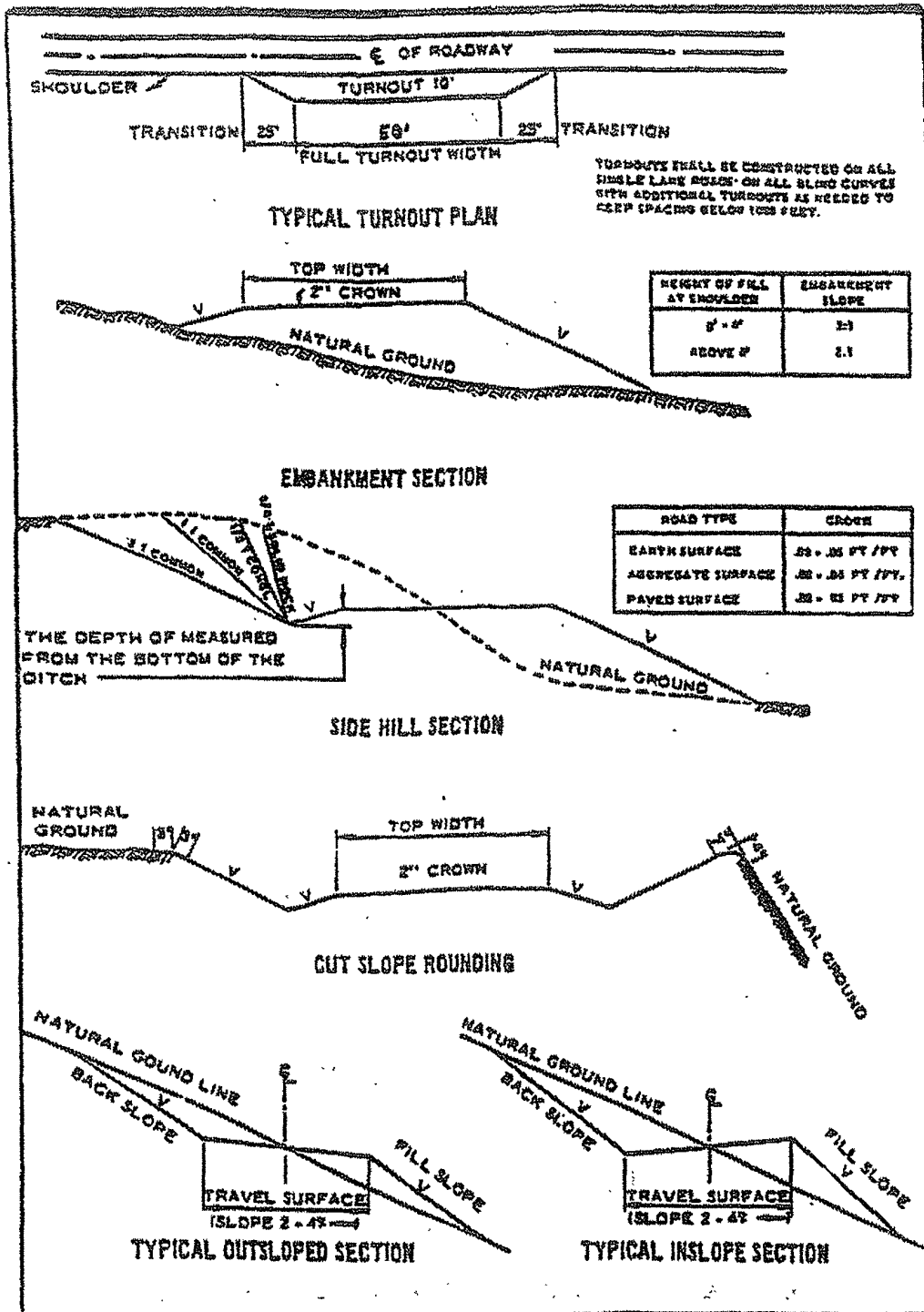
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



VII. DRILLING

A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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(575) 361-2822

1. **Although Hydrogen Sulfide has not been reported in this section, it is always a potential hazard. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please report measured amounts and formations to the BLM.**
2. 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.
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.

B. CASING

Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.

Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.

Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.

No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.

High cave/karst.

Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.

Possible water flows in the San Andres formation.

Possible high pressure gas bursts from the Wolfcamp formation.

1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 400 feet within the Seven Rivers formation and cemented to the surface.
 - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
 - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
 - c. If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.
2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 8-5/8 inch intermediate casing is:
 - ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-c above.
Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to cave/karst concerns or the tail cement can be increased to tie-back to the surface casing.

If 75% or greater lost circulation occurs while drilling the intermediate casing hole, the cement on the production casing must come to surface.

Centralizers required on horizontal leg, must be type for horizontal service and minimum of one every other joint.

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is:
 - ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.
4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the surface casing shoe shall be **2000 (2M)** psi.
3. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the **8-5/8"** intermediate casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M)** psi.
4. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
 - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
 - c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
 - d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.
 - e. BOP/BOPE must be tested by an independent service company within 500 feet of the top of the **Wolfcamp** formation if the time between the setting of the intermediate casing and reaching this depth exceeds 20 days. This test does not exclude the test prior to drilling out the casing shoe as per Onshore Order No. 2.

D. 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.

E. DRILL STEM TEST

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

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VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)

A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES

Placement of Production Facilities

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

Containment Structures

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

Painting Requirement

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color
Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

A. INTERIM RECLAMATION

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

The operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

Seed Mixture 4, for Gypsum Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Alkali Sacaton (<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>)	1.0
DWS Four-wing saltbush (<i>Atriplex canescens</i>)	5.0

DWS: DeWinged Seed

*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed
(Insert Seed Mixture Here)

X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.