

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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May 13, 2010

City of Artesia
Attn: Ms. Tina Torres
P.O. Box 1310
Artesia, NM 88211-1310

Re: Request to Substitute Underground P&A Marker
Yates Petroleum Corp. – Norris FK Well No. 1
API No. 30-015-21720
330 feet FSL and 2310 feet FWL
Unit N, Section 12-17S-25E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Torres:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 10, 2010, requesting that the City of Artesia be authorized to remove the existing plugging and abandonment marker for this well, and replace it with an underground marker. We understand that you are requesting to replace the existing marker because you are constructing a parking lot for your proposed Public Safety Complex on this site.

Pursuant to Division Rules 25.10.B and 25.10.C, the Division hereby consents to removal of the existing plugging and abandonment marker and its replacement with an underground conforming to the requirements in Rule 25.10.C.

Copies of your letter of May 10 and of this letter shall be inserted in the well file for the referenced well. In addition, you are directed to place a copy of this letter in the plans and specifications file pertaining to your Public Safety Complex in order to alert persons who may be conducting repairs or modifications at the Complex to the presence and location of this well.

Very truly yours,

Mark E. Fesmire
Acting Director

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cc:

Yates Petroleum Corporation

405 S. Fourth Street

Artesia, NM 88210



CITY OF ARTESIA
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Community Development Department

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May 10, 2010

Mark Fesmire, Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: City of Artesia API # 30-015-21720

Dear Mr. Fesmire:

The City of Artesia is building a new 73,500 square foot Public Safety Complex at 3300 W Main Street in Artesia. Construction is underway, and we anticipate completion in March, 2011. Naturally we are proud and excited to have the first City building of this size, which will bring together the city police and fire departments, the Municipal court, Eddy County Sheriff extension and New Mexico State police under one roof.

The above referenced dry hole marker is located to the south of the building, in what will be the public parking area. We respectfully request a variance to allow us to replace the existing marker with a below-ground marker. Mr. Darold Gray was kind enough to send me the applicable statutes as to what is required. We understand that all costs would be borne by the City of Artesia.

Mr. Gray also sent me this information, if you should need it:

API # 30-015-21720 Yates Petroleum Corp. Norris FK #1 S12 T17S R25E 330' FSL
2310' FWL Plugged date was 3-1977.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Torres".

Tina Torres
Community Development Director

cc: Mayor Phillip Burch