

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

**Red Rock "NB" Federal #4
Section 28-T6S-R25E
Chaves County, New Mexico**

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Yates Petroleum Corporation is requesting a variance be granted in requiring the casing to be tested to 1500 psi to testing the casing to 1000 psi. The rig pumps will be used to do the testing.

Yates requests this due to several reasons.

- 1). Maximum shut-in bottom hole pressure is 1100 psi. Pressure at the surface will be less than this.
- 2). Rig pumps used in this area cannot safely test above 1000 psi. In order to test casing to higher pressures, an independent service casing would have to be hired. This would result in greater expense in drilling the well.
- 3). Yates is requesting, in case of well drilled to Pecos Slope Abo, that BOP equipment be tested to a maximum of 1000 psi.

