

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

GARY E. JOHNSON Governor Betty Rivera Cabinet Secretary

April 15, 2002

Lori Wrotenbery Director Oil Conservation Division

Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Attn: James W. Pringle

RE: Injection Pressure Increase, Quincey "AMQ" State Well No. 9 API No. 30-005-63052 Chaves County, New Mexico



Dear Mr. Pringle:

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Reference is made to your request received March 20, 2002 to increase the surface injection pressure on the above referenced well. This request is solely based on data obtained from a step rate test conducted on March 15, 2002. The results of the test have been reviewed by my staff and we feel additional data is needed prior to allowing any increase in injection pressure on this well.

The submitted test's first step pressure (at rate 0.25 bpm) was interpreted to be 810 psig as compared to the currently permitted pressure of 437 psig. Please re-run the test and attempt to obtain initial pressures at or below the currently permitted 437 psig – if necessary by bleeding down the well. Additional data helpful in discerning surface formation fracturing pressure would be a listing of San Andres treatment ISIP's at this general depth and in this vicinity.

At this time your request for an injection pressure increase is <u>denied</u> and this application is being returned.

Sincerely,

Fin Unotenberg (1155)

Lori Wrotenbery Director

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cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia / Files: Order No. R-10349-A, IPI 2002