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July 19, 2005

Mr. Chris Williams Oil Conservation Division 1625 N French Drive Hobbs, NM 88240

Dear Mr. Williams:

Yates Petroleum Corporation respectfully requests a six month extension of time be allowed to accomplish closure of the following drilling pit:

WELL NAME	API NUMBER	SEC-TWN-RNG		
Caper BFE Federal 1	30-025-36954	17	21S	32E

The extension is requested due to waiting on equipment for closure.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Should you have any questions, you may contact Dan Dolan <u>at 50</u>5-748-4181.

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Sincerely,

Dan Dolan Reclamation Agent

approved until 2/1/06