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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
Merle State Unit 2	30-025-36915	7 10S 35E

The extension is needed due to excess amounts of water in pit.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Should you have any questions, you may contact Dan Dolan at 505-748-4181.

Sincerely,

Dan Dolan
Reclamation Agent

*Approved until
1/8/06*

