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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION P.0. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504–2088

□ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
P. D25-38159	7	Wildcat Mississippian
Property Code	Property	tame Well Num!
36063	GRETCHEN "BHX"	FEDERAL 1
OGRID No.	Operator	lame Elevation
025575	YATES PETROLEUM	CORPORATION 4274

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
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Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

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NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

			OPERATOR CERTIFICATION J hereby certify the the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
			Clifton R. May
			Clifton R. May Printed Name Regulatory Agent
			Title December 8, 2005 Date
		NM-104698	SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison, and that the same is true and
			correct to the best of my belief. <u>11/30/2005</u> Date Surveyed
1930' -	4277 4275	N.33°29'58.3" W.103°29'20.7"	Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor HASCHELL.
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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION Gretchen BHX Federal #1 660' FSL and 1930' FWL Section 29-T9S-R34E Lea County, New Mexico

1. The estimated tops of geologic markers are as follows:

90' Strawn	10870'
710' Atoka Shale	11525'
960'	
100' Austin	12145'
390' Chester Lime	12225'
260' Lower Miss. Lime	12309'
960' TD	12400'
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2. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil or gas formations are expected to be encounter

> Water: 40' to 150' Oil or Gas: 8960'; 11525'; 12145'; 12309.

3. Pressure Control Equipment: BOPE will be installed on the 9.625" casing and rated for 5000# BOP systems will be consistent with API RP 53. Pressure tests will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings, which are set and cemented in place. Blowout Preventor controls will be installed prior to drilling the surface plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventors will be inspected and operated at least daily to ensure good mechanical working order, and this inspection recorded on the daily drilling report. See Exhibit B.

4. Auxiliary Equipment: Kelly cock, pit level indicators, flow sensor equipment, and a sub with full opening valve to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position at all times for use when Kelly is not in use.

5. THE PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM:

A. Casing Program:

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<u>Hole Size</u>	Casing Size	<u>Wt./Ft</u>	Grade	Coupling	Interval	Length
17.5"	13.375"	48#	H-40	ST&C	0-400'	400'
12.25"	9.625"	40#	J-55	ST&C	0-100'	100'
12.25"	9.625"	36#	J-55	ST&C	100-3200'	3100'
12.25"	9.625"	40#	J-55	LT&C	3200-4050'	850'
8.75""	5.5"	17#	L-80	LT&C	0-2900'	2900'
8.75"	5.5"	17#	J-55	LT&C	2900-7500'	4600'
8,75	5.5"	17#	HCP-110	LT&C	7500-12400	

1. Minimum Casing Design Factors: Collapse 1.125, Burst 1.0, and Tensile Strength 1.8

- 2. A 5,000 psi BOP will be nippled up on the 9.625" casing and tested to 5000 psi .
- B. CEMENTING PROGRAM:

Surface Casing: 400 sx Class "C" + 2% CaCl2 (YLD 1.32 WT 15.6).

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> Intermediate Casing: Lead 1200 sx Lite (YLD 2.01 WT 12.0) and tail in with 200 sx class "C (YLD 1.32 WT 15.6). Cement circulated to surface.

Production Casing: 1300 sx H (YLD 1.94 WT 12.5). Tail in with 450 sx C (YLD 1.52 WT 13.5 Cement calculated to 3550'.

6. MUD PROGRAM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

<u>Interval</u>	 Type	Weight	Viscosity	Fluid Loss
0-400	FW Gel/Paper	8.4-8.6	32-34	N/C
400-2090	Fresh Water	9-9.4	32-34	N/C
2090-4050	Red Bed Mud/Oil	10-10.4	32-34	N/C
4050-7700	Cut Brine	9.3-9.6	28-29	N/C
7700-11525	SGel/Oil/Starch	9.6-10	36-40	40-60CC
11525-TD	SGel/Starch/4-6% KCL	9.7-9.9	36-40	20-30CC

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blow out will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Rig personnel will check mud hourly.

7. **EVALUATION PROGRAM:**

Samples: Every 10' from surface casing to TD Logging: Platform Express - Hals--from TD to surface casing; BHC/Sonic NGT - TD to surface casing; GR-Neutron to surface. Corina: None anticipated

Any tests will be based on the recommendations of the well site geologist as DST's: warranted by drilling breaks and shows.

ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE, AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS: 8.

Abnormal Pressures Anticipated: None

Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated: None.

H2S Zones Anticipated: None Anticipated

Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature: 180 F

9. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:

> Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 60 days to drill the well with completion taking another 20 days.

MULTI-POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION Gretchen BHX Federal #1 660' FSL & 1930' FWL Section 29-T9S-R34E Lea County, New Mexico

This plan is submitted with Form 3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill, covering the above described well. The purpose of this plan is to describe the location of the proposed well, the proposed construction activities and operations plan, the magnitude of the surface disturbance involved and the procedures to be followed in rehabilitating the surface after completion of the operations, so that a complete appraisal can be made of the environmental effect associated with the operations.

1. EXISTING ROADS:

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Exhibit A is a portion of the BLM map showing the well and roads in the vicinity of the proposed location. The proposed well site is located approximately 8.5 miles west of Crossroads, New Mexico and the access route to the location is indicated in red and green on Exhibit A.

DIRECTIONS: Go west from Crossroads, NM on Carroll Road for approximately 7.6 miles. Turn south thru cattle guard and go approximately 0.9 of a mile. Turn west and go approximately 0.7 of a mile. The new road will start here and go north approximately 150' to the southwest corner of the pad.

- 2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:
 - A. The proposed new access will be approximately 150' in length from the point of origin to the southwest corner of the drilling pad.
 - B. The new road will be 14 feet in width (driving surface) and will be adequately drained to control runoff and soil erosion.
 - C. The new road will be bladed with drainage on one sides. No traffic turnouts will be constructed.
 - D. The route of the road is visible.
 - E. Existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition.
- 3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELL:
 - A. There is no drilling activity within a one-mile radius of the well site.
 - B. Exhibit D shows existing wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed well site.
- 4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:
 - A. There no are production facilities on this lease at the present time.
 - B. In the event that the well is productive, the necessary production facilities will be installed on the drilling pad. If the well is productive oil, a gas or diesel self-contained unit will be used to provide the necessary power. No power will be required if the well is a producing gas well.

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5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

A. It is planned to drill the proposed well with a fresh water system. The water will be obtained from commercial sources and will be hauled to the location by truck over the existing and proposed roads shown in Exhibit A.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

It will be up to the dirt contractor to locate construction materials. No caliche will be taken from Federal sources without permission.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
- B. The reserve pits will be constructed and reclamation done according to NMOCD guidelines and Yates' approved pit general plan
- C. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pits until the pits are dry.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal application will be submitted.
- E. Oil produced during operations will be stored in tanks until sold.
- F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- G. All trash, junk, and other waste materials will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not approved.
- 8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES: NONE
- 9. WELLSITE LAYOUT:
 - A. Exhibit C shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, the reserve pits, the location of the drilling equipment, pulling unit orientation and access road approach. Note: Pits to north.
 - B. The reserve pits will be plastic lined with 12 mil and meet the NMOCD Pit Standards.
 - C. A 600' x 600' area has been staked and flagged.
- 10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION:
 - A. After finishing drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for further operations will be removed. The location will be cleaned of all trash and junk to leave the well site in as aesthetically pleasing a condition as possible.
 - B. Unguarded pits, if any, containing fluids will be fenced until they have dried and been leveled.
 - C. If the proposed well is plugged and abandoned, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be reclaimed according to the Yates' NMOCD approved general plan.

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11. SURFACE OWNERSHIP:

Private surface belonging to Mr. Shannon Kizer, P. O. Box 56, Pep, New Mexico 88126. His phone number is 505-760-9100. Yates Petroleum Corporation certifies that Mr. Kizer and Yates have reached an agreement as to Yate's operations on this well.

OTHER INFORMATION: 12.

A. Topography: Refer to the archaeological report for a description of the topography, flora, fauna, soil characteristics, and cultural sites.

B. The primary surface use is for grazing.

C. There are no inhabited dwellings in the vicinity of the proposed wellsite.

13. **OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:**

Α. Through A.P.D. Approval: Β. Clifton R. May, Regulatory Agent Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Phone (505) 748-1471

Through Drilling, Completions & Prod. Pinson McWhorter, Operations Manager Yates Petroleum Corporation 105 South Fourth Street Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Phone (505) 748-1471

14. **CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that I am responsible under the terms and conditions of the lease to conduct lease operations in conjunction with the application. Bond coverage pursuant to 43 CFR 3104 for lease activities is being provided by Yates Petroleum Corporation under their nationwide bon, BLM No. 2811.

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route, that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Yates Petroleum Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

/2/8/2005 Date

Clifton R. May, Regulatory Agent



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Yates Petroleum Corporation

BOP-4

Typical 5.000 psi Pressure System Schematic Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack



Typical 5,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



Yates Petroleum Corporation Location Layout for Permian Basin Up to 12,000'

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Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505 For drilling and production facilities, submit to appropriate NMOCD District Office. For downstream facilities, submit to Santa Fe office

Is pit or below-grade tan	ade Tank Registration or Clos k covered by a "general plan"? Yes 🛛 M or below-grade tank 🖾 Closure of a pit or below-	No
Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation T Address: 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88214 Facility or well name: Gretchen BHX Federal #1 API #: 30.02 County: Lea Latitude Longitude	0 25- 9815 U/L or Qtr/Qtr_ <u>SESW</u> Sec_29	
Pit Type: Drilling ⊠ Production □ Disposal □ Workover □ Emergency □ Lined ⊠ Unlined □ Liner type: Synthetic □ Thickness 12 mil Clay □ Volume 24,000 bbl	Below-grade tank Volume: bbl Type of fluid: Construction material:	
Depth to ground water (vertical distance from bottom of pit to seasonal high water elevation of ground water.) 42'	Less than 50 feetXXXX 50 feet or more, but less than 100 feet 100 feet or more	(20 points)XXXX (10 points) (0 points)
Wellhead protection area: (Less than 200 feet from a private domestic water source, or less than 1000 feet from all other water sources.)	Yes NoXXXX	(20 points) (0 points) XXXX
Distance to surface water: (horizontal distance to all wetlands, playas, irrigation canals, ditches, and perennial and ephemeral watercourses.)	Less than 200 feet 200 feet or more, but less than 1000 feet 1000 feet or more XXXX	(20 points) (10 points) (0 points) XXXX
	Ranking Score (Total Points)	20 points
Your certification and NMOCD approval of this application/closure does not r otherwise endanger public health or the environment. Nor does it relieve the c		ction taken including remediation start date and end mple results. (5) Attach soil sample results and a he above-described pit or below-grade tank has OCD-approved plan . of the pit or tank contaminate ground water or to ther federal state or local lows and/or
regulations. Pit nurst be faulted to despo Approval: Date: <u>10/6/06</u> Printed Name/Atitle <u>CHEIS</u> NILLIAMS/DIST SURV	ral caleos alternation	method asserved.

The reserve pit will be to the north. The southeast corner of the pit will be approximately 60' north of the well bore. The pit will be a 175' X 150' and 6' deep with a capacity of 28,000 bbls.

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION General Plan was approved 4/15/04



Standard reserve pit. All Reserve pits are double Horse shoe size varies with depth of well

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Yates Petroleum Corporation Well Name & No: Gretchen BHX Federal No. 01 Location: Surface: 600' FSL & 1930' FWL, Sec.29, T. 09 S., R. 34 E. Lease: NM 104698 Lea County, New Mexico

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second St., Roswell, NM 88201, (505) 627-0272 for wells in Chaves and Roosevelt Counties; the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County; and the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (505) 393-3612 for wells in Lea County, in sufficient time for a representative to witness:

A. Spudding

B. Cementing casing: 13 % inch; 9 % inch; 5 ½ inch.

C. BOP Tests

2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan is not required for this wellbore. The operator shall confirm that all rig personnel has had training in H2S safety awareness. H2S possible in the San Andres formation approximately 4000 ft.

3. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.

4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15 day time frame.

5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

II. CASING:

1. The <u>13 %</u> inch shall be set at <u>400 Feet</u> with cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 9 ½ inch Intermediate casing is to circulate to surface.

3. The <u>minimum required fill of cement</u> behind the <u>5 ½</u> inch Production casing is to <u>Tie Back to the 9 % " casing shoe by</u> at least 200 ft.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the 13 % inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

2. <u>Minimum working pressure</u> of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be <u>5 M</u> psi on or before drilling below the 9 % " casing shoe. A <u>2 M BOPE</u> shall be the minimum control equipment utilized on the 13 % inch casing.

3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the test.

-The test shall be done by an independent service company

-The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.

-Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures.

-Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.

-Testing must be done in safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

-Both low pressure and high pressure testing of BOPE is required.

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ALTEL ATIVE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Drilling Fluids, Casing and Cementing Requirements for Most of Lea County:

Casing and Cementing

Surface casing is to be set at a sufficient depth to protect useable water zones and cement circulated to surface. In areas where the salt section (Salado) is present, surface casing should be set at least 25 feet into the top of the Rustler Anhydrite and cement circulated to the surface.

As an alternative, surface casing may be set through the Santa Rosa Formation or other potable water bearing zones and circulate cement to surface. For wells requiring an intermediate casing string, such string shall be cemented to the ground surface. In the case where intermediate casing is not required the operator shall case and cement the production hole to the ground surface.

While drilling from the surface casing to the Rustler formation it is recommended that operators periodically sweep the hole with viscous low water loss pills to help build a filter cake across useable water zones in the redbeds.

Drilling Fluid

Fresh water or fresh water spud mud shall be used to drill to surface casing depth. If surface casing is set at a lesser depth than the top of the Rustler formation., fresh water spud mud may be used to drill down to the first salt in the Rustler Formation. after which brine or fresh water may be used.

Non-toxic or biodegradable water based polymers, drilling paper, starch and gels may be used in the mud system in order to retard seepage into the redbeds.

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Two to five percent diesel or crude oil may be used in the redbed section in order to control heaving shales and mudstones.

Caustics and Lime shall not be used in the red beds but may be added when the Rustler formation is reached. However, sodium carbonate maybe used for alkalinity or ph control while drilling the redbeds above the Rustler formation.

Additionally, questions of whether an additive may be used should be referred to the Roswell Field office.