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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Field Inspection Program

"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

27-Apr-09

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

105 S 4TH ST

ARTESIA NM 88210

LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection

Dear Operator:

The following inspection(s) indicate that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well(s) failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below. To comply with standards imposed by Rules and Regulations of the Division, corrective action must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The detail section indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This determination is based on an inspection of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division on the date(s) indicated.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division, in writing, of the date corrective actions are scheduled to be made so that arrangements can be made to reinspect the well and/or facility.

INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

TOPHAT AJQ STATE No.001

H-35-23S-33E

30-025-27684-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
04/27/2009	Routine/Periodic	Mark Whitaker	Yes	No	7/31/2009	iMAW0911746010
Violations						
Surface Damage/Restoration						

Comments on Inspection:

DO NOT RELEASE BOND. Dry hole marker ok. Wellhead and other debris at marker. Old wheel rim and t-post north of marker. Short piece of casing and drilling line near old drilling pit north of well. NEED TO REMOVE WELLHEAD, WHEEL RIM, PIECE OF CASING, T-POST, AND TRASH FROM LOCATION. 1st notice of non-compliance. MW

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

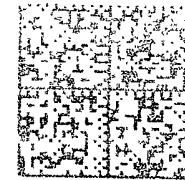
Sincerely,


COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Hobbs OCD District Office

Note: Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.
*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas

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