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FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1004-0137  
Expires: July 31, 2010UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER1a Type of Work: ☒ DRILL ☐ REENTER **R-111-POTASH**  
1b Type of Well: ☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone  
2 Name of Operator

Yates Petroleum Corporation 025575

3a. Address

105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210

3b. Phone No. (include area code)

575-748-1471

4 Location of well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements \*)  
At surface330' FSL & 330' FEL. UL P, SESE

At proposed prod. zone

14 Distance in miles and direction from the nearest town or post office\*

15. Distance from proposed\*  
location to nearest  
property or lease line, ft  
(Also to nearest drlg unit line, if any)

330'

16. No. of acres in lease

1280.00

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well

SESE

18. Distance from proposed location\*  
to nearest well, drilling, completed,  
applied for, on this lease, ft.

None

19 Proposed Depth

8750'

20 BLM/ BIA Bond No on file

NATIONWIDE BOND #NMB000434

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc )

3702' GL

22. Approximate date work will start\*

ASAP

23. Estimated duration

24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No 1 shall be attached to this form.

- Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
- A Drilling Plan.
- A Surface Use Plan ( if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO must be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).

- Bond to cover the operations unless covered by existing bond on file(see item 20 above)
- Operator certification.
- Such other site specific information and/ or plans as may be required by the BLM

25 Signature

Name (Printed/ Typed)

Date

Title

Land Regulatory Agent

W. "Lucky" Briggs

5/21/09

Approved By (Signature)

Name (Printed/ Typed)

Date

/s/ Jesse J. Juen

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Title

STATE DIRECTOR

Office

NM STATE OFFICE

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to cc operations thereon.

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR TWO YEARS

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and wilfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction

\* (Instructions on page 2)

Carlsbad Controlled Water Basin

SEE ATTACHED FOR  
CONDITIONS OF APPROVALAPPROVAL SUBJECT TO  
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS  
AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS  
ATTACHED

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## DISTRICT I

1686 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240

## DISTRICT II

1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210

## DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

## DISTRICT IV

1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505

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State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised October 12, 2005

Submit to Appropriate District Office  
State Lease - 4 Copies  
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

# CONSERVATION DIVISION

1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

## WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number <b>30-025-39529</b>	Pool Code <b>40299</b>	Pool Name <b>Lost Tank Delaware</b>
Property Code <b>37845</b>	Property Name <b>CAPELLA "BOP" FEDERAL</b>	Well Number <b>2</b>
OGRID No. <b>025575</b>	Operator Name <b>YATES PETROLEUM CORP.</b>	Elevation <b>3702'</b>

### Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
P	8	21 S	32 E		330	SOUTH	330	EAST	LEA

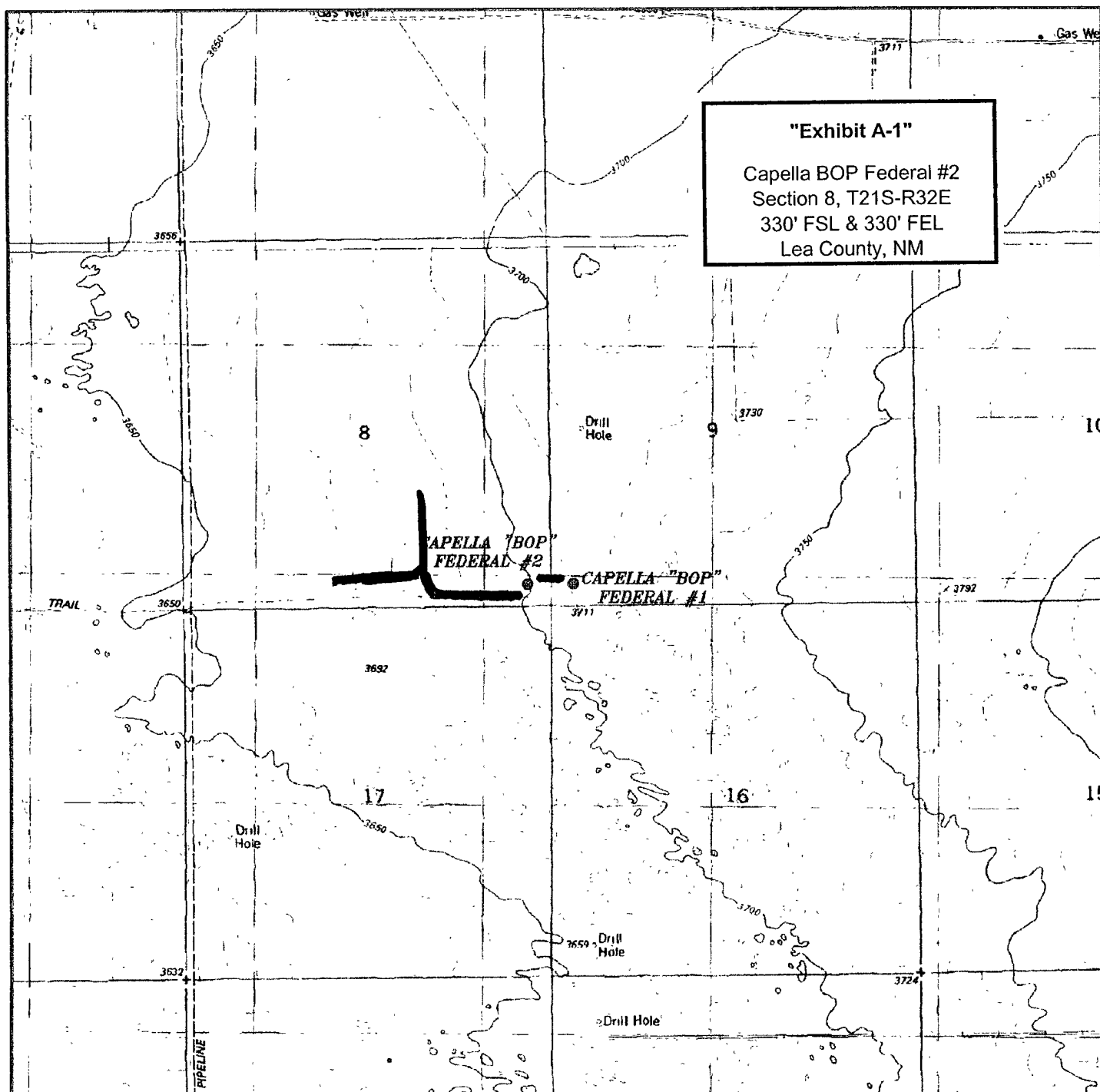
### Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County

Dedicated Acres <b>40</b>	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
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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

<div style="border: 1px dashed black; width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; bottom: 10px; right: 10px;"> <p><b>SURFACE LOCATION</b>            Lat - N 32°29'12.92"            Long - W 103°41'21.66"            NMSPCE- N 541472.512            E 739901.064            (NAD-83)</p> </div> </div>	<p><b>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>Lucky Briggs</i> 5/21/09        Signature Date</p> <p><i>Lucky Briggs</i>        Printed Name</p>
	<p><b>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>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 supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.</p> <p>APR 13 2009        Date Surveyed</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i>        Signature &amp; Seal of Professional Surveyor</p> <p>7977        Certificate No. Gary L. Jones</p> <p><b>BASIN SURVEYS</b></p>



## CAPELLA "BOP" FEDERAL #2

Located at 330' FSL AND 330' FEL  
Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 32 East,  
N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

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**surveys**

focused on excellence  
in the oilfield

P.O. Box 1786  
1120 N. West County Rd.  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241  
(575) 393-7316 - Office  
(575) 392-2206 - Fax  
basinsurveys.com

W.O. Number: JMS 21298

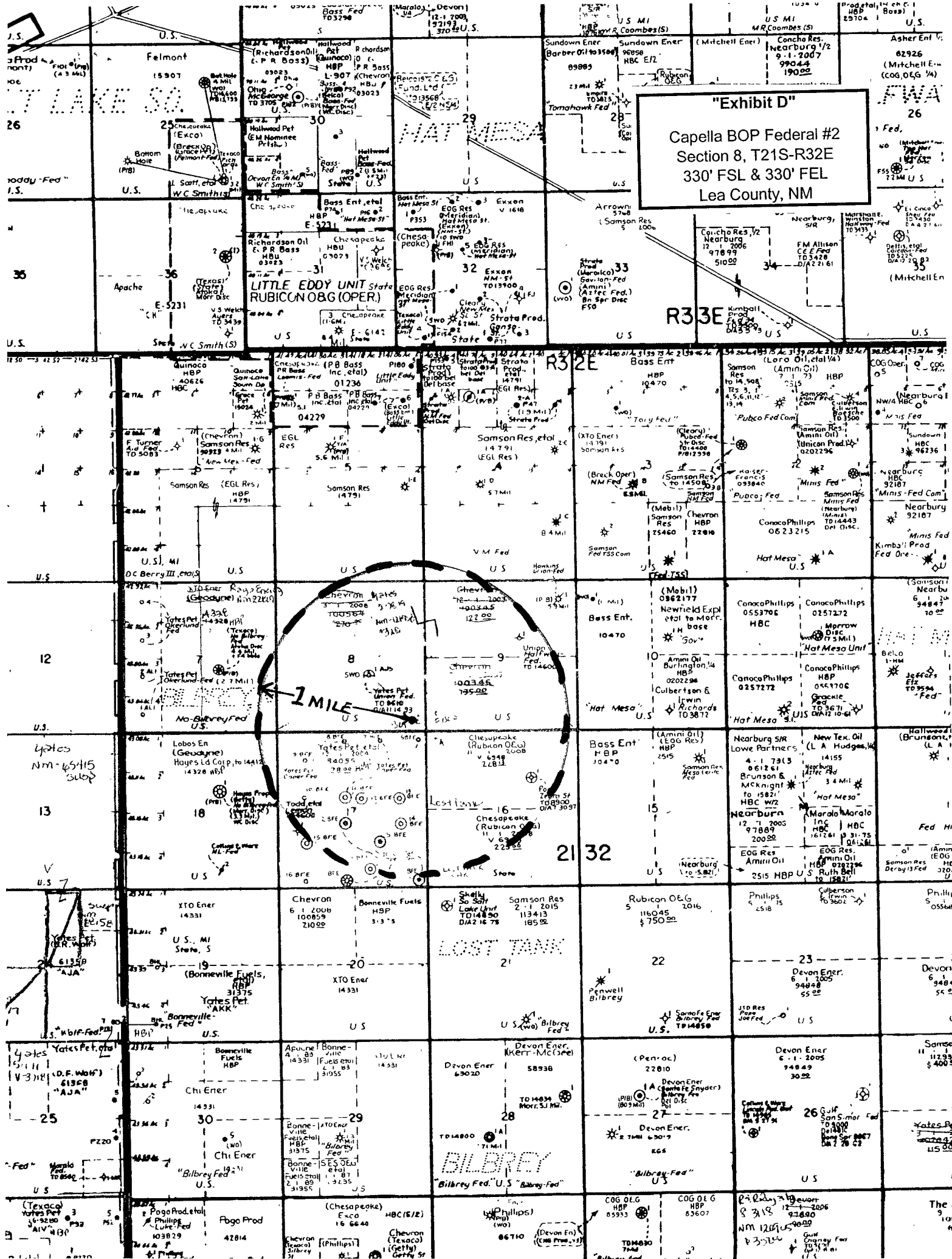
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Scale 1" = 2000'

Date 04-20-2009

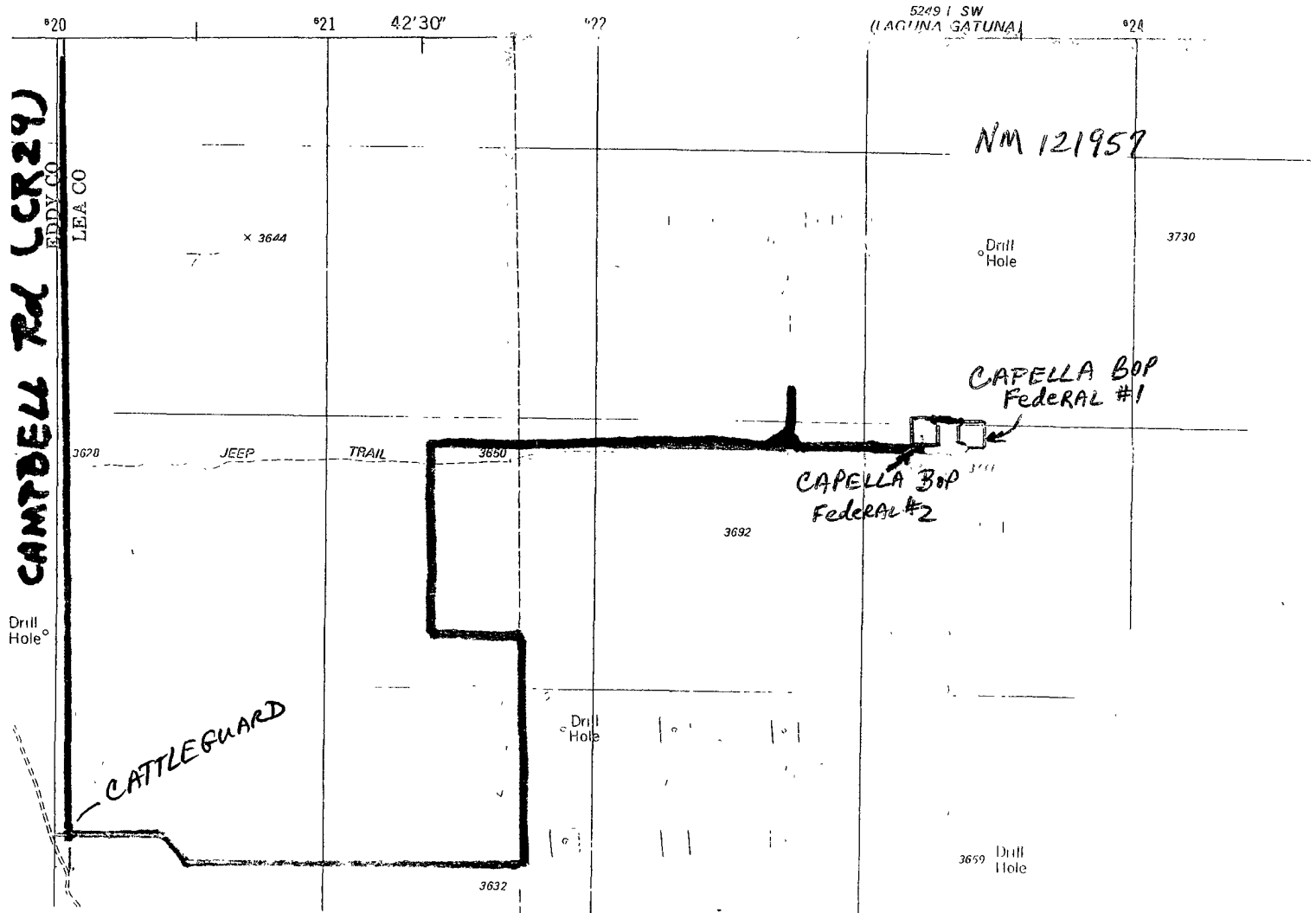


**YATES**  
**PETROLEUM**  
**CORP.**



**Exhibit A-2**

Capella BOP Federal #2  
Section 8, T21S-R32E  
330' FSL & 330' FEL  
Lea County, NM



**Directions to the Capella BOP Federal #1 & #2:**

From downtown Carlsbad, NM at the intersection of Hwy 285 and Hwy 62/180 travel east on Hwy 62/180 for approx. 29.5 miles to Campbell Road (CR-29). Turn south travel approx. 5.7 miles to a cattleguard on the left. Turn east and travel approx. 1 mile. At the "T" in the road proceed north. Travel approx. 0.5 miles turn west for approx. 0.25 miles; turn north and travel for 0.5 miles; turn east and travel for 0.8 miles where the developed road turns north. At this point take the two track road to the south and east. Travel the two track road for approx. 0.25 miles. Capella BOP Federal #2 will approx 150' to the north side of the road. Capella BOP Federal #1 will be located approx. 600' farther down the two track road on the north side of the road.

**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**  
**Capella BOP Federal #2**  
 330' FSL & 330' FEL  
 Section 8: T21S-R32E  
 Lea County, New Mexico

**1. THE ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGIC MARKERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Rustler	1,040'	Cherry Canyon	5,396'
TOS	1,190'	Brushy Canyon	6,650'
BOS	4,180'	Bone Springs <i>(wildcat)</i>	8,570'
Bell Canyon	4,482'	PTD	8,750'

**2. THE ESTIMATED DEPTHS AT WHICH ANTICIPATED WATER, OIL OR GAS FORMATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ENCOUNTERED:**

Water: 350'+  
 Oil or Gas: Oil: Bell Canyon, Cherry Canyon, Brushy Canyon, Bone Springs

- 3. PRESSURE CONTROL EQUIPMENT:** ~~A diverter will be used on the 13 3/8" casing.~~ *See COA*  
 BOPE will be installed on the 8 5/8" casing and rated for 3000 psi. 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 C.

**Auxiliary Equipment:**

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.

**4. THE PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM:**

**A. Casing Program: (All New)**

	Hole Size	Casing Size	Wt./Ft	Grade	Thread	Interval	Length
<i>See COA</i>	17 1/2"	13 3/8"	48#	H-40	ST&C	0-1050'	1050'
	11'	8 5/8"	32#	J-55	ST&C	0-100'	100'
	11'	8 5/8"	24#	J-55	ST&C	100-2100'	2000'
	11'	8 5/8"	32#	J-55	ST&C	2100-4200'	2100'
	11'	8 5/8"	32#	HCK-55	ST&C	4200-4250'	50'
<i>See COA</i>	7 7/8"	5 1/2"	17#	J-55	LT&C	0-100'	100'
	7 7/8"	5 1/2"	15.5#	J-55	LT&C	100'-7500'	7400'
	7 7/8"	5 1/2"	17#	J-55	LT&C	7500-8750'	1250'

- Minimum Casing Design Factors: Burst 1.0; Tensile Strength 1.8; Collapse 1.125
- A 3,000 psi BOP will be nipped up and tested on 13 3/8" and 8 5/8" casing.
- Production casing will be cemented in two stages with DV tool placed at approx. 6,200'.

**B. Cementing Program:**

Surface Casing: Cement with 750 sx C Lite (WT 12.5; YLD 1.98). Tail in with 200 sx class "C" w/CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt 14.8; YLD 1.34). TOC-Surface.

Intermediate Casing: 1100 sx C Lite (Wt 12.5; YLD 1.98). Tail in with 200 sx class "C" w/CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt 14.8; YLD 1.34). TOC-Surface.

Production Casing: Stage 1 - DV tool at 6200' - 625 sx Pecos VILt (Wt 13.0; YLD 1.41). TOC-6200'.  
 Stage 2 - 600 sx LiteCrete (Wt 11.9; YLD 2.41). Tail in with 100 sx Premium PI w/CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Wt 13.0; YLD 1.41). TOC-Surface.

**5. MUD PROGRAM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:**

<u>Interval</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>
0-1050'	Fresh Water Gel	8.8-9.2	32-34	N/C
1050'-4250'	Brine Water	10.0-10.20	28-28	N/C
4250'-8750'	Fresh Water	8.7-9.0	28-28	N/C

Sufficient mud material(s) to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation and contain a blowout will be available at the well site during drilling operations. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel.

**6. EVALUATION PROGRAM:**

Samples: Mudloggers On At Intermediate Casing  
 Logging: Platform Express-CMR  
 Coring: None anticipated  
 DST's: As warranted

**7. ABNORMAL CONDITIONS, BOTTOM HOLE PRESSURE AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS:**

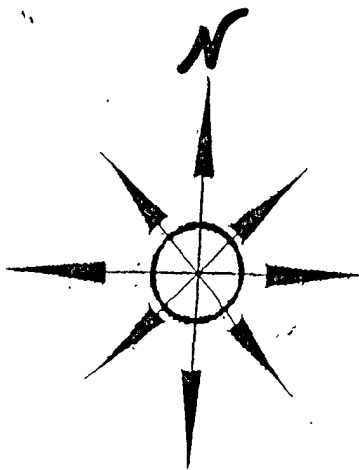
**Anticipated BHP:**

From: 0' to 1050'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	500 PSI
From: 1050' to 4250'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	2255 PSI
From: 4250' to 8750'	Anticipated Max. BHP:	4100 PSI

**Abnormal Pressures Anticipated:** None  
**Lost Circulation Zones Anticipated:** None  
**H<sub>2</sub>S Zones Anticipated:** None  
**Maximum Bottom Hole Temperature:** 152° F

**8. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE:**

Plans are to drill this well as soon as possible after receiving approval. It should take approximately 40 days to drill the well with completion taking another 40 days.

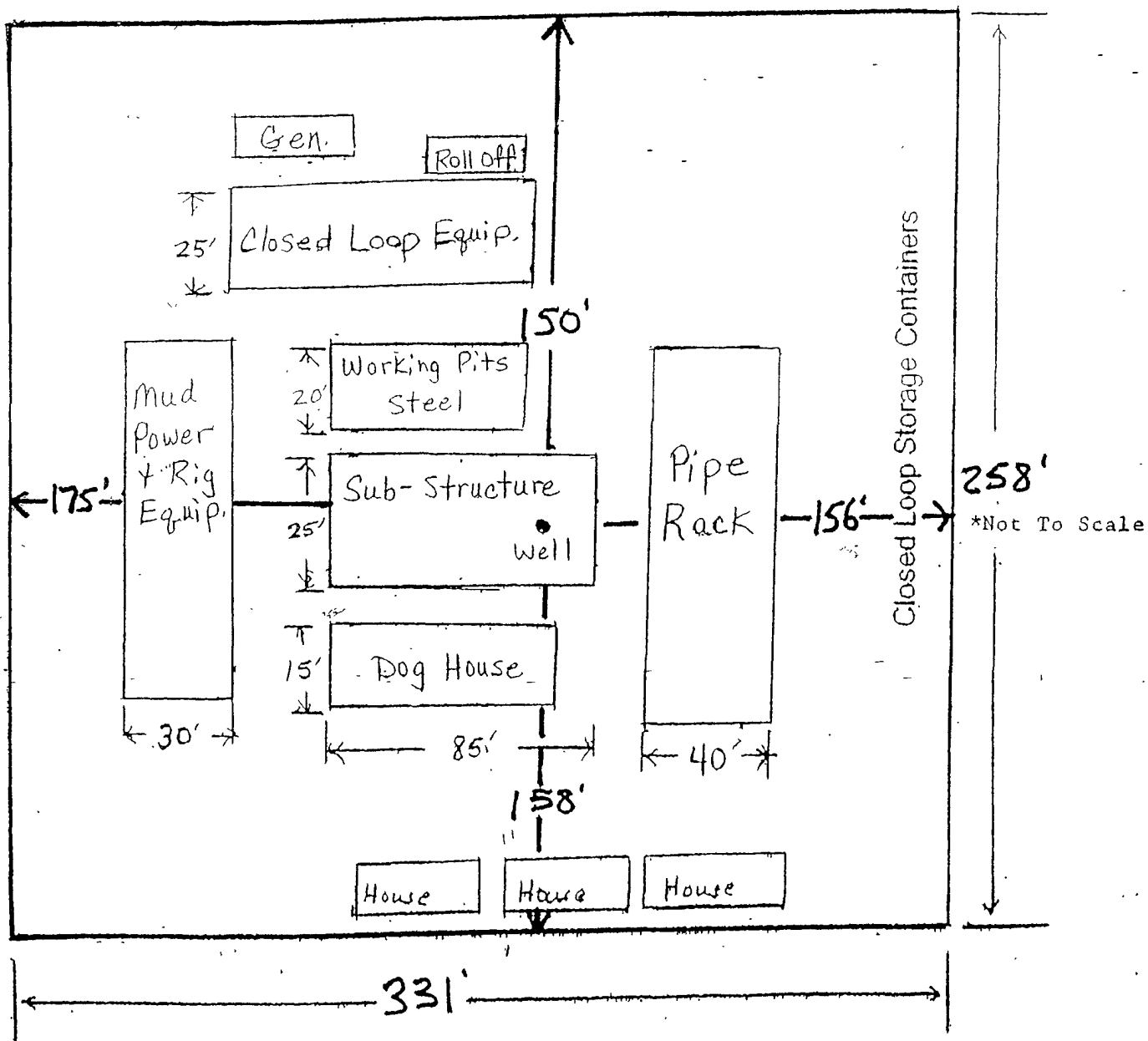


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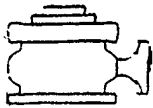
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### Yates Petroleum Corporation Location Layout for Permian Basin

#### Closed Loop Design Plan



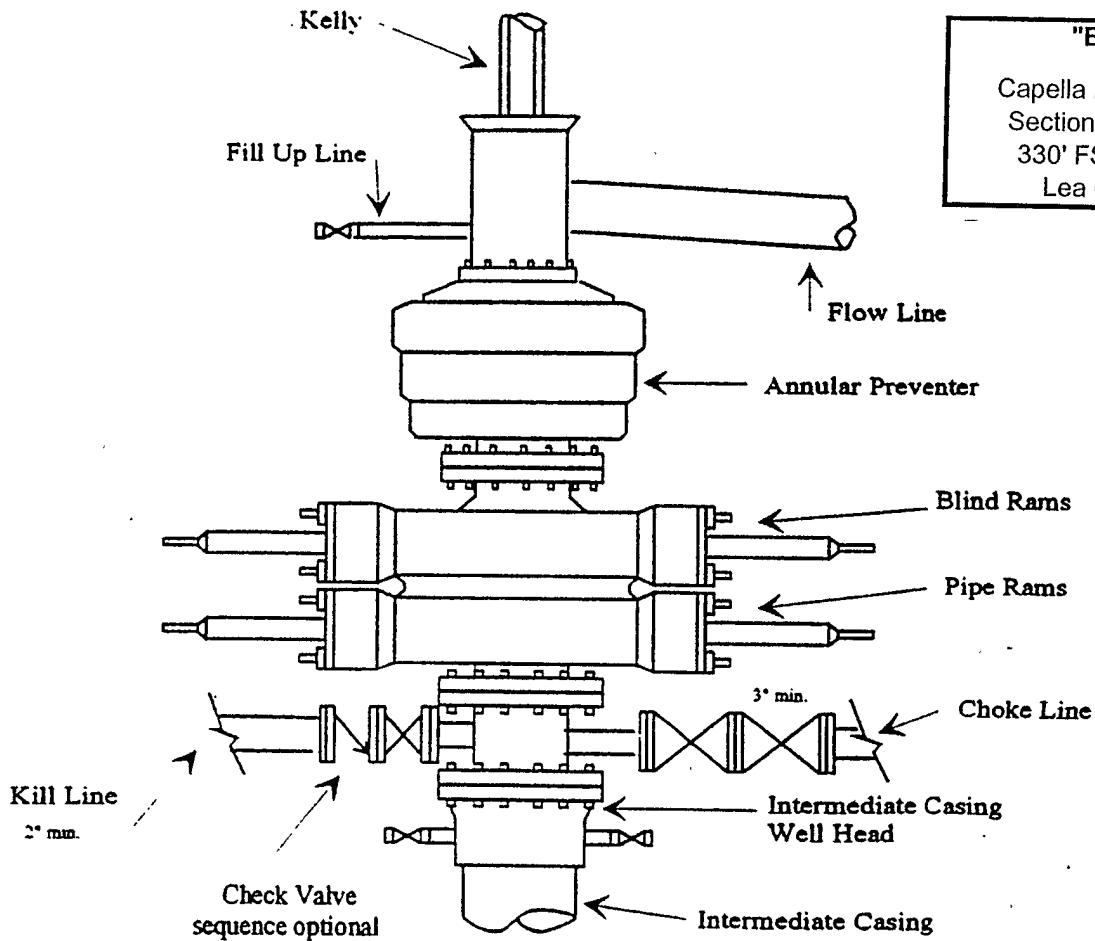




# Yates Petroleum Corporation

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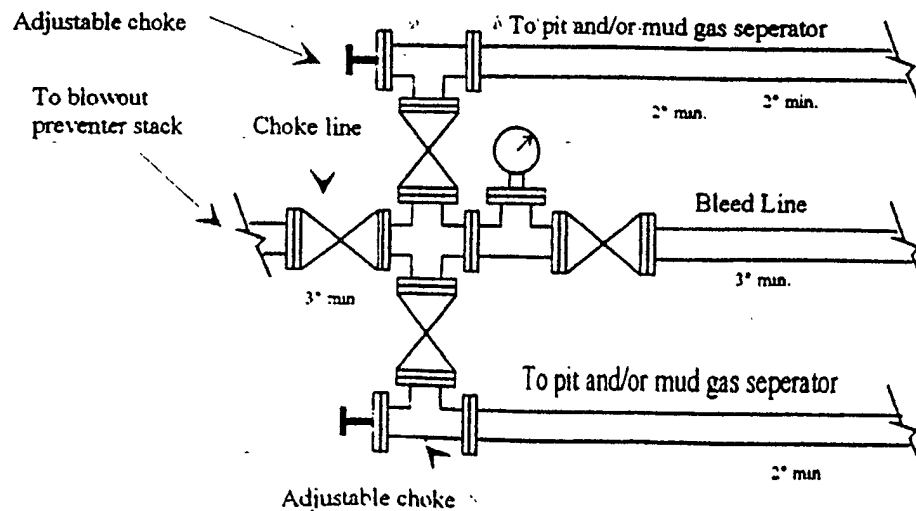
## Typical 3,000 psi Pressure System Schematic Annular with Double Ram Preventer Stack



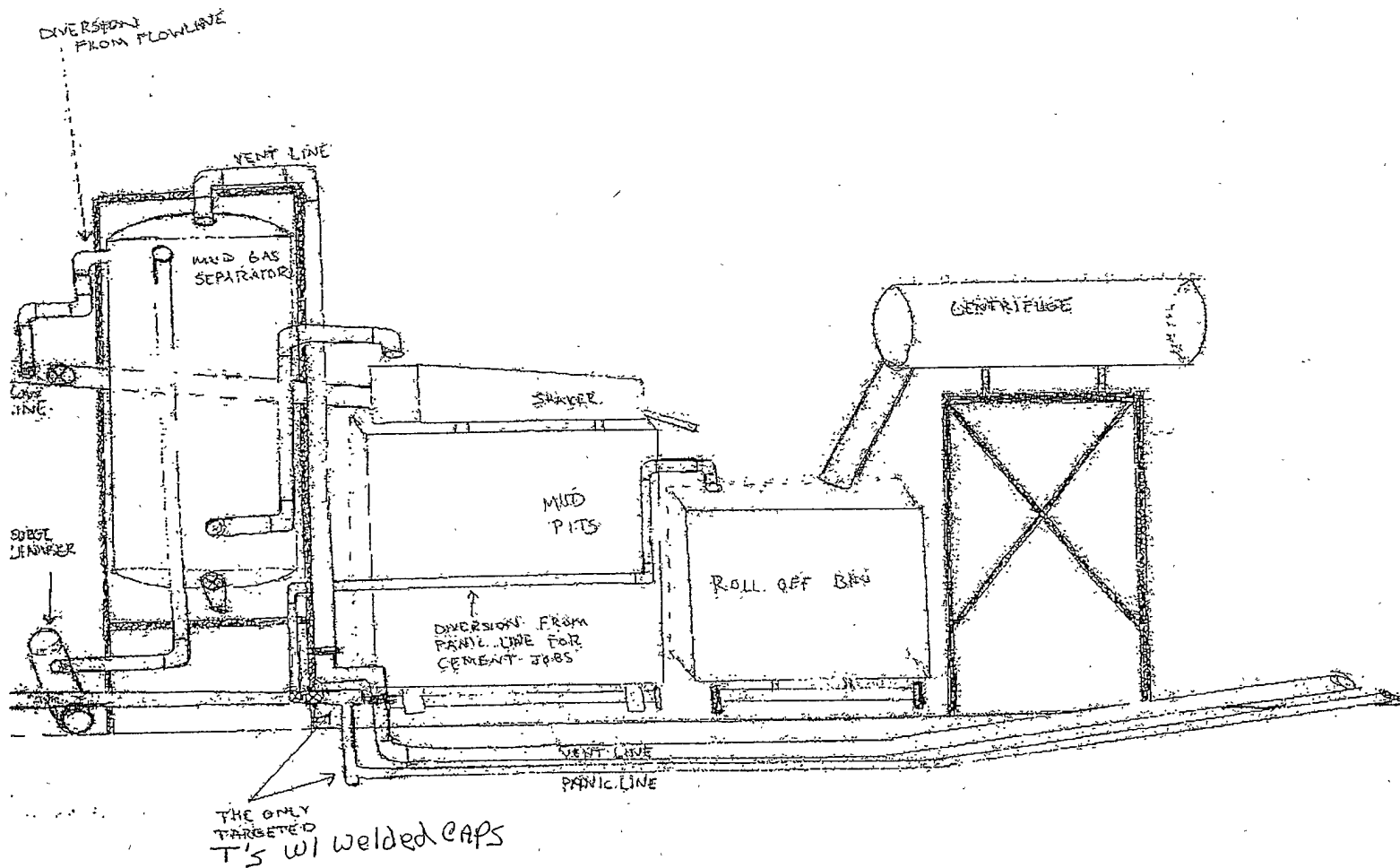
### "Exhibit C"

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Lea County, NM

Typical 3,000 psi choke manifold assembly with at least these minimum features



YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
Piping from Choke Manifold  
to the Closed-Loop Drilling Mud System



# **Yates Petroleum Corporation**

**105 S. Fourth Street  
Artesia, NM 88210**

## **Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Contingency Plan**

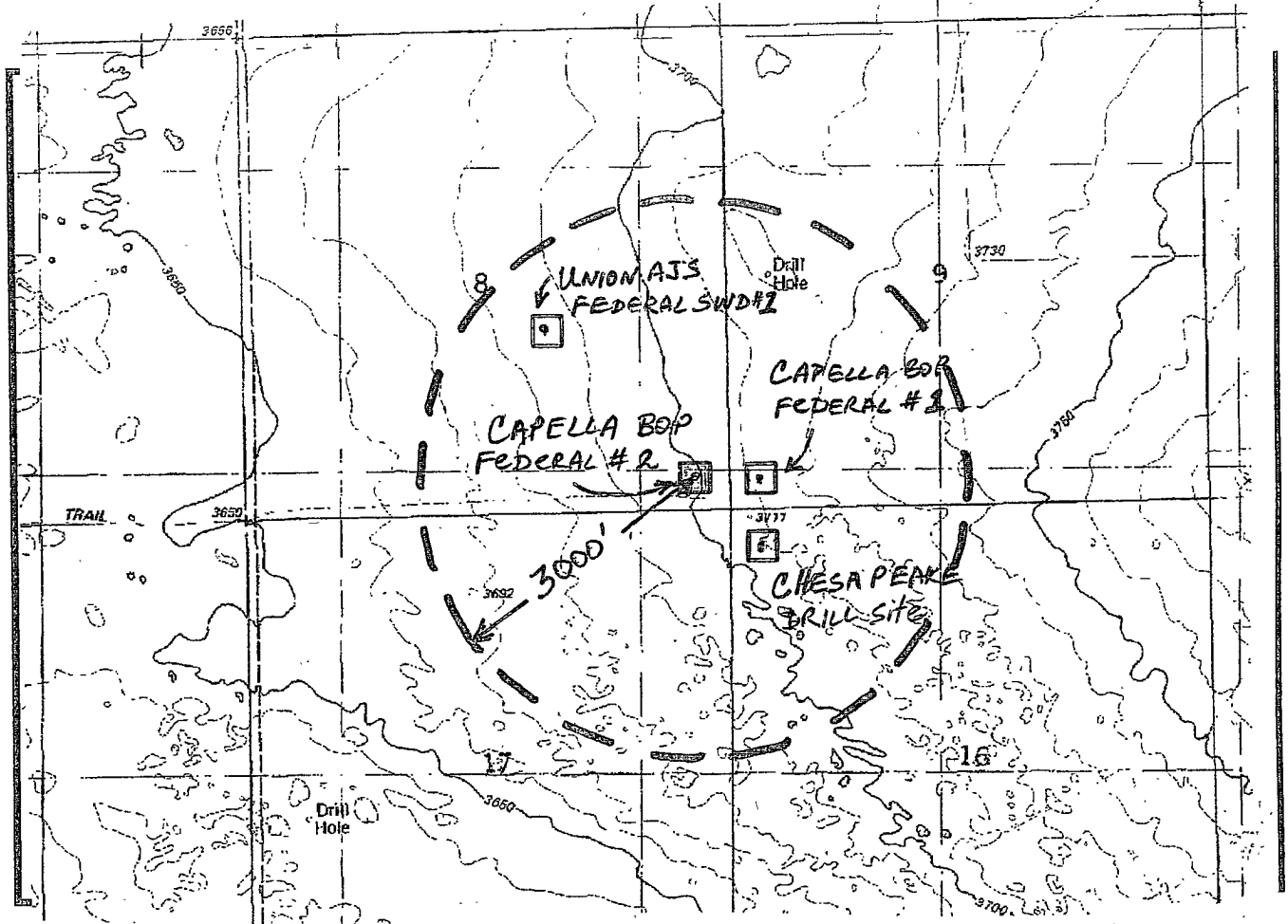
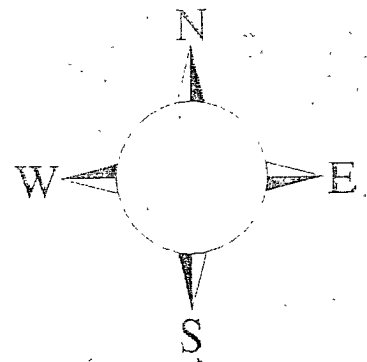
**For**

**Capella BOP Federal #2**

**330' FSL, 330' FEL  
Section 8, T-21S, R-32E  
Lea County NM**

## Capella BOP Federal #2 Location

This is an open drilling site. H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring equipment and emergency response equipment will be used within 500' of zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S, including warning signs, wind indicators and H<sub>2</sub>S monitor.



Assumed 100 ppm ROE = 3000'

100 ppm H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall trigger activation of this plan.

## Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing  $H_2S$ , the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of  $H_2S$ , measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with  $H_2S$  monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries during the response.

## Ignition of Gas Source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide ( $SO_2$ ). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

## Characteristics of $H_2S$ and $SO_2$

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	$H_2S$	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	$SO_2$	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

## Contacting Authorities

YPC personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. YPC Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)

## Yates Petroleum Corporation Phone Numbers

YPC Office .....	(575) 748-1471
Paul Ragsdale/Operations Manager .....	(575) 748-4520
Ron Beasley/Production Manager .....	(575) 748-4210
Wade Bennett/Prod Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4236
Mike Lankin/Drilling .....	(575) 748-4222
Paul Hanes/Prod. Foreman/Roswell .....	(575) 624-2805
Tim Bussell/Drilling Superintendent .....	(575) 748-4221
Artesia Answering Service .....	(575) 748-4302
(During non-office hours)	

### **Agency Call List**

#### **Eddy County (505)**

##### **Artesia**

State Police .....	746-2703
City Police.....	746-2703
Sheriff's Office .....	746-9888
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department .....	746-2701
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) .....	746-2122
NMOCD.....	748-1283

##### **Carlsbad**

State Police .....	885-3137
City Police.....	885-2111
Sheriff's Office .....	887-7551
Ambulance .....	911
Fire Department .....	885-2111
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	887-3798
US Bureau of Land Management.....	887-6544

New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	(505)476-9600
24 HR .....	(505) 827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center.....	(505) 476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC)	...(800) 424-8802

##### **Other**

Boots & Coots IWC .....	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control.....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
Halliburton .....	(505) 746-2757
B. J. Services.....	(505) 746-3569

Flight For Life -4000 24th St, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare -Rr 3 Box 49f, Lubbock, TX .....	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb 2301 Yale Blvd SE #D3, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4433
S B Air Med Svc 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE, Albuq, NM .....	(505) 842-4949

**CERTIFICATION**  
YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
**Capella BOP Federal #2**

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the drill site and access route proposed herein; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that I have full knowledge of state and Federal laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in this APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

Executed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2009.

Name Lucky Brigg

Position Title Land Regulatory Agent

Address 105 South Fourth Street 88210

E-mail (optional) luckyb@yatespetroleum.com

Telephone 575-748-4335

Field Representative (if not above signatory) Tim Bussell

Address (if different from above) Same

Telephone (if different from above) 575-748-4221

E-mail (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## PECOS DISTRICT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

OPERATOR'S NAME:	Yates Petroleum Corporation
LEASE NO.:	NM121957
WELL NAME & NO.:	Capella BOP Fed # 2
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	330' FSL & 330' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	Same
LOCATION:	Section 8, T. 21 S., R 32 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

## **II. PERMIT EXPIRATION**

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

## **III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES**

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

## **IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

## **V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)**

### **Lesser Prairie Chicken**

Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken: Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 1st through June 15th annually. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 ft. from the source of the noise.

### **Low profile well marker**

Ground-level Abandoned Well Marker to avoid raptor perching: Upon the plugging and subsequent abandonment of the well, the well marker will be installed at ground level on a plate containing the pertinent information for the plugged well. For more installation details, contact the Carlsbad Field Office at 575-234-5972.

### **Monitor**

Both the Capella BOP Federal # 1 and the Capella BOP Federal # 2 proposed access roads need to have a BLM monitor present prior to the construction of the access road. This is to ensure that the road is built without digging up the nearby water line used to supply fresh water to a nearby livestock water trough. The company will need to contact the BLM prior to constructing the access road or the well pad. The contact at the BLM will be any member or the Environmental Protection Staff at the Carlsbad Field Office. The BLM can be reached at 575-234-5972. The grazing permittee must also be contacted prior to the construction start to avoid cutting through the fresh water line.

## **VI. CONSTRUCTION**

### **A. NOTIFICATION**

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

### **B. TOPSOIL**

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil of the well pad. The topsoil shall not be used to backfill the reserve pit and will be used for interim and final reclamation.

### **C. Closed Loop System**

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

### **D. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT**

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (575) 234-5972.

### **E. WELL PAD SURFACING**

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

### **F. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS**

#### **Road Width**

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

### **Surfacing**

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

### **Crowning**

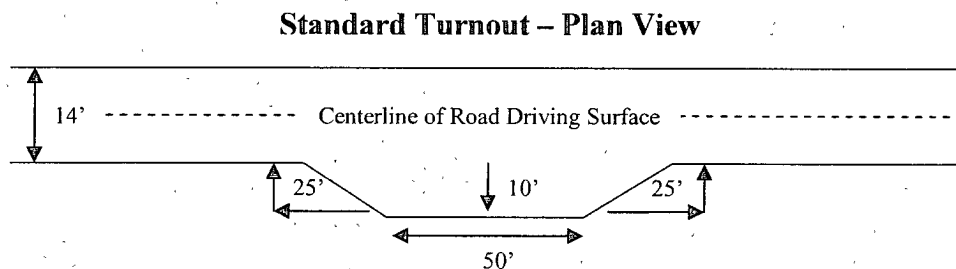
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

### **Ditching**

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

### **Turnouts**

Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:

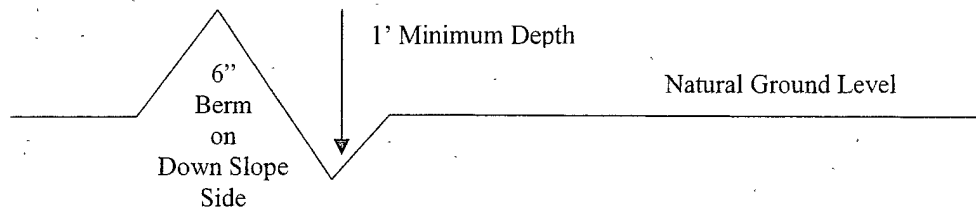


### **Drainage**

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outslowing and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.

#### **Cross Section of a Typical Lead-off Ditch**



All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval are variable for lead-off ditches and shall be determined according to the formula for spacing intervals of lead-off ditches, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %);

#### **Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches**

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

#### **Culvert Installations**

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

#### **Cattleguards**

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

#### **Fence Requirement**

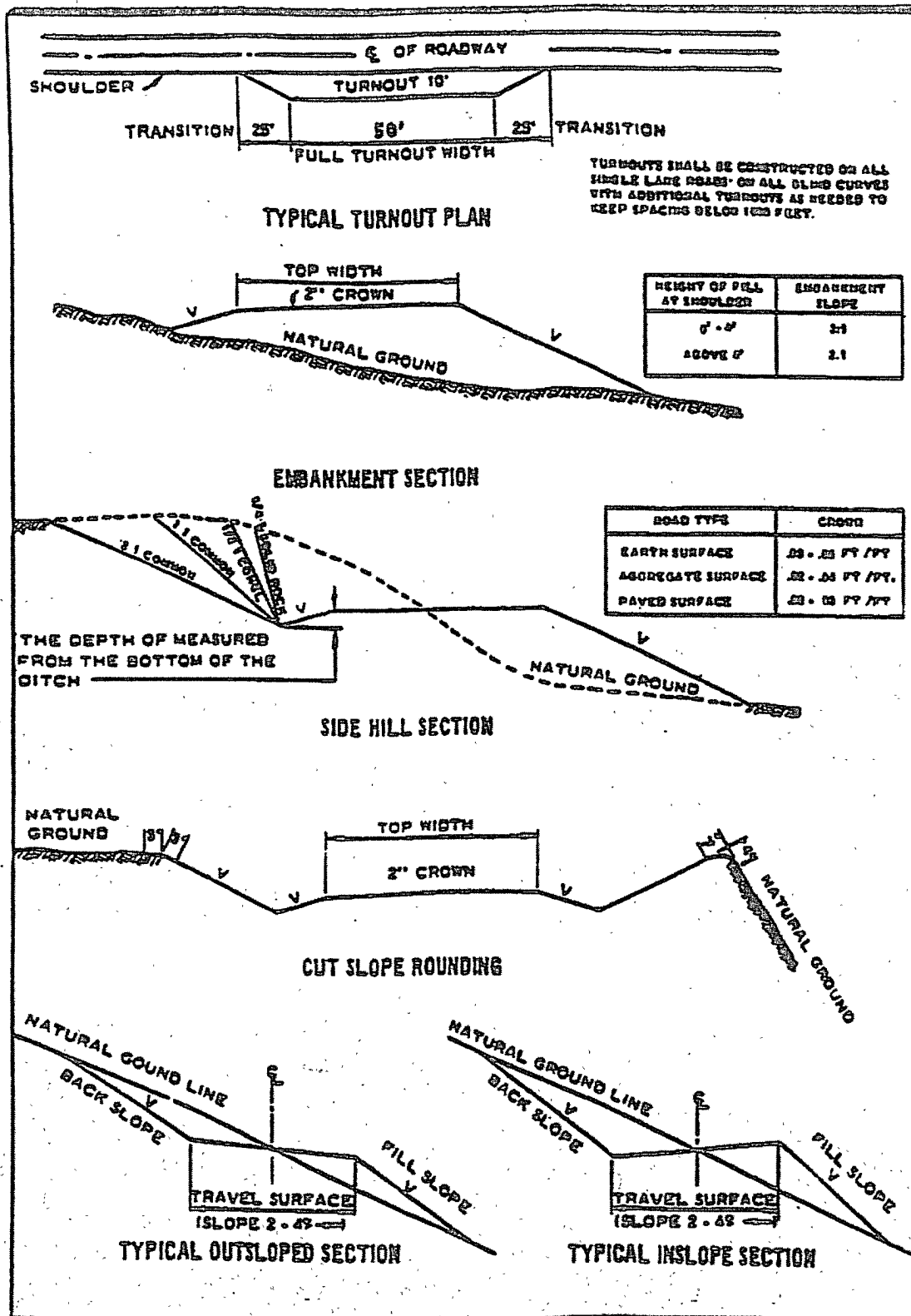
Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

**Public Access**

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

Figure 1 – Cross Sections and Plans For Typical Road Sections



## VII. DRILLING

### A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

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(575) 393-3612

1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the Yates formation. **As a result, the Hydrogen Sulfide area must meet Onshore Order 6 requirements, which includes equipment and personnel/public protection items. If Hydrogen Sulfide is encountered, please provide measured values and formations to the BLM.**
2. 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.
3. Floor controls are required for 3M or Greater systems. These controls will be on the rig floor, unobstructed, readily accessible to the driller and will be operational at all times during drilling and/or completion activities. Rig floor is defined as the area immediately around the rotary table; the area immediately above the substructure on which the draw works are located, this does not include the dog house or stairway area.
4. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado formation to the surface. The logs shall be run at a speed which allows the logs to be legible and no faster than manufacturer of the logging tools recommended speed. (R-111-P area only)

### B. CASING

**Changes to the approved APD casing and cement program require submitting a sundry and receiving approval prior to work. Failure to obtain approval prior to work will result in an Incident of Non-Compliance being issued.**

**Centralizers required on surface casing per Onshore Order 2.III.B.1.f.**



**Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater for all casing strings. Provide compressive strengths including hours to reach required 500 pounds compressive strength prior to cementing each casing string. See individual casing strings for details regarding lead cement slurry requirements.**

**No pea gravel permitted for remedial or fall back remedial without prior authorization from the BLM engineer.**

**R-111-P potash.**

**Possible lost circulation in the Artesia Group and the Capitan Reef.**

**Possible water and brine flows in the Artesia and Salado Groups.**

1. **The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set at approximately 1225 feet (a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite and above the salt) and cemented to the surface. Freshwater mud to be used to setting depth.**
  - a. **If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.**
  - b. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry.**
  - c. **Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.**
  - d. **If cement falls back, remedial cementing will be done prior to drilling out that string.**

**If any lost circulation occurs below the Base of the Salt, the operator is to switch to fresh water mud to protect the Capitan Reef and use fresh water mud until setting the intermediate casing. The appropriate BLM office is to be notified for a PET to witness the switch to fresh water.**

**In addition, daily drilling reports are to be submitted to the BLM CFO by 0800 hours each morning from the setting of the surface casing until the intermediate casing is set. Failure to submit these reports will result in an Incidence of Non-Compliance being issued for failure to comply with the Conditions of Approval.**

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **8-5/8** inch intermediate casing is:

- ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a, c-d above. **Casing to be set into the Fletcher Anhydrite or Lamar Limestone at approximately 4350 feet. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job is to include the lead cement slurry due to Capitan Reef and potash concerns.**

3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5-1/2** inch production casing is:

a. First stage to DV tool, cement shall:

- ☒ Cement to circulate. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office, before proceeding with second stage cement job.

b. Second stage above DV tool, cement shall:

- ☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate, contact the appropriate BLM office.

- 4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.
- 5. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P potash area, the NMOCD requirements shall be followed.

### **C. PRESSURE CONTROL**

- 1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
- 2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) required for drilling below the **13-3/8"** surface casing shoe shall be **3000 (3M) psi**.
- 3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
  - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
  - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.

- c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
- d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.

**D. DRILL STEM TEST**

If drill stem tests are performed, Onshore Order 2.III.D shall be followed.

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## **VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)**

### **A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES**

#### **Placement of Production Facilities**

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

#### **Containment Structures**

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

#### **Painting Requirement**

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color  
Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

### **B. PIPELINES**

### **C. ELECTRIC LINES**

## **IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE**

### **A. INTERIM RECLAMATION**

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

The operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

BLM SERIAL #:  
COMPANY REFERENCE:  
WELL # & NAME:

Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)\* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law (s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed\* per acre:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Sand dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i> )	1.0
Sand love grass ( <i>Eragrostis trichodes</i> )	1.0
Plains bristlegrass ( <i>Setaria macrostachya</i> )	2.0

\*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed  
(Insert Seed Mixture Here)

## **X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS**

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.