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1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W. Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources  
Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Please attach to C-101  
dated 10/21/08

Form C-144 CLEZ  
July 21, 2008

For closed-loop systems that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

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### Closed-Loop System Permit or Closure Plan Application

(that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)

Type of action: ☒ Permit ☒ Closure

Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144 CLEZ) per individual closed-loop system request. For any application request other than for a closed-loop system that only use above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure, please submit a Form C-144.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.

1	Operator: Yates Petroleum Corporation	OGRID #: 025575
	Address: 105 South Fourth Street, Artesia, NM 88210	
	Facility or well name: East Sand Springs BGE State Corn #9	
	API Number: 30-025-36985	OCD Permit Number: P1-00861
	U/L or Qtr/Qtr: D	Section: 35 Township: 10S Range: 34E County: Lea
	Center of Proposed Design Latitude: Longitude: NAD: <input type="checkbox"/> 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> 1983	
	Surface Owner: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment	

2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Closed-loop System:</b> Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
	Operation: <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling a new well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of intent) <input type="checkbox"/> P&A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Above Ground Steel Tanks or <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-off Bins <b>RECOMPLETION</b>

3	<b>Signs:</b> Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed in compliance with 19.15.3.103 NMAC

4	<b>Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist:</b> Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
	Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan (Please complete Box 5) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number: _____

5	<b>Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:</b> (19.15.17.13.D NMAC)
	Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings. Use attachment if more than two facilities are required.
	Disposal Facility Name: Pathfinder SWD #13 VPC Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____
	Disposal Facility Name: YENNECO SWD VPC Disposal Facility Permit Number: _____
	Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities occur on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

6	<b>Operator Application Certification:</b>
	I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
	Name (Print): Mike Allen Title: Completions Supervisor
	Signature: <i>Mike Allen</i> Date: 1/14/09
	e-mail address: mallen@yatespetroleum.com Telephone: (575) 748-4218

7. **OCD Approval:** ☒ Permit Application (including closure plan) ☐ Closure Plan (only)

**OCD Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approval Date:** 01/20/09

**Title:** Geologist **OCD Permit Number:** P1-00861

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8. **Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion):** Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC  
*Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed.*

☒ **Closure Completion Date:** 1-23-09

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9. **Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only:**  
*Instructions: Please identify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized.*

Disposal Facility Name: TENNECO SWD/YPC Disposal Facility Permit Number: AP# 300252576200

Disposal Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposal Facility Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that *will not* be used for future service and operations?  
☐ Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) ☐ No

*Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations:*

☐ Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation)  
☐ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation  
☐ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique

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10. **Operator Closure Certification:**

I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.

**Name (Print):** MIKE ALLEN **Title:** COMPLETION SMT

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 10-16-09

**e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISTRICT 1 SUPERVISOR**

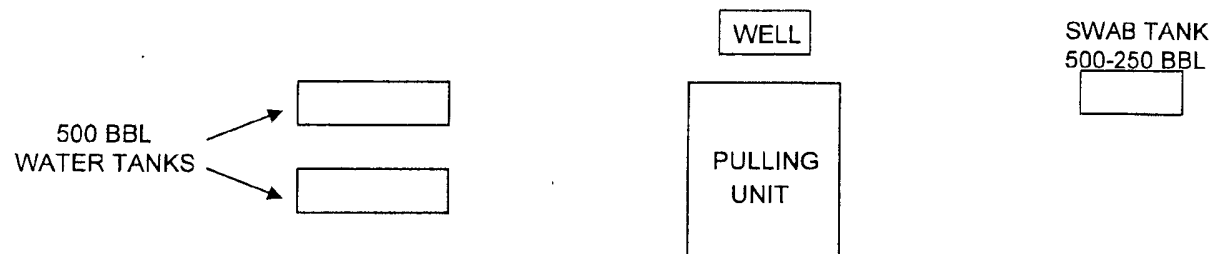
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## Attachment to C-144 CLEZ

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1914-2008



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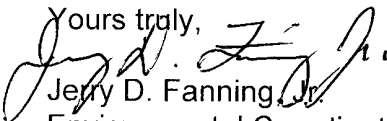
Mr. Buddy Hill  
Oil Conservation Division  
District I  
1625 French Drive  
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

Mr. Hill:

On 10-16-2009 I contacted Mr. Carl Chavez with the Environmental Division of the Oil Conservation Division in Santa Fe to explain that Yates Petroleum Corporation had discovered internally that we had several approved C-144 CLEZ permits which involved work over activities where the work had been completed but due to a misunderstanding of the "new process" the C-144 CLEZ Closure Reports had inadvertently not been sent in. I asked Mr. Chavez how we should address this matter. Mr. Chavez stated that Yates should complete these Closure Reports and submit them to the appropriate District Offices as soon as possible with the attached explanation. Mr. Chavez also explained that these reports should be submitted within the 60 day required time limit as stated on the form. I assured Mr. Chavez that Yates would resolve the problem internally and that we will have future closures submitted within the allotted time.

I have enclosed 8, C-144 CLEZ completed closure plans which were discovered in our office that had not been submitted. If you should have any questions pertaining to these reports please feel free to contact Mr. Mike Allen, Completion Superintendent for Yates Petroleum at 575-748-1471 or myself at the number below.

Thanks for your help and understanding in this matter.

Yours truly,  


Jerry D. Fanning, Jr.  
Environmental Coordinator  
Yates Petroleum Corporation  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210  
575-748-4195

cc. Mr. Carl Chavez

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