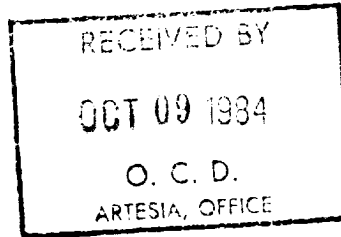


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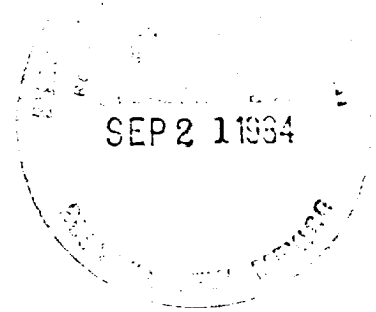
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Re: Application for Emergency Pit

Dear Sir:

NM-15896

Yates Drilling Company has recently received a "Notice of Incidents Noncompliance Detected", concerning an emergency pit, located near our DeLuna and Burkitt Tank Batteries. The batteries are located at the location of our DeLuna #1 well, 1980' FSL & 660' FWL Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, N.M.P.M., Chaves County, New Mexico.

Yates Drilling Company hereby makes application for approval to retain this pit as temporary containment for use only in an emergency in accordance with NTL-2B, VI paragraph two.

This application is based on the fact that emergency use of this pit could prevent damage to the area plant and wildlife. This pit has been covered with wire screen for wildlife and livestock protection during emergency use.

APPROVED

Peter M. Chester

OCT 3 1984



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Sincerely,

YATES DRILLING COMPANY

Toby L. Rhodes

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Engineer