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April 4, 1997

Tenneco Oil Company P. O. Box 2532 Houston, TX 77001

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yates Petroleum Corporation has made an application for administrative approval for downhole commingling for the Morton Unit #1 located in Unit B of Section 5, Township 15 South, Range 35 East, Lea County. Please find attached application. This will serve as notification to an offset operator.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 748-1471.

Sincerely,

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Morris Keith Operations Engineer

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