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# MARATHON OIL COMPANY

## H2S DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

#### I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

All contractors and subcontractors employed by Marathon Oil Company will receive or have received training from a qualified instructor within the last twelve months in the following areas prior to commencing drilling operations on this well.

- 1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H2S)
- 2. Safety precautions
- 3. Operations of safety equipment and life support systems

In addition, contractor supervisory personnel will be trained or prepared in the following areas:

- 1. The effect of H2S on metal components in the system. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- 2. Corrective action and shut-down procedures when drilling or reworking a well, blowout prevention and well control procedures, if the nature of work performed involves these items.
- 3. The contents and requirements of the contingency plan when such plan is required.

All personnel will be required to carry documentation of the above training on their person.

## II. H2S EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

## 1. Safety Equipment

The following safety equipment will be on location.

A. Wind direction indicators as seen in attached diagram.

B. Automatic H2S detection alarm equipment (both audio and visual).

C. Clearly visible warning signs as seen on the attached diagram. Signs will use the words "POISON GAS' and "CAUTION" with a strong color contrast.

D. Protective breathing equipment will be located in the dog house and at briefing areas as seen in the attached diagram.

# 2. WELL CONTROL SYSTEMS

#### A. Blowout Prevention Equipment

Equipment includes but is not limited to:

- a. pipe rams to accomodate all pipe sizes
- b. blind rams
- c. choke manifold
- d. closing unit

Auxillary equipment added as appropriate includes:

- a. annular preventor
- b. rotating head
- c. mud- gas separator
- d. flare line and means of ignition
- e. remote operated choke

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B. Communication

The rig contractor will be required to have two-way communication capability. Marathon Oil Company will have either land-line or mobile telephone capabilities.

## C. Mud Program

The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to surface. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of H2S scavengers when appropriate will minimize hazards when penetrating H2S bearing zones.

D. Drill Stem Test intervals are as follows:

DST No. 1	ft. to ft.
DST No. 2	ft. to ft.
DST No. 3	ft. to ft.

Drill Stem Testing Safety Rules are attached.

## III. WELL SITE DIAGRAM

A complete well site diagram including the following information is attached.

- 1. Rig orientation
- 2. Terrain
- 3. Briefing areas
- 4. Ingress and egress
- 5. Pits and flare lines
- 6. Caution and danger signs
- 7. Wind indicators and prevailing wind direction

## Exhibit "I"

# Marathon Oil Company

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# SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLAN (SPCC PLAN)

Marathon Oil Company has pollution prevention, good housekeeping, safety and fire prevention policies that are to be followed at all times. All company employees, contractors and subcontract personnel are to observe safe working practices and prevent pollution to the maximum extent possible.

In the event of an emergency, spill, fire, explosion or blowout, personal injuries, property or equipment damage, call MARATHON OIL COMPANY @ 915-559-9339

Prior to drilling, certain measures should be taken:

- 1. Use impervious materials to build the location and the reserve pit.
- 2. Ditch the outline of the rig toward the reserve pit.
- 3. Place sumps on each end of the rig to catch any free oil or debris from entering the reserve pit.
- 4. Keep materials on location to contain or clean up spills (absorbent pads, shovels, etc).
- 5. Make known to Drilling Supervisors a list of spill response contractors available.
- 6. BOP testing shall be performed each time a casing string is set.
- 7. The Drilling contractor is required to have a certified SPCC plan for the Drilling rig.
- 8. Routine inspections of the operations shall be performed to ensure SPCC guidelines are followed.
- 9. Ensure all Marathon personnel are HAZWOPER trained in methods for stopping, controlling, and cleaning up any spills.

Spill control measures to be taken:

- 1. Shut down activities underway, as deemed necessary by the person in charge.
- 2. Determine the source of pollution and stop the discharge, if possible.
- 3. Isolate and contain the discharged materials, if possible.
- 4. Seek guidance from the Southern Region Emergency Action Plan.

## Thirteen Point Surface Use Plan MARATHON OIL COMPANY INDIAN HILLS UNIT # 56 Sec. 21, T-21-S, R-24-E U.L. "M" 453' FSL & 350' FWL

- 1. Existing Roads: Refer to Vicinity Lease Map.
  - a. The proposed well site is staked and the surveyor's plat is attached.
  - b. To reach the location from Carlsbad, New Mexico: Follow Hwy. 285 North of Carlsbad 11 miles. Turn left on (NM)137. Go 6 miles west, Take right Y on Marathon road (401) travel 1.0 miles; turn north on lease road go .25 miles to location. Well stake between the IHU # 33 and IHU # 36
  - c. Existing roads within a one-mile radius (refer to Vicinity Lease Map).
  - d. The existing road will be maintained as necessary to provide access during the drilling operation.
- 2. Planned Access Road: Refer to Vicinity Lease Map.

Access will be by existing State roads and existing lease roads. Construction plans will require blading and rolling the road and pad. The access road enters the drilling pad on the Southwest corner. The drilling location will have a V-door facing East SE.

- 3. <u>Location of Existing Wells</u>: See Vicinity Lease Map.
- 4. Location of Existing and Proposed Production Facilities within a one-mile radius:
  - a. Existing: There are nine oil and gas wells operated by Marathon within a one-mile radius of the proposed location. These locations have production facilities including separators, condensate, oil, water storage tanks. Marathon operates a variety of dehydrators, meter runs, and several gathering lines in the one-mile radius.
- New Facilities: No new facilities will be needed. Using existing facility.
  - c. Rehabilitation of disturbed areas no longer needed for operations will be accomplished by grading, leveling and seeding as recommended.
- 5. Location and Type of Water Supply:
  - a. <u>Source</u>: Indian Basin Gas Plant, NE/4 Sec. 23, T-21-S, R-23-E.
  - b. The water will be transported by a trucking contractor and via temporary lines laid along the existing row's and roads. No new construction will be required on/along the water route.
  - c. No water well will be drilled on this location.

#### 6. <u>Source of Construction Materials</u>:

a. Construction materials may be obtained from the construction site.

- b. If production is obtained, native materials will be used on the location and for installation of production facilities.
- c. On-site inspection may dictate any changes in location construction.

#### 7. <u>Methods of Handling Waste Material Disposal</u>:

- a. Cuttings will be deposited in the reserve pit.
- b. Drilling fluids contained in reserve pit and allowed to evaporate. Free water will be removed and transported to an approved disposal site to accelerate pit drying.
- c. Produced fluids none anticipated.
- d. A portable chemical toilet will be provided.
- e. Garbage and other waste material garbage and trash will be stored in a receptacle on location and periodically hauled to an approved sanitary landfill.
- f. After the rig moves out, all materials not necessary for operations will be removed. Pits will be backfilled and leveled. The location will be cleaned of all trash and debris.
- 8. <u>Ancillary Facilities</u>: Camp facilities will not be required. Portable trailers will be on location to house a company drilling foreman and contract tool pusher.

#### 9. <u>Well site Layout:</u>

- a. The well pad layout shows the drill site layout as staked. Topsoil will be stockpiled per specifications.
- b. The reserve pit will be fenced on three sides before drilling begins. The fourth side will be fenced when the drilling rig leaves location.
- c. The reserve pit will be lined (8 mil material).

#### 10. <u>Plans for Restoration of the Surface:</u>

- a. Backfilling, leveling, and contouring are planned as soon as all pits have dried. Waste disposal and spoiled materials will be hauled away immediately after drilling is completed. If production is obtained, the unused area will be restored as soon as possible.
- b. The soil banked material will be spread over the area. Re-vegetation will be accomplished by planting mixed grasses as per formula provided by the BLM. Re-vegetation is recommended for road area, as well as around the drill pad.

- c. The reserve pit will be fenced during drilling operations. Fencing will be maintained until leveling and cleanup are accomplished.
- d. If any oil is in the pits and is not immediately removed after operations cease, the pit containing the oil or other adverse substances will be flagged overhead or covered with mesh.
- e. The rehabilitation operations will begin after the completion rig is removed. Removal of oil or other adverse substances will begin immediately or area will be flagged and fenced. Other cleanup will be done as needed. Planting and re-vegetation will be done between July 15 and September 15.
- f. All efforts will be made to minimize surface disturbances .

#### 11. Other Information:

- a. There are no significant archaeological or cultural sites visible in the area of disturbance. A cultural resource survey was performed by Archaeological Consultants Inc. of Roswell.
- b. General topography: Shown on Vicinity Lease Map. The terrain at the well site is gently rolling hills. Vegetation is primarily sage brush and natural grasses.
- c. Animal life: Prairie dogs, domestic livestock, rabbits and native rodents and predators.
- d. Dwellings (nearest): Approximately 1 miles.
- e. General location: Approximately 15 miles Northwest of Carlsbad, New Mexico.
- f. Drainage: Internal
- g. Surface Owner: The surface is owned by the Bureau of Land Management.
- h. Due to proximity of the location and nearby drainage, Marathon will make every effort to minimize surface disturbance. Please see the location pad and reserve pit dimensions..
- 12. <u>Operator Representatives</u>: Tom Laylock Drilling, Completion, & Workover Superintendent P. O. Box 552 Midland, TX 79702 800/351-1417 915/687-8344 (Direct Line)

13. <u>Certification</u>:

I hereby certify that I, or someone under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions that presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by MARATHON OIL COMPANY and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

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Date

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Tom Laylock

## DRILLING PROGRAM MARATHON OIL COMPANY INDIAN HILLS UNIT # 56

#### 1. Estimated KB Elevation: 3683' KB G.L. 3667' Rig Floor 16'

	TOP-		BASE		FLUID
FORMATION	MEASURED	SUBSEA	MEASURED	SUBSEA	CONTENT
Queen	Surface	+3683'	705'	+2978	
San Andres	705'	+2978'	2375'	+1308'	water
Glorietta	2375'	+1308'	2535'	+1150'	
Yeso	2535'	+1150'	6720'	-3087'	
Bone Spring	6720'	+3087'	6782'	-3099'	oil gas
Wolfcamp	6782'	-3099'	7504'	-3821'	oil gas
Cisco	7504'.	-3821'	7685'	-4002'	
U. Penn	7685'	-4002'	8385	-4702'	gas, oil, water
	EST SBHI			SIGNIFICAN	
FORMATION	PSIG PPG	EMW DEC	<u>Sf PPM</u>	<u>(obj, marker, e</u>	<u>tc.)</u>
Bone Springs	1210 8.5		500	marker	
Wolfcamp	1680 9.0		5000	marker	
B/Permian Shale	1810 9.0			marker	
U. Penn	2050 9.0		500	objective pay	

#### 2. See (1) above.

If any unexpected water or mineral bearing zones are encountered, they will be reported, evaluated, and protected as circumstances and regulations require.

#### 3. Pressure Control Equipment:

<u>9-5/8" Surface / 7" Intermediate</u> 11" 3M annular tested to 300 PSI/3000 PSI, 11" 3M dual rams, choke manifold and mud cross, tested to 300 PSI/3000 PSI.

Auxiliary Equipment:

Surface Hole: Annular or rotating head w/air rig.

Intermediate Hole: N/A

Production Hole: Flow indicator, PVT, H<sub>2</sub>S Sensors, air packs, stroke counter, rotating head.

BOP systems will be consistent with API RP 53. Blowout preventers will be installed and tested prior to drilling the surface casing plug and will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. Preventers will be inspected and operated at least daily to ensure good mechanical working order, and this inspection recorded on the daily drilling report. Preventers and casing will be pressure tested before drilling casing

cement plugs. Upper and lower kelly cocks with valve handle ,safety valve and subs to fit all drill string connections in use will be available on rig floor.

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## Test Frequency

- 1. When installed.
- 2. Anytime a pressure seal is broken (test confined only to affected equipment).
- 3. At least every 20 days.
- 4. Blind and pipe rams shall be activated each trip but not more than once/day.

### 4. Casing and Cement Program:

DEPT <u>FROM</u>	H <u>TO</u>	SECTION LENGTH	HOLE <u>SIZE</u>	CSG <u>SIZE</u>	WT. <u>PPF</u>	GRADE	THREADS	NEW USED
0	1200'	1200'	12.25"	9-5/8"	36#	K-55	8rd, STC	New
0	4800'	4800'	8.75"	7-0"	23#	K-55	8rd, LT&C	New
4800'	8385'	3585'	8.75"	7-0"	26#	K-55	8rd LT&C	New

Casing <u>String</u>	DV <u>Depth</u>	<u>Stg.</u>	Lead <u>Tail</u>	Amt <u>SXS</u>	Type <u>Cement</u>	Yield <u>CF/SX</u>	Wt. <u>PPG.</u>	<u>TOC</u>	Additives
9-5/8"	none	1	L	240	Class H Foamed	1.84	14.8	100'	N2
9-5/8"			т	150	Mod "H"	1.32	14.8	960'	.4% CFR, 5 PPS Gilsonite
7"		1	L	840	"H" Foamed N2	2.47	11.9	5800'	N2
7"		1	т	100	Super "H"	1.32	14.8	6300'	1-pps salt, 5-pps gilsonite 4% gel,1/4 pps cello
7"		2	L	340	Interfill "C"	1.44	11.9	7800'	.25pps Flocele,3.0 pps gilsonite
7"		2	Т	100	Premium	1.3	2 14.8	Surface	

Each stage will be preceded by an appropriate mud flush. Actual production hole volumes will be based on the caliper volume plus 50% excess.

#### Centralizer Program:

9 5/8" Conventional centralizers. Middle of shoe joint then every other joint. To surface.

7" Conventional centralizers Middle of shoe joint then every other joint to DV collar, 1-above& 1-below DV collar

## 5. Mud Program

DEP1	Г <b>Н</b>		WEIGH	т	WL		VISUAL
FROM	TO	MUD TYPE	(PPG)	VIS	<u>CC</u>	ADDITIVES	MONTR.
0	1200'	fresh water	8.3	28	N/A	Gel, Lime	Reserve
1200'	5000'	fresh	8.5	28-32	N/C	Gel, caustic, H,S Scavenger	Reserve
5000'	7000'	fresh	8.9	32-36	N/C	Gel, caustic, H,S Scavenger	Reserve
7000'	8385'	cut brine	9.0	32-36	<20	Gel, caustic, H,S Scavenger	Steel Pits

Sufficient quantities of additives will be on location to maintain above mud properties for any anticipated well conditions.

#### 6. Logging, Testing & Coring Programs:

LOG/TEST/CORE/MUDLOG/OTHER	INTEI <u>FROM</u>	RVAL- _ <u>TO</u>	REMARKS
DLL/MSFL/GR/CNL/LDT/CAL	TD	5000'	
LDT/CNL/GR/CAL	TD	surf. casing	
MUD LOGGER	6000'	TD	ROP, Lithology, Gas Analysis, Chromatograph
NO CORES OR DST'S			

7. <u>Abnormal Pressures, Temperatures or Potential Hazards:</u>

None anticipated. Possible  $H_2S$  in Cisco & Upper Penn. See  $H_2S$  Drilling Operations Plan.

8. <u>Other Information</u>:

Anticipated Starting Date: July 2003

Duration of Well: drilling – 25 days, completion - 10 days.

Marathon Oil Company INDIAN HILLS UNIT GAS COM #56

> slot #1 INDIAN BASIN Eddy County New Mexico

#### PROPOSAL LISTING

by Baker Hughes INTEQ

Your ref : P0 2DJ SMILL Our ref : prop3872 License :

Date printed : 4-Jun-2003 Date created : 4-Jun-2003 Last revised : 4-Jun-2003

Field is centred on n32 30 0.000,w104 30 0 Structure is centred on 445521.600,530701.100,999.00000,N

Slot location is n32 27 31.989,w104 30 35.850 Slot Grid coordinates are N 530701.100, E 445521.600 Slot local coordinates are 0.00 N 0.00 E

Projection type: mercator - New Mexico East (3001), Spheroid: Clarke - 1866

Reference North is Grid North

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2085.59	14.64	247.36	2079.23	28.645	68.67W	2.50	74.41	445452.93	530672.46	
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179'FNL 1707'FEL Rectangular Coordinates

All data in feet unless otherwise stated. Calculation uses minimum curvature method. Coordinates from slot #1 and TVD from rotary table. Bottom hole distance is 1642.97 on azimuth 247.36 degrees from wellhead. Vertical section is from N 0.00 E 0.00 on azimuth 247.36 degrees. Grid is mercator - New Mexico East (3001). Grid coordinates in FEET and computed using the Clarke - 1866 spheroid Presented by Baker Hughes INTEQ

Marathon Oil Company INDIAN HILLS UNIT GAS COM #56,slot #1 INDIAN BASIN,Eddy County New Mexico PROPOSAL LISTING Page 2 Your ref : P0 2DJ SMILL Last revised : 4-Jun-2003

	MD	TVD	Rectangular		Comments in wellpath ====================================		
	7456.73	7276.00	551.10S	1321.60W	UPPER PENN TOP		
Targets associated with this wellpath							

Target name	Geographic Location	T.V.D.	Rectangular Coordinates	Revised
 UPPER PENN TOP	444200.000,530150.000,0.00000	7276.00	551.10S 1321.60W	4-Jun-2003

Indian Hills Unit # 56



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July 16, 2003

Marathon Oil Company P. O. Box 552 Midland, Texas 79702-0552

Attention: Steve Millican SFMillican@MarathonOil.com

Administrative Order NSL-4918 (BHL) (SD)

Dear Mr. Millican:

Reference is made to the following: (i) your application filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") on June 10, 2003 (*administrative application reference No. pKRV0-316332201*); and (ii) the Division's records in Santa Fe: all concerning Marathon Oil Company's ("Marathon") request for an exception to Rule 2 (b) of the "Special Rules and Regulations for the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool", as promulgated by New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") Order Nos. R-9922, R-9922-A, R-9922-B, R-9922-C, R-9922-D, and R-9922-E and the "General Rules and Regulations for the Associated Oil and Gas Pools of Northwest New Mexico and Southeast New Mexico," as promulgated by Division Order No. R-5353, as amended, for its proposed Indian Hills Unit Gas Com. Well No. 56 to be drilled as an upper Pennsylvanian infill well to an unorthodox subsurface location within an existing standard 337.95-acre stand-up spacing and proration unit comprising Lots 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, and 14 and the E/2 NE/4 (E/2 equivalent) of Irregular Section 29, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool (33685), Eddy County, New Mexico.

This unit is currently simultaneously dedicated to Marathon's:

(i) Indian Hills Unit Well No. 14 (API No. 30-015-30624), located at a standard 2300 feet from the South line and 2000 feet from the East line (Lot 8/Unit J) of Irregular Section 29;

(ii) Indian Hills Unit Well No. 27 (API No. 30-015-31406), located on the surface 503 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the West line (Lot 2/Unit C) of Irregular Section 29, and completed within the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool (33685) at a bottomhole location that is 1313 feet from the North line and 1332 feet from the East line (Lot 1/Unit B) of Irregular Section 29; and

(iii) Indian Hills Unit Gas Com. Well No. 47 (API No. 30-015-32536), located on the surface 2316 feet from the South line and 2004 feet from the East line (Lot 8/Unit J) of Irregular Section 29, and completed within the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool (33685) at a standard sub-surface location within the SE/4 SE/4 equivalent (Lot 14/Unit P) of Irregular Section 29. It is our understanding the proposed Indian Hills Unit Gas Com. Well No. 56, because of topographic reasons, will be spud at a surface location 453 feet from the South line and 350 feet from the West line (Unit M) of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico, and drilled directionally to the west-southwest to a targeted-bottomhole location at an approximate depth of 8,084 feet (TVD) 179 feet from the North line and 1207 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Irregular Section 29. The wellbore is to intersect the top of the Upper-Pennsylvanian interval at an approximate depth of 7,276 feet (TVD) 99 feet from the North line and 1013 feet from the East line (Unit A) of Irregular Section 29. The proposed well will be unorthodox in that the entire producing interval will be closer then the standard setback distance of 660 feet from the North line of Irregular Section 29. Further, this bottom-hole location has been chosen by Marathon to optimize reservoir drainage and minimize geological risk.

This application has been duly filed under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F and Rule 2 (c) of the Division's associated pool rules.

By the authority granted me under the provisions of Division Rule 104.F (2) and the applicable provisions of the special rules governing the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool, the above-described unorthodox sub-surface location for the Indian Hills Unit Gas Com. Well No. 56 within the E/2 equivalent of Irregular Section 29, is hereby approved.

Further, the aforementioned well and spacing unit will be subject to all existing rules, regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool.

Marathon is hereby authorized to simultaneously dedicate production attributed to the Indian Basin-Upper Pennsylvanian Associated Pool from the aforementioned Indian Hills Unit Wells No. 14 and 27 and Indian Hills Unit Gas Com. Wells No. 47 and 56. Furthermore, Marathon is permitted to produce the allowable assigned the subject 337.95-acre spacing and proration unit from all four wells in any proportion.

Jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Lori Wrotenbery Director

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cc: New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia U. S. Bureau of Land Management – Carlsbad