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March 17, 2026

Xcel Energy
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Greetings Mark Lytal,

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") is in receipt of your request dated February 27, 2026, and provided via email on March 3, 2026, in which Xcel Energy is requesting authority to remove the plugged hole markers from two plugged wells:

PERSEUS 26 STATE No. 001 (API No.30-025-31473)
Surface Location: SW/4 NE/4 of Sec 26-T17S-R36E
GPS: 32.807715, -103.322996

STATE G No. 001 (API No. 30-025-03950)
Surface Location: NW/4 NE/4 of Sec 26-T17S-R36E
GPS: 32.811492, -103.322956

The OCD's understanding is that the removal of the plugged hole markers will facilitate the construction and maintenance of a solar facility that Xcel Energy is constructing and operating.

The OCD grants Xcel Energy authorization to remove the plugged hole markers from the two plugged wells provided:

1. Xcel Energy shall allow access to the sites and for operations as is necessary to remediate the wells should they leak in the future; and
2. Xcel Energy shall install a below-ground marker for each well. Each below-ground marker shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. The marker shall consist of a steel plate welded onto the well's surface casing or conductor pipe.
 - b. The marker shall be at least three feet below the ground surface.

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- c. The marker shall be of sufficient size to legibly contain the following information which shall be stenciled into the steel or welded onto the steel plate's surface:
- i. property name (well name);
 - ii. well number;
 - iii. operator's name;
 - iv. location by footage, quarter-quarter, section, township, and range (or unit letter can be substituted for the quarter-quarter); and
 - v. API number.

If you have any questions about this approval, please feel free to contact Justin Wrinkle via email at justin.wrinkle@emnrd.nm.gov and ocd.engineer@emnrd.nm.gov.

Regards,



Justin Wrinkle
Engineering Bureau Chief

From: [McClure, Dean, EMNRD](#) on behalf of [Engineer, OCD, EMNRD](#)
To: [Hill, Patty](#); [Engineer, OCD, EMNRD](#)
Cc: [Wrinkle, Justin, EMNRD](#); [Cordero, Gilbert, EMNRD](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW: Plugged oil well marker removal request
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 8:48:17 AM
Attachments: [Remove PA Marker Xcel 2026 03 17 V2.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Patty Hill,

Please see the attached approval of Xcel Energy's request to remove 2 plugged well markers.

Dean McClure
Petroleum Engineer, Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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From: Hill, Patty <Patty.Hill@XCELENERGY.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Engineer, OCD, EMNRD <OCD.Engineer@emnrd.nm.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Plugged oil well marker removal request

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Subject: Plugged oil well marker removal request

Dear EMNRD Engineering Team,

Attached is our official request for removal of the plugged oil well markers. Please reply back as acknowledgment of receipt. Also, if you could give me an idea of how long the review/approval will take, I'd sure appreciate it.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for all your help in resolving this matter.

PATTY HILL

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CONDITIONS

Action 564126

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Operator: MARALO LLC P.O. Box 832 Midland, TX 79702	OGRID: 14007
	Action Number: 564126
	Action Type: [IM-SD] Well File Support Doc (ENG) (IM-AWF)

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Created By	Condition	Condition Date
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