



Capital Projects  
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April 20, 2026

Dean McClure, P.E.  
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Oil Conservation Division  
OCD.Engineer@emnrd.nm.gov

Dear Mr. McClure,

Xcel Energy submits the following report documenting completed work for the approved removal of well markers for API No. 30-025-31473 and 30-025-03950 for your records.

Please feel free to contact me at ([patty.hill@xcelenergy.com](mailto:patty.hill@xcelenergy.com)) or (806-638-9987) if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patty Hill'.

Patty Hill  
Environmental Analyst  
Xcel Energy

cc via email:

Brandon Powell, Deputy Director, EMNRD  
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Kelvin Gryder, Cunningham Solar, Site Manager, Xcel Energy

## Removal & Replating of Well Markers – Cunningham 2 Solar Project

Abandoned & Plugged Oil Well – Marker Post Removal and Subsurface Re-Plating

### 1. General Information

**Project Name** – Cunningham 2 Solar Project

**General Contractor** – MA Mortenson Construction (MAM)

**Work Performed by** – Wild West Services, LLC.

**Testing Agency (backfill)** – Braun Intertec

**Owner Company** – Xcel Energy

#### Well Information #1:

MARALO INC.

PERSIUS 26 ST. 001

SW/4 NE/4

SEC 26-T17S-R36E

32.807715, -103.322996

API 30-025-31473

2/9/93

#### Well Information #2:

MARALO INC.

STATE G 001

NW/4 NE/4

SEC 26-T17S-R36E

32.811492, -103.322956

API 30-025-03950

9/13/57

### 2. Scope of Work

- i. Installation of a below-ground well 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 casting or conductor pipe.
  - b. The marker shall be at least three feet below the ground surface.
- ii. The marker shall be of sufficient size to legibly contain the following information which shall be stenciled into the still or welded onto the steel plate's surface:
  - a. Property name (well name)
  - b. Well number
  - c. Operator's name

- d. Location by footage, quarter-quarter, section, township, and range (or unit letter can be substituted for the quarter-quarter)
- e. API number
- iii. Photo documentation of the plates and the depth at which they rest below-surface.

### 3. Site Conditions

- Moderate wind with partially cloudy sky
- No activities near PERSIUS well marker
- MAM Conduit activities in close proximity to MARALO INC. well marker
  - All MAM TMs made aware of task being performed and emergency countermeasures.
- No concern regarding felling well marker
- Surrounding soil saturated with water as countermeasure to stay sparks.

### 4. Work Performed

- i. For each of the two well markers, an area of 4' in depth and sufficient workspace, with the required 4:1 minimum slope and an ingress/egress is to be excavated around for ease of access with a berm at a distance of 3-5' from edge of excavation.
  - a. A Dig Permit must be filled out and closed out properly for the day(s) in which this work is performed, and a pre-task planning card (PTPC) must also accompany the dig permit to ensure all personnel in the area are aware of the work being performed and any hazards/countermeasures associated with this task.
- ii. Remove excess debris from the well marker and surface casting or conductor pipe.
- iii. MAM PE, Xcel Reps and Wild West Services Team Member (TM) to verify correct plate to be welded on each of the two Well Markers.
- iv. A stringline at the existing subgrade elevation will be placed across the excavation; contractor will mark the desired cut at a 3' minimum below surface.
- v. Wild West Services TM will review JSA with all personnel in the work area and record signatures, acknowledging their understanding of the hazards associated with the work being performed.
- vi. Once the mark is confirmed to be at or exceeding the 3' minimum requirement from native subgrade elevation, the steel well marker post will be torch-cut.
  - a. Prior to the start of work, the Mortenson Project Engineer (PE) will ensure that the necessary dig and hot work permits are filled out.
    - i. Work is to be discussed with all operating groups and customer representatives during Plan of the Day meeting.

- b. PE will ensure equipment used by Wild West Services' TM is safe to use and meets Mortenson Safety Standards.
  - c. Firewatch/water truck driver is to be appointed by Foreman, Project Engineer (PE) will serve as supplemental Firewatch with an inspected fire extinguisher on-hand.
  - d. PE will ensure Wild West Services TM is performing work safely with a full understanding of the Site Emergency Response Procedure in the event of an incident.
  - e. PE to notify Safety Engineers, Civil Foreperson and Customer Managers and Solar Site Leadership as work begins/ends.
- vii. Water truck driver will saturate a minimum of 50' around the work area and will continue spraying water in the surrounding area throughout the duration of the activity.
  - viii. PE will fill out and review PTPC with all personnel in the vicinity and record signatures, acknowledging their understanding of the task.
  - ix. Following the removal of the Well Marker, MAM PE and Xcel Representative will verify the cut is at 3'+ below initial ground elevation.
  - x. Well surface casing or conductor pipe will be completely sealed shut to ensure EMNRD requirements are met prior to welding on the information plate.
  - xi. Following the completion of the Well Marker removal and Information Plate welding, excavated "work area" will be inspected to ensure no debris, tools, etc. are left behind.
  - xii. MAM TMs will backfill excavated area while compacting and moisture-conditioning soil.
    - a. Testing is to be performed by Braun Tester to ensure proper compaction is met throughout backfilling activities.

PE responsible for taking photo-documentation for each step of this task for turnover to Xcel Environmental representative.

**5. Photos and Attachments:**

**Site Area:**

- Well #1:



- Well #2:



**Work Area:**

- **Well #1:**



- **Well #2:**



**Cut Depth Verification:**

- Well #1:



**Cut Depth Verification (cont.):**

**Well #2:**



**Information Plate:**

- Well #1:



- Well #2:



**Backfilling:**

- Well #1:



- Well #2:



## 6. Certification

I hereby certify that the above work was performed in accordance with applicable regulations and project requirements.

Prepared by:

Alejandro Uribe

Title:

Project Engineer

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alejandro Uribe', written over a horizontal line.

Date & Time of Work Performed:

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 08:00-13:00 (MST)

**From:** [McClure, Dean, EMNRD](#) on behalf of [Engineer, OCD, EMNRD](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Documentation for plugged well marker removal  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026 3:44:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Patty,

The Division will grant an exemption from the requirement that the footage be included on the below ground plugged hole markers and approves of the performed work. A copy of your report and this email acknowledging this exemption and approval will be uploaded to the well file for each of the wells.

Dean McClure  
Petroleum Engineer, Oil Conservation Division  
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Dean,

Attached is the report to ensure we are compliant with the removal authorization for wells 30-025-31473 and 30-025-03950. Please reply back to this email as acknowledgement of receipt. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,  
**PATTY HILL**  
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Action 580418

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Operator: MARALO LLC P.O. Box 832 Midland, TX 79702	OGRID: 14007
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**COMMENTS**

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dmcclure	Xcel is exempted from the requirement to include the footage on the below ground plugged hole markers.	4/29/2026

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