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OIL CONSERVATION DIV.

Oil Conservation Division  
2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
Attn: Mr. Michael E. Stogner

Re: **NOTICE OF OBJECTION:**  
*Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.'s  
Sage Brush "24" Federal Well No. 1  
Unit A, Section 24, T19S, R33E, NMPM,  
Administrative Application to NMOCD  
for Approval of Unorthodox Gas Well  
Location, Lea County, New Mexico*

Case 12211

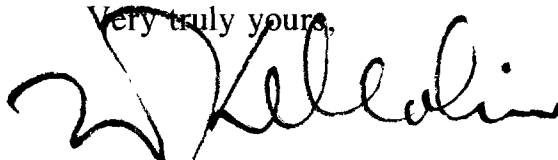
Dear Mr. Stogner:

By letter dated May 20, 1999, Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. sent notification to the offsetting operators of the referenced request.

On behalf of Matador Petroleum Corporation, as an offsetting interest owner in Section 18, we hereby object to the referenced application by Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for an unorthodox gas well location described in its administrative application to the Division.

We request that this matter be set for hearing and that Matador Petroleum Corporation be provided notification of the hearing in accordance with Division notice rules.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

cc: William F. Carr, Esq.  
Attorney for Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C.  
cc: Matador Petroleum Corporation  
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