

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE PROVIDED BY
NEARBURG EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C.
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING
NE/4 SE/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST,
N.M.P.M. LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Mr. Bane Bigbie
Red Oak Cattle Company
P.O. Box 998
Ardmore, OK 73402

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Sealy H. Cavin, Inc.
504 N. Wyoming Ave.
Roswell, NM 88201

EOG Resources, Inc.
P.O. Box 2267
Midland, TX 79702
ATTN: Patrick J. Tower

Manzano Oil Corporation
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July 19, 2000

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

TO ALL AFFECTED PARTIES:

Re: Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to advise you that Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. has filed the enclosed application with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division seeking the compulsory pooling of certain spacing and proration units in the NE/4 SE/4 of Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 33 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. Said units will be dedicated to Nearburg's proposed Panama "13" Well No. 2 which it proposes to drill at a standard location 1650 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the East line of said Section 13 to test all formations from the surface to the base of the Bone Spring formation.

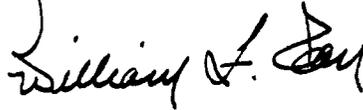
This application has been set for hearing before a Division Examiner on August 10, 2000. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by this application, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

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Parties appearing in cases are required by Division Rule 1208.B to file a Prehearing Statement three days in advance of a scheduled hearing. This statement must include: the names of the parties and their attorneys; a concise statement of the case; the names of all witnesses the party will call to testify at the hearing; the approximate time the party will need to present its case; and identification of any procedural matters that are to be resolved prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William F. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William F. Carr
Attorney for Nearburg Exploration and
Production Company, L.L.C.

WFC/md

Enclosures

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 P.O. Box 998
 Ardmore, OK 73402

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1. Article Addressed to:
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 Red Oak Cattle Company
 P.O. Box 998
 Ardmore, OK 73402

ACTION ON DELIVERY

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C. Signature
 Annice Boler Agent
 Addressee

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DINA VILLA 7-21-00

C. Signature
 Dina Villa Agent
 Addressee

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 If YES, enter delivery address below: No

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EOG Resources, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2267
 Midland, TX 79702
 ATTN: Patrick J. Tower

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 Patrick J. Tower Agent
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Manzano Oil Corporation
P.O. Box 2107
Roswell, NM 88201

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C. Signature J. Alsup Agent Addressee
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
If YES, enter delivery address below:
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Roswell, NM 88202

SECTION ON DELIVERY

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C. Signature Barbara J. Welsh Agent Addressee
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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PS Form 3811, July 1999 Domestic Return Receipt 102595-99-M-1799

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Williamson Enterprises
216 W. 3rd Street
Roswell, NM 88201

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

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Williamson Enterprises
216 W. 3rd Street
Roswell, NM 88201

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) DL B. Date of Delivery
C. Signature Vanda Agent Addressee
D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
If YES, enter delivery address below:
3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.
4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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Article Sent To: _____

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Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required) 1.25

Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required) _____

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 Midland, TX 79701

SENDER: C

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 414 W. Texas, Suite 405
 Midland, TX 79701

SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) _____ B. Date of Delivery 7/26/99

C. Signature Wanda Huntington Agent Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
 If YES, enter delivery address below: _____

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 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number (Copy from service label) 7099 3400 0007 7003 7534

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7099 3400 0007 7003 7541

Article Sent To: _____

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1. Article Addressed to:

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 P.O. Box 1498
 Roswell, NM 88202

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) _____ B. Date of Delivery _____

C. Signature Harold Reynolds Agent Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
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Harold Kious
 320 Gold Ave., SW, #1210
 Albuquerque, NM 87102-3248

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A. Received by (Please Print Clearly) MIKE KIOUS B. Date of Delivery _____

C. Signature Mike Kious Agent Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
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