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**HAND DELIVERED**

Mr. Lori Wrotenbery, Director  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Application of Marathon Oil Company for  
an order vacating Division Administrative  
Order SWD-852 and staying Yates Petroleum  
Corporation from recompleting and operating  
a salt-water disposal well, Eddy County, New Mexico

*Case 12991*

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, please find enclosed our application for a hearing to be scheduled on the Division Examiner's docket for January 23, 2002.

Very truly yours,

  
W. Thomas Kellahin

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