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March 12, 1980

Director, Oil Conservation Division
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Lea Unit Deep Well No. 12
Federal Lease No. NM-053434

Dear Sir:

Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests approval for an unorthodox location for the above referenced well located at:

1980' FNL & 990' FEL
Sec. 13, T-20S, R-34E
Lea County, New Mexico

This well was drilled as an Ellenburger wildcat, at an orthodox location; T.D. of 16,553' was reached February 2, 1980. Subsequent logging showed no Ellenburger pay, the well has been plugged back to 14,388'. Devonian pay has been found through perforations at 14,345' - 351'.

As seen on the accompanying plat, this well is located within the boundaries of the Marathon operated Lea Unit, so there are no offset operators.

We also request approval for simultaneous dedication between Lea Unit Well No. 9 and the referenced well. The attached C102 shows the dedication in question.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ralph M. DePauw'.

Ralph M. DePauw
Production Engineer

RMD:lbp

Enclosures (2)

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

Form C-11
Supersede
Effective

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

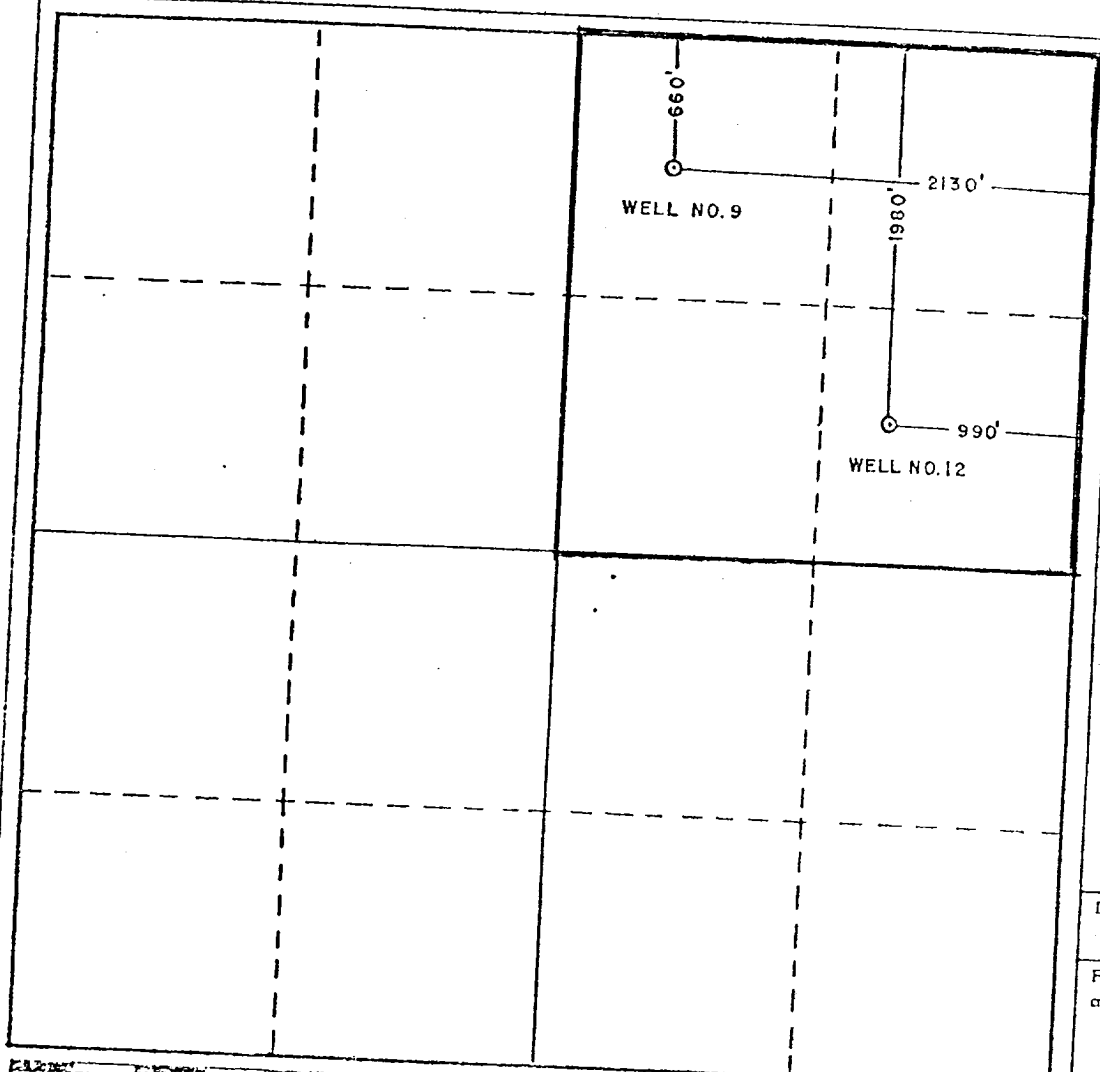
Operator Marathon Oil Company			Lease Lea Unit			Well No. 12
Unit Letter H	Section 13	Township 20 South	Range 34 East	County Lea		
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1980 feet from the North line and 990 feet from the East line						
Ground Level Elev. 3661.7	Producing Formation Devonian		Pool Lea Devonian		Dedicated Acreage: 160	

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to work interest and royalty).
3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc?

Yes No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation Unitization Agreement

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side this form if necessary.)

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ralph M. DePauw
Name

Ralph M. DePauw
Position

Ass. Petroleum Engineer
Company

Marathon Oil Company
Date

March 12, 1980

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed

Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor

Patrick A. Romero

Certificate No. **JOHN W. WEST 678**
PATRICK A. ROMERO 6883
Ronald J. Eidson 3239

