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State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division – District 1  
1625 N. French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240

Re: Request for Oil Allowable Exception  
Cotton Draw 9L Federal #4H – 30025-43836  
Lea County, NM

Dear Sir:

Cimarex Energy Co. respectfully requests an exception to NMOCD Rule 19.50.20.9 regarding oil allowable. Cimarex requests permission to produce the project area assigned to Cotton Draw 9L Federal #4H well above top depth bracket allowable to allow greater load recovery during flowback after frac stimulation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terri Stathem", is written over a large, loopy blue oval that serves as a placeholder or part of the signature.

Terri Stathem  
Manager, Regulatory Compliance  
432-620-1936