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From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 11:25 AM
To: Peacock, Paul
Cc: Price, Wayne, EMNRD; 'Persaud, Terry'
Subject: AP-11 Termination Plugging Report Approval

**RE: "Groundwater Monitoring Well Plugging Report"
for the Marathon Company's
Former Bertha Barber Tank Battery Release Site
Section 5, T20S, R37E, Lea County, New Mexico
Abatement Plan (AP-11) Termination Plugging Report Approval**

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received the groundwater monitoring well plugging report for the Former Bertha Barber Tank Battery Release Site, dated December 16, 2008, and has conducted a review of the report. The report indicates that the Marathon Company has completed the requirements as conditioned in the Abatement Plan (AP-11) Termination approval. Therefore, the OCD hereby approves the report.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

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December 17, 2008

Mr. Wayne Price
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**RE: 2007 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report,
Former Bertha Barber Tank Battery (BBTB) Remediation
Section 5, T20S, R37E, Lea County, NM
Abatement Plan (AP-11) Termination**

Dear Mr. Price:

I appreciate your letter dated October 28, 2008, to Paul Peacock notifying us that the abatement plan (AP-11) was terminated. BBC International, Inc (BBC) was retained by Marathon Oil Company (Marathon) to permanently plug the groundwater monitoring wells. Attached is a report from BBC showing that these wells were plugged on November 17, and 18, 2008.

As required by your letter of October 28, 2008, the attached final plugging report is being submitted within 60 days of receipt of your letter.

On behalf on Marathon, I thank you for your assistance in this matter. I can be reached at (713) 296-3510 or at TCPersaud@MarathonOil.com.

Sincerely,

Terry Persaud, P.E.
Senior HES Professional

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Dear Mr. Price:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, BBC International, Inc. (BBC) was retained to permanently plug and abandon the ground water monitor wells located at the Former Bertha Barber Tank Battery site. The permission to plug and abandon these monitor wells was granted by the NMOCD in a letter from you to Mr. Paul Peacock dated October 28, 2008.

On November 17 and 18, 2008, BBC personnel and ECO/Enviro Drilling, LLC (WD #1626) conducted plugging and abandoning activities at the Former Bertha Barber Tank Battery site. The monitoring well vaults, surface pipe, and concrete pads were removed, and then the wells were plugged from the bottom of the well pipe to the surface with sealing material comprised of cement grout with 3 % bentonite and allowed to cure. The surface was then backfilled with native soils and contoured to grade.

On behalf of Marathon, BBC would like to thank the NMOCD for the approval to terminate this Abatement Plan (AP-11). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr. Terry Persaud of Marathon at (713) 296-3510.

Sincerely,

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President

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cc: Terry Persaud, Marathon Oil Company



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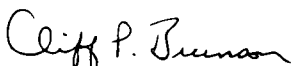
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