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Marathon Oil Company  
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Attn: Mr. Charles E. Kendrix

Surface Commingling  
McDonald State A/C 1 Central Battery  
Sections 15, 16 Township 22 South, Range 36 East  
A-2614-0 and B-1103-2  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kendrix:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 20, 2006 requesting our approval for surface commingling of production from multiple pools and leases underlying Sections 15 & 16 in Township 22 South, Range 36 East. The production will be commingled at the McDonald State A/C 1 Battery located in the SW/4NE/4 of Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 36 East.

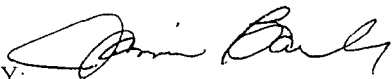
Since it appears that all the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's rules and regulations have been complied with, and there will be no loss of revenue to the State of New Mexico as a result of your proposed operation, your request is hereby approved. Our approval is subject to like approval by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. Please submit a copy of the NMOCD's approval order to this office.

Please also submit a \$30.00 dollar filing fee.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS  
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BY: 

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pc: Reader File, OCD-Attention: David Catanach

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