

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC
FOR APPROVAL OF A PRODUCED WATER DISPOSAL
WELL, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

Case No.: 16468

APPLICATION

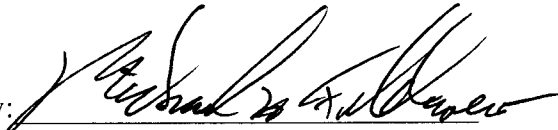
BTA Oil Producers, LLC ("BTA") by and through its undersigned attorneys, applies for an order approving a salt water disposal well. In support of this application, BTA states:

1. In March of 2018, BTA (OGRID 260297) filed an administrative application for authorization to inject produced water into the Devonian formation through its proposed White River SWD Well No. 1 well (API No. 30-015-44813) to be located 940 feet from the North line and 340 feet from the West line (Unit D) in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.
2. BTA seeks authority to inject produced water into the Devonian formation at a depth of 13,729-15,000 feet by an open hole system.
3. Notice of BTA's administrative application was provided by certified mail to the surface owner and all affected operators. Public notice was also provided in a local newspaper.
4. In April BTA was notified by the Division that Marathon Oil Permian LLC Oil Company filed a protest of BTA's application. *See* Email attached hereto. BTA's efforts to discuss this protest with Marathon have not been successful.
5. BTA requests that this matter be set for hearing before a Division Examiner. Notice of the filing of this application has been provided to Marathon by certified mail through its counsel of record.

WHEREFORE, BTA requests that the Division set this matter for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 1, 2018, and that after notice and hearing the Division enter an order approving this proposed injection well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Case No.: 16468 **Application of BTA Oil Producers, LLC for approval of a produced water disposal well, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant seeks an order authorizing the injection of produced water into the Devonian formation through its proposed White River SWD Well No. 1 well (API No. 30-015-44813) to be located 940 feet from the North line and 340 feet from the West line (Unit D) in Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant seeks authority to inject produced water into the Devonian formation at a depth of 13,729-15,000 feet by an open hole system. Said well is located approximately 3 miles West of Loving, New Mexico.

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To: Katy W. Reddell
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Subject: Notification of Protest for Application to Inject - White River SWD No. 1

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RE: White River SWD Well No. 1 (API 30-015-Pending; Admin. Appl. No. pMAM1806557917) Unit D; Sec 29, T23S, R28E, NMPM, Eddy County

Ms. Reddell:

OCD was notified by the marathon Oil Permian LLC Oil Company that they are protesting this application. This party is identified as an affected person for the location being considered for the application. You are being notified that if BTA Oil Producers LLC wishes for this application to be considered, they must either go to hearing or may be reviewed administratively if the protest is withdrawn as a result of a negotiated resolution with this party. The application will be retained pending resolution of the protest. Please continue to provide OCD with information regarding the standing of this application. Please me call with any questions on this matter.

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