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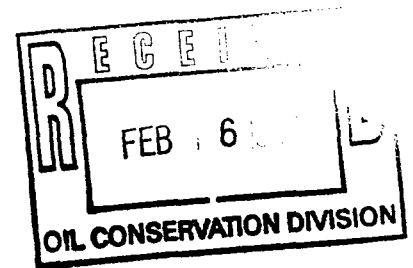
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Mr. David R. Catanach
Hearing Examiner
Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505



Re: *NMOCD Case 11474*
Walter Lynch Well No. 8
Application of Marathon Oil Company for
Unorthodox well Location, Non-Standard
Proration Unit and Simultaneous Dedication,
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, please dismiss the referenced case now set for hearing on the Examiner's docket scheduled for February 22, 1996.

Very truly yours,

W. Thomas Kellahin

via facsimile:

cc: Ernest L. Padilla, Esq.
Attorney for John H. Hendrix Corporation

cc: Marathon Oil Company
Attn: Dow Campbell, Esq.