



**Marathon
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Oil Conservation Division
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Dear Sir:

Marathon Oil Company respectfully requests the change from two stand-up 320 acre proration units to two lay-down 320 acre proration units in section 1, T-21-S, R-23-E for the South Dagger Draw Upper Penn. Associated Pool.

This request will open the possibility of drilling a horizontal well in the north half of the section. In addition, this change will better balance the well density in the respective proration units.

Sincerely,

Thomas M Price
Advanced Eng Tech.

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