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Mr. Michael Stogner
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Matador Operating Company
Brantley Federal 27 Com #1
Surface Location:
547 FNL-1648 FWL
Sec 34, T20S, R26E
Bottom Hole Location:
660 FSL-1500 FWL
Sec 27, T20S, R26E
Eddy County, New Mexico

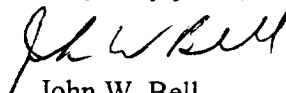
Dear Mr. Stogner:

Matador Operating Company is requesting an exception for a non-standard location for the referenced well.

Because the desired bottom hole location is within the 1/2 mile Brantley Dam restricted area, Matador proposes to drill the well directionally from the proposed surface location as stated above. If this surface location were placed a standard 660' from the north line and 1648' from the west line of section 34, it would be in the middle of the road leading to the main park entrance. To avoid that conflict the location was moved to 547' from the north line of the section. Additionally, Fasken Oil & Ranch has proposed a surface location for a directional well 200' SW of our surface location. Our intent is to minimize surface damage with these adjacent wellsites.

Please let me know if you require any more information or if you need to discuss this further. I may be reached at 214-987-7144.

Very truly yours,


John W. Bell
Drilling Manager

Attachment