



MARATHON OIL COMPANY

PRODUCTION - UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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P. O. Box 2409
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 1980
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

ATTENTION: Mr. J. D. Ramey

Re: Packer Leakage Test
Lea Unit Well No. 10
Unit F, Section 13,
Township 20-South, Range
34-East, Lea County, N.M.

Dear Sir:


The subject well, Marathon's Lea Unit Well No. 10, is a dual Devonian oil/Pennsylvanian gas completion. The Devonian oil zone is artificially lifted by gas lift, while the Penn gas zone is shut in.

In the Lea Unit, Marathon is abandoning uneconomical completions in the dual wells. The Penn gas completion in Well No. 10 is uneconomical; therefore, it is scheduled to be abandoned within approximately 60 days. Upon completion of this work, Well No. 10 will be classified as a single Devonian oil completion.

Due to the above mentioned scheduled work, coupled with the difficulties encountered in rebalancing the Lea Unit gas-lift system after shutting in a gas-lift well, Marathon is requesting that the Lea Unit (dual) Well No. 10 be exempt from the scheduled 1973 packer leakage survey.

Very truly yours,

MARATHON OIL COMPANY


J. W. Younger
Area Engineer

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