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State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-103  
Revised July 18, 2013

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

WELL API NO.  
30-015-01633

5. Indicate Type of Lease  
STATE ☒ FEE ☐

6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.

7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name

**ASTON & FAIR A**

8. Well Number **#001**

9. OGRID Number  
**16696**

10. Pool name or Wildcat  
(51300) RED LAKE; QUEEN-GRAYBURG-SA

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

(DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH PROPOSALS.)

1. Type of Well: Oil Well ☒ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐

2. Name of Operator  
OXY USA INC.

3. Address of Operator  
**5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 110, HOUSTON TX**

4. Well Location

Unit Letter **D** : **330** feet from the **NORTH** line and **330** feet from the **WEST** line  
Section **31** Township **17S** Range **28E** NMPM County **EDDY**

11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)  
**3611'GL**

12. Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:

PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK ☐ PLUG AND ABANDON ☐  
TEMPORARILY ABANDON ☐ CHANGE PLANS ☐  
PULL OR ALTER CASING ☐ MULTIPLE COMPL ☐  
DOWNHOLE COMMINGLE ☐  
CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM ☐  
OTHER: ☐

SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

REMEDIAL WORK ☐ ALTERING CASING ☐  
COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. ☐ P AND A ☒  
CASING/CEMENT JOB ☐  
OTHER: ☐

13. Describe proposed or completed operations. (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work). SEE RULE 19.15.7.14 NMAC. For Multiple Completions: Attach wellbore diagram of proposed completion or recompletion.

This well is plugged. Job start: 9/19/2025. Job complete: 9/25/2025. Well cut and capped 10/17/2025.  
See the attached job summary details and plugged wellbore diagram for reference.

Spud Date:

Rig Release Date:

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE Leslie T. Reeves TITLE REGULATORY MANAGER DATE 1/8/2026

Type or print name LESLIE REEVES E-mail address: LESLIE\_REEVES@OXY.COM PHONE: 713-497-2492

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APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions of Approval (if any):

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**Gerasimos Razatos**, Division Director (Acting)  
Oil Conservation Division



**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Kelley Montgomery  
Director of Regulatory  
OXY USA Inc.  
5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110  
Houston, TX 77046  
Kelley\_Montgomery@oxy.com

**Re: Oil Conservation Division Authorization for OXY USA Inc. to Plug and Abandon Well(s)**

Ms. Montgomery:

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") received your request of November 11, 2024, requesting authorization for OXY USA Inc. ("OXY"), to plug and abandon the following wells:

API	Well Name
30-015-01633	Aston & Fair A #001
30-015-02305	Caroline #001
30-015-02306	Caroline #003
30-015-02307	Caroline #004
30-015-02308	Caroline #005
30-015-02309	Caroline #006
30-015-10184	State #006
30-015-21623	State #007
30-025-21947	Joannie #001
30-025-24718	Joannie #003
30-025-24548	Joannie #004

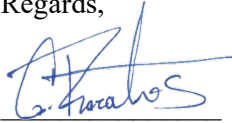
LLJ Ventures, LLC DBA Marker Oil & Gas, ("LLJ") is the registered operator of these wells and OXY is the leaseholder where the well is located. As the leaseholder, OXY may be deemed a responsible operator for purposes of plugging and remediation activities or for indemnification of costs incurred by OCD for such activities.

On October 11, 2024, OCD issued Final Order No. R-23494 ("R-23494"). R-23494 setting forth plugging compliance deadlines to be met by LLJ. That R-23494 and R-23494-A is incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

OCD hereby authorizes OXY to plug and abandon the above-identified well on OCD's behalf pursuant to its authority under R-23494.

Please contact Assistant General Counsel, Christy Treviño at (505)-607-4524 or Christy.Trevino@emnrd.nm.gov , with questions, including the submission of plugging sundries as OCD will not be transferring operatorship to you and will need to place the plugging sundries into the well files.

Regards,



Gerasimos Razatos  
Director (Acting)

4/16/2025

Date

cc: EMNRD-OGC

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

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
PETITIONER

v.

LLJ VENTURES, LLC  
DBA MARKER OIL & GAS  
RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 24801  
ORDER NO. R-23484-A

**NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER**

The Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”), having determined that an error occurred in Order R-23484 in this matter, which requires correction, issues the following *Nunc Pro Tunc* Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Order R-23484, issued October 11, 2024, (“Order”) contains an error the number of wells in paragraph 21 of the Order.
2. Exhibit 8-A is not reflective of the total number of wells OCD requested authorization over.
3. An administrative error was discovered in that Exhibit 8-A was missing a well that was included in the original filings, Exhibit 2-A of the Notice of Violation. API # 30-015-00689 GATES STATE #001 was to be included in the supplemental Exhibit 8-A. Exhibit 2-A was generated on July 24, 2024, showing one hundred and fifty wells. API # 30-015-00689 GATES STATE #001 was plugged on August 12, 2024. Amended exhibits were filed on October 11, 2024, showing one hundred and forty-seven wells. Exhibit 8-A was a regeneration of Exhibit 2-A, which was intended to show the two wells transferred off the inactive well list. However, since API # 30-015-00689 GATES STATE #001 was plugged, not released it was inadvertently removed from the inactive well list report as well.
4. Unbeknownst to OCD API # 30-015-00689 GATES STATE #001, was plugged and certain site inspections still need to be complete to release the well.
5. The number of wells OCD was seeking authorization over was indicated as one hundred and forty-eight throughout the record for Case No. 24801 on page 28 through page 40 of the transcript.

**ORDER**

6. Paragraph 21 of the Order is corrected to read as follows:

“21. Operator shall plug and abandon all remaining non-compliant wells listed in OCD Ex. 2-A no later than 30 days after issuance of this Order.”

7. The corrections are effective *nunc pro tunc* as of the date of the Order.

8. All other provisions of the Order remain in full force and effect.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**



**Gerasimos Razatos  
ACTING DIRECTOR**

**Date:** 12/24/2024

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PETITIONER**

**v.**

**LLJ VENTURES, LLC  
DBA MARKER OIL & GAS,  
RESPONDENT**

**CASE NO. 24801  
ORDER NO. R-23494**

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“Division” or “OCD”) on the Notice of Violation (“NOV”) dated on or about July 23, 2024, issued to LLJ Ventures, LLC DBA Marker Oil & Gas, OGRID #372279 (“Operator”). The Division’s Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 3, 2024. The Director, having considered the testimony and evidence presented, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds, concludes and orders:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Division has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter herein.
2. On or about July 9, 2024, the Division issued the NOV, which alleged three violations:
  - a. Operator allegedly violated 19.15.5.9(A)(4)(a) NMAC. At the time of the NOV, Operator was the registered operator of one hundred and fifty wells in New Mexico. Under 19.15.5.9(A)(4)(a) NMAC, as the operator of 100 wells or less, Operator was not permitted to have more than two inactive wells out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC, which requires inactive wells to be plugged and abandoned or placed into approved temporary abandonment status. At the time of the NOV, Operator had one hundred and fifty inactive

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wells, which were not plugged and abandoned or placed into temporary abandonment status as demonstrated by OCD Ex. 4-A.

- b. Operator allegedly violated 19.15.8.9 NMAC by lacking financial assurance for fifty wells.
- c. Operator allegedly violated 19.15.7.24 NMAC by not filing the required monthly production reports, form C-115, as demonstrated by OCD Ex 4-B. Operator had not submitted a C-115 for any well since at least June 2022.

OCD Ex.4

- 3. Operator transferred two wells, authorized by OCD to another operator. On October 2, 2024, OCD filed updated Inactive Well Report, Financial Assurance Report, and Civil Penalty Calculator to reflect the approved transfer. OCD Ex. 8A-D.
- 4. Based on the approved transfer of two wells, the correct number of inactive wells is one hundred and forty-eight (OCD Ex. 8-A), and the wells lacking sufficient financial assurance is forty-eight. OCD Ex. 8-C.
- 5. The NOV demanded the following relief:
  - a. Operator shall plug and abandon all one hundred and forty-eight wells listed in by a certain date or failing to do so, the Division would assume that duty,
  - b. Operator's financial assurance shall be forfeited,
  - c. Operator's authority to transport from the one hundred and forty-eight registered wells identified in shall be terminated,
  - d. Operator is civilly liable for violations of 19.15.5.9(A)(4)(a), 19.15.8.9 and 19.15.7.24 NMAC in the amount of \$414,000.00.

6. The NOV informed Operator of OCD's informal resolution process, and in the event Operator did not respond to the NOV, that a formal hearing would occur on the October 3, 2024 docket.
7. Operator did not contact the Division during the informal resolution period or provide any evidence that the alleged violations had not occurred. Operator did not file a prehearing statement to enter an appearance or otherwise present evidence pursuant to 19.15.5 NMAC.
8. On August 14, 2024, OCD filed and served the Docketing Notice and formally requested a hearing. Operator did not answer the NOV as contemplated by 19.15.5.10(E)(2)(b) NMAC.
9. The Division provided Operator with notice of the October 3, 2024 hearing as required under 19.15.5.10 NMAC.
10. A hybrid hearing (in-person at Pecos Hall in Santa Fe, NM and virtually through Microsoft Teams) on the NOV was held on October 3, 2024 before a Division Hearing Examiner. Operator did not appear.
11. The Division presented the Affidavits of Nicholas Karns, Compliance Officer and Bond Administrator with the Division's Administrative and Compliance Bureau, and Sara Griego, OCD Law Clerk and corresponding exhibits.
12. The Division provided evidence of notice of the Docketing Statement. OCD Ex. 6.
13. Eight Exhibits were admitted into evidence without objection in support of the NOV.
14. Mr. Karns, who was previously qualified as an expert in administrative compliance before the Division, provided the following evidence in support of the ongoing violations:
  - a. As of October 3, 2024, Operator remained out of compliance with the inactive well requirements of 19.15.5.9(A)(4)(a) NMAC. As of October 1, 2024, Operator had one hundred and forty-eight wells, all of which were



inactive wells that had not been plugged and abandoned or placed in approved temporary abandonment status. OCD Ex. 8-A.

- b. Operator remained out of compliance with 19.15.8.9 NMAC by lacking financial assurance for forty-eight wells. OCD Ex. 8-C.
- c. Operator remained out of compliance with 19.15.7.24 NMAC, because Operator had not filed the required C-115 production reports since June 2022. OCD Ex 4-C.

15. The Oil and Gas Act provides that “[i]n assessing a penalty authorized by this section, the division shall take into account the seriousness of the violation, any good faith efforts to comply with the applicable requirements, any history of noncompliance under the Oil and Gas Act and other relevant factors.” NMSA 1978, §70-2-31(C). OCD provided evidence that the penalties were reasonable and in accordance with the law. OCD Ex. 8-D

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

16. The Division has met its burden to show by a preponderance of evidence that Operator has violated 19.15.5.9(A)(4)(a) NMAC by failing to plug and abandon one hundred and forty-eight inactive wells.
17. Operator has violated 19.15.8.9 NMAC by lacking financial assurance for forty-eight of the subject wells.
18. Operator has violated 19.15.7.24 NMAC by failing to submit the required C-115 forms for all subject wells.
19. The civil penalties calculated by the Division are allowed by law, reasonable under 19.15.5.10(B) NMAC, and are supported by the evidence in the Administrative and Hearing Records.

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**ORDER**

20. Operator's authority to transport from subject wells is hereby suspended until such time as Operator is compliant with this Order and the NM Oil and Gas Act.
21. Operator shall plug and abandon all twelve wells listed in OCD Ex. 8-A no later than 30 days after issuance of this Order.
22. If Operator fails to plug and abandon the subject wells as directed herein, the Division shall be authorized to plug and abandon the wells and to forfeit the financial assurance for the wells. Such plugging activities may include necessary reclamation or remediation work associated with wells that have been partially plugged and abandoned, Operator shall pay the excess cost to plug and abandon the wells no later than 30 days after actual or attempted service of the Division's written demand. If the excess costs to the Division are not received, the Division may seek indemnification.
23. The Division retains jurisdiction of this matter for the entry of such further orders as it may deem necessary.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**



**GERASIMOS RAZATOS  
ACTING DIRECTOR**

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ASTON & FAIR A #001(LLJ VENTURES, LLC) PLUGGED BY OXY.

30-015-01633 PA JOB SUMMARY

09/19/25 PREP PULLING UNIT AND GET PAD READY FOR PA WORK.

09/22/25 MIRU. POOH WITH PUMP AND RODS. NDWH, NUBOP. POOH WITH TUBING. FISH IN HOLE.

09/23/25 CONT'D TO WORKOVER FISH. FISH IN HOLE @ 760'. CONFIRMED WITH LOREN AT NMOCD PLAN FORWARD TO PROCEED WITH PA JOB.

09/24/25 RIH WITH JET CUTTER, CUT @ 770'. RIH AND SET CICR @ 765'. PUMPED 20SX CL C CMT. WOC. RAN CBL TO SURFACE. PSI TESTED CSG TO 1000PSI F/ 30 MIN, GOOD TEST. RIH AND PERF'D @ 750'. UNABLE TO EST RATE. RIH AND PERF'D @ 745'. EST RATE. SQZD 50SX CL C CMT. WOC.

09/25/25 RIH AND TAGGED TOC @ 472'. RIH AND PERF'D @ 350'. EST RATE. SQZD 175SX CL C CMT TO SURFACE. WOC. PUMPED AN ADDITIONAL 25SX CL C CMT TO SURFACE. WOC. VERIFIED CEMENT TO SURFACE. RDMO.

10/17/25 WELL CUT AND CAPPED.















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**FW: [EXTERNAL] Aston and Fair -001 GPS Coordinates**

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**From** Quesada, Johnny (L&C Safety Inc) <Johnny\_Quesada@oxy.com>

**Date** Tue 1/27/2026 10:37 AM

**To** Reeves, Leslie T <Leslie\_Reeves@oxy.com>

**Cc**

Leslie,

Here are the GPS coordinates for the Aston and Fair -001 from Travis's one call book. I hope this will work, please let me know if it does.

Thanks,

Johnny Quesada

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**From:** Johnny Quesada <quesadajq76@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:33 AM

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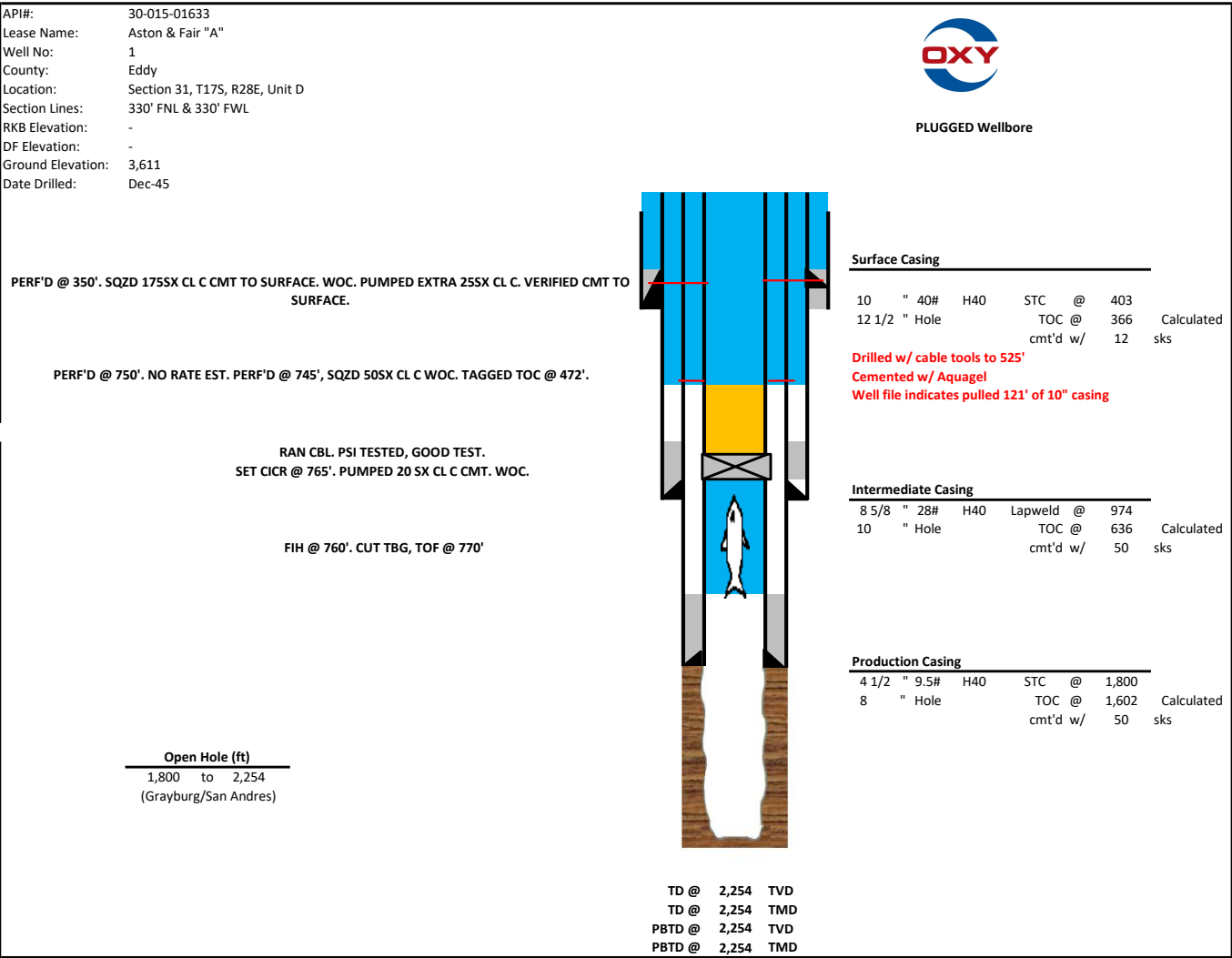
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CONDITIONS

Action 546782

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Operator: OXY USA INC P.O. Box 4294 Houston, TX 772104294	OGRID: 16696
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CONDITIONS

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