

NSL Initial Application

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
 - Geological & Engineering Bureau -
 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

THIS CHECKLIST IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PROCESSING AT THE DIVISION LEVEL IN SANTA FE

Applicant: Matador Production Company **OGRID Number:** 228937
Well Name: Stebbins 19 Fed. No. 227H **API:** 30-015-44171
Pool: Burton Flat East; Upper Wolfcamp **Pool Code:** 98315

SUBMIT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE TYPE OF APPLICATION INDICATED BELOW

1) **TYPE OF APPLICATION:** Check those which apply for [A]

A. Location – Spacing Unit – Simultaneous Dedication

☒ NSL ☐ NSP (PROJECT AREA) ☐ NSP (PRORATION UNIT) ☐ SD

B. Check one only for [I] or [II]

[I] Commingling – Storage – Measurement

☐ DHC ☐ CTB ☐ PLC ☐ PC ☐ OLS ☐ OLM

[II] Injection – Disposal – Pressure Increase – Enhanced Oil Recovery

☐ WFX ☐ PMX ☐ SWD ☐ IPI ☐ EOR ☐ PPR

2) **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO:** Check those which apply.

- A. ☒ Offset operators or lease holders
 B. ☐ Royalty, overriding royalty owners, revenue owners
 C. ☐ Application requires published notice
 D. ☐ Notification and/or concurrent approval by SLO
 E. ☒ Notification and/or concurrent approval by BLM
 F. ☐ Surface owner
 G. ☒ For all of the above, proof of notification or publication is attached, and/or,
 H. ☐ No notice required

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- ☐ Notice Complete
☐ Application Content Complete

3) **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is **accurate** and **complete** to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that **no action** will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be completed by an individual with managerial and/or supervisory capacity.

Kyle Perkins

Print or Type Name

Kyle Perkins
Signature

March 20, 2019

Date

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Operations and Regulatory Counsel

March 20, 2019

Mr. Leonard Lowe
Oil Conservation Division
New Mexico Department of Energy,
Minerals and Natural Resources
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Re: Application of Matador Production Company for administrative approval of unorthodox well location for Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H in the N/2 S/2 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico
Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H

Dear Mr. Lowe,

Matador Production Company ("Matador") (OGRID No. 228937) seeks administrative approval of an unorthodox well location ("NSL") for its Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H (API No. 30-015-44171) to be completed in the newly-established Burton Flat East; Upper Wolfcamp (Pool Code 98315), which is an oil pool, underlying the N/2 S/2 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico (the "N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit"). Following the BLM's approval of a recent sundry on March 5, 2019, the well is currently permitted such that the completed interval would be 1100 feet from the south line of Section 19 (in the S/2 S/2 of the Section), but Matador recently filed another sundry to move the completed interval to 50 feet from the south line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit, and to change the pool to the Burton Flat East; Upper Wolfcamp (Pool Code 98315). A C-102 for this well reflecting the requested NSL is attached as **Exhibit A**. It will be a horizontal well and will be drilled as follows:

Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H

- Well's Surface Hole Location: 265 feet from the north line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit and 410 feet from the east line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit.
- Well's Bottom Hole Location: 50 feet from the south line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit and 60 feet from the west line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit.
- Well's Completed Interval: The well's completed interval will be located 50 feet from the south line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit (the unorthodox aspect of the well). The first and last take points will comply with the 100-foot setback requirements for oil wells and be orthodox in that respect.

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Matador requests this unorthodox location to efficiently produce its and the other working interest owners' interests in the south half of Section 19, to maximize the recovery of hydrocarbons from the south half of Section 19, and to prevent waste. Matador is the designated operator under a JOA covering the entire south half of Section 19 that includes voluntary inclusion of more than 98% of the working interest in the south half of Section 19 under the JOA. Matador has already force pooled the Bone Spring formation underlying the south half of Section 19 (*see* Order Nos. R-14433-A and R-14432-A), and will soon be filing to force pool two spacing units in the Wolfcamp formation comprising the south half of Section 19 (the N/2 S/2 and S/2 S/2, respectively).

Based on its development plans for the south half of Section 19, Matador believes the proposed well location in this NSL application is the optimal spacing for this well to achieve the greatest recovery of the hydrocarbons present in the Wolfcamp formation in the south half of Section 19, thus increasing overall recovery and preventing waste.

Matador's NSL application will not unfairly prejudice the rights of any working interest owners in the S/2 S/2 of Section 19. As mentioned above, Matador is the designated operator under a JOA covering the entire south half of Section 19 that includes voluntary inclusion of more than 98% of the working interest. As a result, more than 98% of the working interest has agreed to blend their working interest to be the same in the N/2 S/2 and S/2 S/2 of Section 19. With respect to the pooled parties not under JOA, the same sixteen working interest owners comprise the pooled working interest owners in both the N/2 S/2 and S/2 S/2 of Section 19. While their percentage interest varies slightly between the N/2 S/2 and S/2 S/2, the variance is *de minimus*, ranging from a .00001046% to .00277953% difference for various pooled working interest owners. In addition, because the pooled parties own a working interest in both the N/2 S/2 and S/2 S/2, Matador believes, should the pooled parties elect to participate in the wells, that they will likewise receive greater overall production and revenues from their interest in the south half of Section 19 based on this optimal spacing, regardless of any difference in working interest percentage.


Accordingly, Matador respectfully requests an exception to the 330 foot minimum setback for oil wells measured perpendicularly from the outer boundary of the spacing unit found in NMAC 19.15.16.15(C)(1)(a), and requests approval of the NSL requested herein to locate the completed interval 50 feet from the south line of the N/2 S/2 Spacing Unit. As mentioned above, the first and last take points are at an orthodox location as to the 100 foot minimum setback.

A map showing the surrounding ownership and the project area for the proposed subject well in relation to adjoining spacing units is attached as **Exhibit B**.

A list of the parties affected by this application is attached as **Exhibit C**. Each of these parties has been provided notice of this application by certified mail, return receipt requested, advising them that if they have an objection to the location of this well, it must be filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division within 20 days of the mailing of the notice. As set forth on Exhibit C, a copy of this application has also been provided to the Bureau of Land Management.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Kyle Perkins

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Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
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FORM C-102
Revised August 1, 2011
Submit one copy to appropriate
District Office
☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

¹ API Number 30-015-44171		² Pool Code 98315		³ Pool Name Burton Flat East; Upper Wolfcamp	
⁴ Property Code		⁵ Property Name STEBBINS 19 FED COM			⁶ Well Number 227H
⁷ GRID No.		⁸ Operator Name MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY			⁹ Elevation 3247'

¹⁰Surface Location

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
I	19	20-S	29-E	-	2377'	SOUTH	410'	EAST	EDDY

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
3	19	20-S	29-E	-	1370'	SOUTH	60'	WEST	EDDY

¹² Dedicated Acres 155.29	¹³ Joint or Infill	¹⁴ Consolidation Code	¹⁵ Order No.
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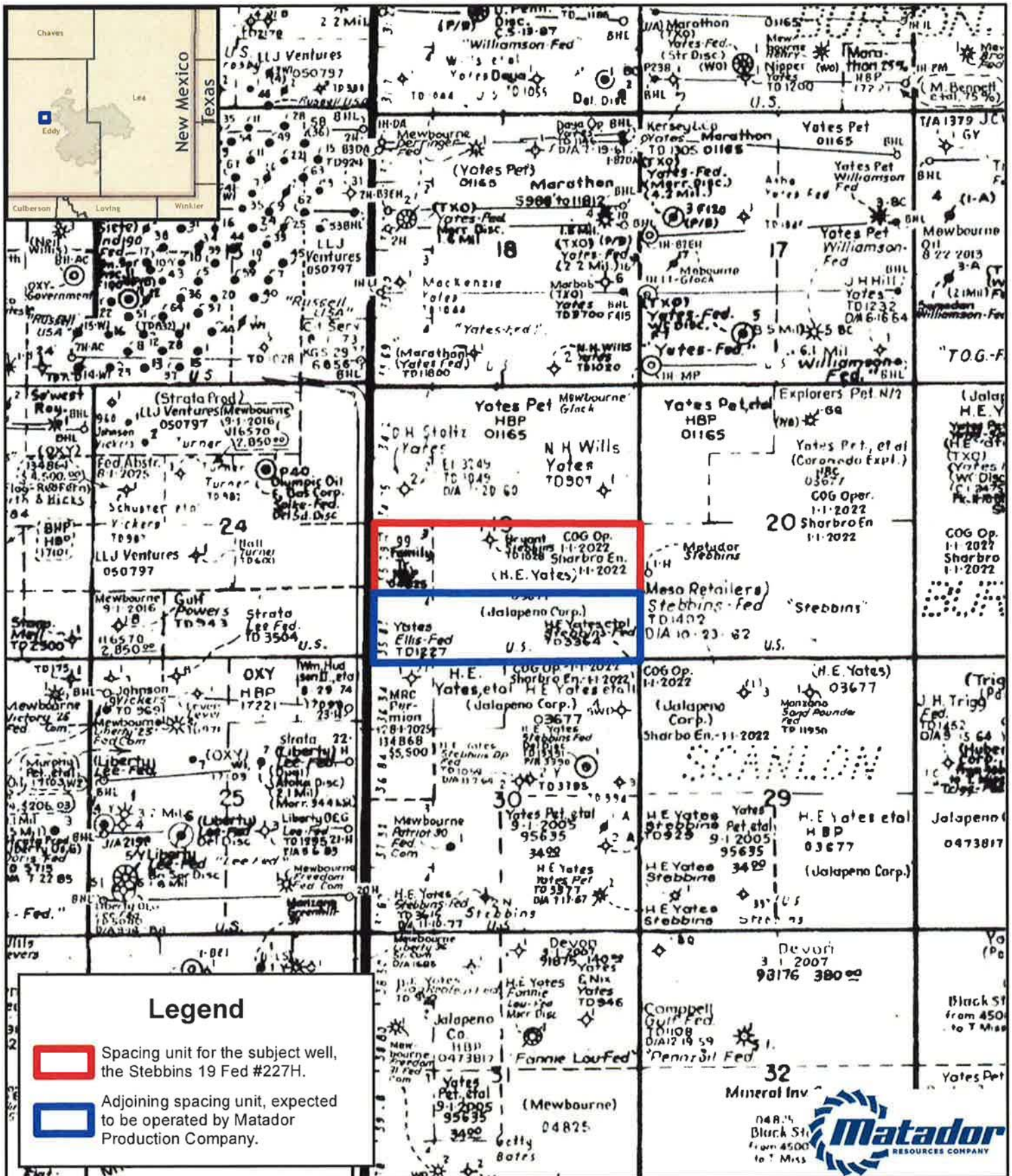
No allowable will be assigned to this completion until all interests have been consolidated or a non-standard unit has been approved by the division.

<p>BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION NEW MEXICO EAST NAD 1927 X=565195 Y=565827 LAT.: N 32.5553890 LONG.: W 104.1217390 NAD 1983 X=606375 Y=565889 LAT.: N 32.5555073 LONG.: W 104.1222439</p>	<p>LAST PERFORATION POINT NEW MEXICO EAST NAD 1927 X=565235 Y=565827 LAT.: N 32.5553889 LONG.: W 104.1216092 NAD 1983 X=606415 Y=565889 LAT.: N 32.5555072 LONG.: W 104.1221140</p>	<p>FIRST PERFORATION POINT NEW MEXICO EAST NAD 1927 X=570167 Y=565831 LAT.: N 32.5553696 LONG.: W 104.1056019 NAD 1983 X=611347 Y=565892 LAT.: N 32.5554881 LONG.: W 104.1061064</p>	<p>SURFACE LOCATION NEW MEXICO EAST NAD 1927 X=569854 Y=566837 LAT.: N 32.5581367 LONG.: W 104.1066098 NAD 1983 X=611035 Y=566898 LAT.: N 32.5582551 LONG.: W 104.1071143</p>	<p>¹⁷OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 3/18/19 Signature Date Cade LaBolt Printed Name cade.labolt@matadorresources.com E-mail Address</p>
<p>¹⁸SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true to the best of my belief.</p> <p>02/05/2019 Date of Survey MICHAEL BROWN Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor NEW MEXICO 18329 PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR</p> <p>Certificate Number</p>				

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EXHIBIT A

19-20S-29E



1:30,000

1 inch = 2,500 feet

Southeast New Mexico

Date: March 19, 2019
Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane New Mexico East FIPS 3001 Feet
Projection: Transverse Mercator; Datum: North American 1983; Units: Foot US
Sources: IHS; ESRI;

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

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March 20, 2019

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RRR

TO AFFECTED PARTIES

Re: Application of Matador Production Company for administrative approval of unorthodox well location for Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H in the N/2 S/2 of Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 29 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico
Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227H

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced application which was filed with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on this date. Any objection to this application must be filed in writing within twenty days from this date with the applicant and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505. If no objection is received within this twenty-day period, this application may be approved administratively by the Division.

If you have any questions about this application, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



Kyle Perkins

Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

From: Kyle Perkins <KPerkins@matadorresources.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD
Subject: [EXT] Two Administrative NSL Applications - Stebbins 19 Fed 227 and Stebbins 19 Fed 127
Attachments: Stebbins 19 227 NSL.pdf; Stebbins 19 127 NSL.pdf

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Mr. Lowe,

Attached for filing please find the following:

1. Matador's administrative application for an NSL related to its Stebbins 19 Fed No. 227 well (API 30-015-44171); and
2. Matador's administrative application for an NSL related to its Stebbins 19 Fed No. 127 (API 30-015-44174).

I will be mailing copies of both to the affected parties today. If you would like any additional information, please let me know.

Best regards,

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Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD

From: Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD
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To: 'Kyle Perkins'
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Subject: APPROVED NSL-7877 & 7878_Matador_Stebbins 19 No. 127H & 227H_SEC 19 20S 29E_EDDY COUNTY
Attachments: NSL-7877_ORDER.pdf; NSL-7878_ORDER.pdf
Importance: High

Mr. Kyle Perkins,

The following administrative orders have been issued and will soon be available on the Division's web site:
<http://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/Imaging/Default.aspx>

NSL-7877

**Matador Production Company [OGRID 228937]
Stebbins 19 Federal Well No. 127H
API No. 30-015-44174**

NSL-7878

**Matador Production Company [OGRID 228937]
Stebbins 19 Federal Com Well No. 227H
API No. 30-015-44171**

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