

NSL

PROTEST

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**From:** Garcia, John A, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'Deana M. Bennett'  
**Cc:** 'Dana Hardy'; Simmons, Kurt, EMNRD; Cox, Scott, EMNRD; Lowe, Leonard, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Kaiser-Francis Oil Company Protest of Marathons Chicken Fry Wells  
**Attachments:** 2020-03-19 Ltr A Sandoval Obj Marathon Chicken Fry.pdf

Deana,

Applicant	OGRID	WELL NAME	POOL
Marathon Oil Permian, LLC	372098	Chicken Fry 22 WXY Fed Com 12H	Purple Sage; Wolfcamp
Marathon Oil Permian, LLC	372098	Chicken Fry 22 WA Fed Com 15H	Purple Sage; Wolfcamp

The OCD was notified that **Kaiser-Francis Oil Company** has protested your applications for approval of a Non Standard Location of the above subject wells. This party have been identified as an affected person for their specific locations.

Therefore, you are being notified that if **Marathon Oil Permian, LLC** wishes for these applications to be considered, it must either go to hearing or may be reviewed administratively if the protest is withdrawn as a result of a negotiated resolution with this party.

The NSL application will be retained by OCD, but suspended from further administrative review.

Please contact the OCD once a decision regarding this application is determined within the next 30 days

03/19/20, Noticed date  
04/18/20, 30 day ends

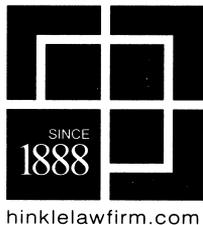
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Thank you,

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March 19, 2020

**Via Electronic Mail**

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Adrienne Sandoval  
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*Re: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for administrative approval of unorthodox well location Chicken Fry 22 WA Fed Com 15H well located in Section 22, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County*

*Re: Application of Marathon Oil Permian LLC for administrative approval of unorthodox well location Chicken Fry 22 WXY Fed Com 12H well located in Section 22, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County*

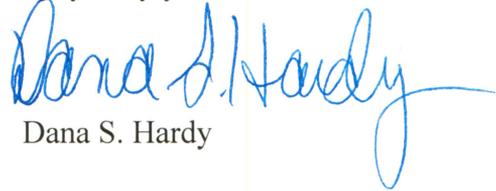
Dear Director Sandoval:

I am writing on behalf of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, an affected party under the Division's rules, to object to the above-referenced administrative applications for approval of unorthodox well locations. Each well is located in the Purple Sage Wolfcamp Gas Pool (Code 98220). As the applications recognize, the Division has issued special pool rules that require wells located in the Purple Sage Wolfcamp Gas Pool to comply with 330' setback requirements. The first and last take points for the proposed wells do not comply with these requirements and are located only 100' from the South and North lines.

The applications do not meet the requirements of NMAC 19.15.15.13, as they fail to establish that an exception to the Division's special pool rules is necessary to prevent waste or protect correlative rights. Further, granting the applications would result in inconsistent policies and unfairness to other operators in the area who have complied with the Division's setback requirements. Consequently, the applications are contrary to the interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights, and should be denied.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana S. Hardy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dana S. Hardy

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