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Mr. Lori Wrotenbery, Director
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505


Re: Application of Marathon Oil Company for
an order vacating Division Administrative
Order SWD-852 and staying Yates Petroleum
Corporation from recompleting and operating
a salt-water disposal well, Eddy County, New Mexico

Case 12991

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

On behalf of Marathon Oil Company, please find enclosed our application for a
hearing to be scheduled on the Division Examiner's docket for January 23, 2002.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Kellahin

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