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# United States Department of the Interior

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Mr. Roger Townsend  
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Dear Mr. Townsend:

This letter is in regard to your proposed Julia "30" Fed Comm #1 well (NMOCD Case #10853), currently staked at a point 660' FNL and 560' FEL, Section 30, T. 15 S., T. 28 E., Chaves County, N.M.P.M., NM. As discussed in various conversations, both onsite and by telephone, between Mr. Frank Burke and yourself representing Matador Petroleum, and John Crane of this office, there is a sink hole or potential surface expression of a subsurface cave system at the southeast corner of your currently staked well location. Due to the existence of this sink hole in close proximity to the current location of your proposed well and the potential for this sink hole to be involved in a ground water recharge system known to occur immediately to the south of this location, the BLM is hereby requesting that the well be relocated.

We feel that a move of no less than 200 feet to the west of the present location will be sufficient to mitigate the potential for impact to the ground water recharge system that could have resulted from drilling the well at its current location.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this relocation may cause at this point in time, but feel that it is necessary to prevent potential degradation of the environment that may otherwise occur. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Allen  
Area Manager

cc: Tom Kellanin, 117 N. Guadalupe, Santa Fe, NM

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Oil Conservation Division
MATADOR Exhibit No. <u>6</u>
Case No. <u>10853</u>