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30-015-21438

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

Attn: Mr. Phil Hawkins

2040 South Pacheco Street

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Notice of Violation Williamson Federal No. 4

Dear Mr. Hawkins

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OIL CONSERVATION

This letter is in response to your Notice of Violation dated 20 Sept 2005.

Marathon is requesting an extension to the temporary abandon status on the Williamson Federal No 4. Please see enclosed attachment of sundry notice (3160-5) filed with the BLM. Marathon conducted a mechanical integrity test on the well on 11/30/2005. The well held 545 psi for thirty minutes. The original chart for the MIT was sent to the BLM. A copy of that chart is included with this filing to the NMOCD.

Marathon plans to re-enter this well within the next year to try to re-complete in the Morrow formation. The well was drill stem tested at a rate of approximately 150 -200 mcf per day before casing was set above the Morrow interval. Please see attachment of work over plan to re-complete.

If you need to contact me please feel free to call at ph# 713-296-2096, or I can be reached via email at cekendrix@marathonoil.com

Sincerely,

Charles E. Kendrix

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Engineering Technician

Marathon Oil Company

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION - Inactive Well(s)

Dear Operator:

A review of our records and recent inspection(s) indicate that the subject well(s) has been shut-in for an extended period of time. Rule 201 of the Rules and Regulation of the Oil Conservation Division provides that a well may be shut-in no longer than sixty days after suspension of drilling operations, upon determining that the well is no longer usable (e.g., a dry hole), or one year after last production. To comply with guidelines as established in the Rules and Regulations, corrective actions must be taken immediately and the well(s) brought into compliance.

The detail section below indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation.

The following options are available:

1. Immediately restore the well(s) to production, injection or disposal as applicable.
2. Request 'Temporary Abandoned' status pursuant to Rule 203, which requires that you set a plug and conduct a mechanical integrity test.
3. Submit a proposal to 'Plug and Abandon' the well(s) pursuant to Rule 202, proceed with plugging procedures on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and/or approved.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

IDLE WELL INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

WILLIAMSON FEDERAL 004	F-15-20S-29E	30-015-21438-00-00	Inspection No. iPCH0526243962
Inspection Date: 9/19/2005 12:12:40 PM	Corrective Action Due by: 12/23/2005		
Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?
Routine/Periodic	Phil Hawkins	Yes	No
Comments on Inspection:	Idle Well (Rule 201).T/A STATUS END 12/18/04		

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infrastructure of the oil and gas industry.

Sincerely,

Phil Hawkins

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Artesia OCD District Office

* Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.

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