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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Will Jones
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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**Re: Well Tubing Exception
TIGER 14 24S 28E RB #222H (30-015-44119)**

Dear Mr. Jones:

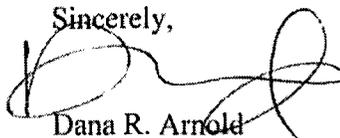
Matador Production Company ("Matador") completed its **TIGER 14 24S 28E RB #222H (30-015-44119)** well (the "Well") on July 21, 2017. Matador requests to delay installing tubing in the Well since it continues to flow large volumes with high pressures that would be restricted from the smaller ID provided by tubing; it also is continuing to clean up and sand could inhibit the tubing installation and equipment potentially causing expensive workover operations. ←

Matador believes the delay in the tubing will not cause waste or damage the Well. The Well has four strings of casing that adequately protect wellbore integrity. Further, the Well has been designed to withhold high pressures: everything below the wellhead is rated to 15,000 psi pressure for hydraulic fracturing operations and the wellhead is rated to 5,000 psi. Lastly, the gas composition for the Well does not contain H₂S or CO₂.

Accordingly, Matador would like to request an exception to 19.15.16.10.J to allow for no tubing in the Well for an initial six month period from completion, until approximately January 21, 2018 and states in support of its request that no waste will be caused as a result of this exception. At the end of the six month period, Matador will re-evaluate the need for tubing to be installed and communicate with the Division as to the results of its analysis.

Thank you, and please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dana R. Arnold

cc: Ranell.Klein@state.nm.us

Tubing Exception for this well expires 90 days from "Ready to Produce" date applicable to the well. *R.K.*