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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln St, Ste 801  
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Attn: David Neslin

Re: Request to the Director for 318A.c Twinning Location Exception

French Lake 3-63-16-1A  
NWNW Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
498' FNL 498' FWL  
Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Neslin:

Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon") is proposing to drill the French Lake 3-63-16-1A well which is located 498' FNL 498' FWL Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to bottom hole location ("BHL") 460' FSL 460' FEL Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Marathon intends to test the Niobrara Formation.

According to Rule 318A(c), any new twinning well to be located greater than 50' of an existing well requires consent to the exception signed by the surface owner. The surface locations of Marathon's proposed wells (French Lake 3-63-16-1A & French Lake 3-63-16-1B) have been staked approximately 4375' from each other. It is Marathon's intention to only drill one of these wells.

Marathon respectfully requests approval of the exception location. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Anna Walls'.

Anna Walls  
Regulatory Compliance Representative  
Marathon Oil Company