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March 17, 2011

Colorado State Land Board  
Attn: Timothy Kelly  
1127 Sherman St., Ste 300  
Denver, CO 80203

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. Kelly:

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 <sup>Greater Than</sup> within 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 1726' from each other. It is Marathon's intention to only drill one of these wells.

By signing this letter you hereby grant consent to Marathon for the requested exception to Rule 318A.c. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Anna Walls  
Regulatory Compliance Representative

Surface Owner Signature

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Timothy Kelly'.

By: Timothy Kelly  
Title: Minerals Leasing Manager

3/22/2011  
Date