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Re: DRMS File M2007-067, Request for Temporary Cessation

Mrs. Mitchell:

Thank you for your time and direction regarding Marathon's gravel quarry (M-2007-067). As discussed during the inspection, I've enclosed a plan for "Temporary Cessation", along with supporting documentation and maps.

Marathon requests to enter the temporary cessation period upon review and approval of this plan by the Division. Please let me know if additional information or documentation is needed.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

Marathon Oil Company Circle Dot Quarry

Temporary Cessation Plan

Re: DRMS File M2007-067

Statement of When Temporary Cessation Will Commence

The initial five year period of Temporary Cessation will commence upon Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety ("Division") approval of this plan.

Reason for Non-Production

Marathon Oil Company's Circle Dot Quarry ("Quarry") serves as a resource for gravel and fill material that is used primarily in the construction of new access roads and well pads. The low price of natural gas has significantly reduced and/or postponed continued development. As such, operation of the Quarry on a continuous basis is not currently needed.

General Plan for Resumption of Mining

Marathon Oil Company has plans of resuming the development of natural gas resources in the Piceance area when the price of natural gas dictates. At that time, extractive operations at the Quarry will recommence following Division approval and release from temporary cessation. In the interim, the Quarry will be maintained as a storage facility for materials previously extracted. These stockpiled materials will be used on an "as needed" basis until mining is resumed.

Measures to be taken to Comply with Reclamation Requirements

Stormwater inspections will be conducted at the Quarry on a monthly basis by qualified Marathon Oil Company personnel or their designee. During such inspections, the Quarry will be assessed for general site conditions, stormwater control, and weed development. Stormwater inspection reports will be completed and kept on-file. Throughout the time of Temporary Cessation, stormwater control BMPs will be maintained, and additional BMPs will be installed, if needed.

Weed control methods will be employed for all prohibited noxious weed species observed at the Quarry, as well as for non-noxious species when the presence of such threatens further spread of serious weed pests into nearby areas. The area will be surveyed for noxious weeds and sprayed as appropriate twice annually.

In addition to monthly routine inspections, in-depth Tier I audits will continue to take place on an annual basis at the Quarry.

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Operation:Circle Permit No:M-200	Dot Quarry	/	

This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to sections 34-32-117, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and 34-32.5-117, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form, without approval by the Board shall result in the financial warranty being invalid and result in the voiding of any permit issued in conjunction with such invalid financial warranty and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to sections 34-32-123, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and 34-32.5-123, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, C.R.S. 34-32-101 <u>et seq</u>. (the "Act"), as amended, and the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 <u>et seq</u>. (the "Act"), as amended, provides that no permit may be issued under the Act until the Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") receives a performance warranty (or warranties) that is a written promise to comply with all applicable requirements of the Act.

WHEREAS, <u>Marathon Oil Company</u> (the "Operator"), has applied for a permit to conduct a mining operation known as <u>Circle Dot Ouarry</u> (the "Operation") on certain lands in <u>Garfield</u> County, Colorado. These lands are described in the permit application, as amended and supplemented, and are referred to herein as the "Affected Lands".

WHEREAS, in its application for the permit, the Operator has agreed to be bound by all requirements of the Act and all applicable rules and regulations of the Board, as amended from time to time.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, in accordance with the Act, that the estimated costs of reclamation with regard to those affected lands in <u>Garfield</u> County which are now or may become subject to the permit are those amounts for the stated periods of time as set forth in the financial warranty, which may be amended from time to time to reflect revised estimates of said costs of reclamation.

The provisions hereof shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors -and assigns.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this	<u> 3077/ day o</u>	f MAY	,
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____(SEAL) Marathon Oil Company Operator IP FINANCE ETREAJURER Title: **NOTARIZATION OF OPERATOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** STATE OF TEWAS COUNTY OF MARTI) 55. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>30TH</u> day of <u>MAY</u>, <u>2008</u>, by <u>MULC. REDDUCT</u> as <u>UPFEDAUCE + TREASUREMONE MARTINUM OF CONPANY</u> NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission expires: 12/12/07

APPROVED: State of Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

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