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Subject: RE: [External] D4-11 well, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Boal,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me yesterday. Per our conversation, I am responding to your question below. Marathon Oil can confirm that we have applied for and were issued a permit under Part 625 of Michigan's Mineral Well Operations Regulations for the D4-11 test well. We consider the test data collected from this well commercially sensitive, and as such, we are not releasing specific information regarding our work at that site. It is important to note, however, that we will conduct these activities consistent with Marathon Oil's long-held commitment to responsible operations, the safety and wellbeing of our workers and the surrounding community, and protection of the environment.

Thank you,

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I am an activist involved in various activities opposing horizontal fracking in Michigan. I live in Charlevoix County, a few counties over from the above Marathon facility. I am also in touch with several landowners near it.

I have visited D4-11 two or three times, including last Friday when I spoke the Marathon safety man named Trace _____. He gave me your card and said you would be the one to answer questions.

I am concerned that the Ensign 161 drill rig on the site -- which by appearances rises nearly 200 feet from the ground (including infrastructure) -- may be exploring for gas in preparation for more wells similar to the horizontal production wells on a nearby pad, State Beaver Creek 1-23 and 1-14 HD1. (The latter has been permitted and drilling is about to start.)

DEQ, Michigan's regulatory agency, has been loathe to say anything about D4-11. It will not provide a copy of the application or permit, or even give the permit number, citing confidentiality provisions of the mineral-well part of our non-renewable resource law.

Will Marathon provide these documents and confirm (as Trace _____ did) that D4-11 is exploring for oil and gas?

Thank you.

Ellis Boal, 231-547-2626