

BAISH-WOLFCAMP POOL
Lea County, New Mexico

Order No. R-2765, Adopting Operating Rules for the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, September 8, 1964.

Application of Continental Oil Company for
Special Pool Rules, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE No. 3097
Order No. R-2765

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION: This cause came on for hearing at 9 o'clock a.m. on August 26, 1964, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Elvis A. Utz.

NOW, on this 8th day of September, 1964, the Commission, a quorum being present, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Commission has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Continental Oil Company, seeks the promulgation of special rules and regulations for the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool in Sections 21 and 22, Township 17 South, Range 32 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units.

(3) That one well in the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool can efficiently and economically drain and develop 80 acres.

(4) That in order to prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, to avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, to prevent reduced recovery which might result from the drilling of too few wells, and to otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights, special rules and regulations providing for 80-acre spacing units should be promulgated for the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool.

(5) That the special rules and regulations should provide for limited well locations in order to assure orderly development of the pool and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

That Special Rules and Regulations for the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool are hereby promulgated as follows:

**SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE
BAISH-WOLFCAMP POOL**

RULE 1. Each well completed or recompleted in the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool or in the Wolfcamp formation within one mile thereof, and not nearer to or within the limits of another

designated Wolfcamp oil pool, shall be spaced, drilled, operated, and produced in accordance with the Special Rules and Regulations hereinafter set forth.

RULE 2. Each well shall be located on a standard unit containing 80 acres, more or less, consisting of the N/2, S/2, E/2, or W/2 of a governmental quarter section; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the drilling of a well on each of the quarter-quarter sections in the unit.

RULE 3. The Secretary-Director of the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of Rule 2 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for a non-standard unit comprising a single quarter-quarter section or lot. All operators offsetting the proposed non-standard unit shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the formation of the non-standard unit within 30 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 4. The first well drilled on every standard or non-standard unit shall be located in the NE/4 or SW/4 of a governmental quarter section. All wells shall be located within 150 feet of the center of a governmental quarter-quarter section.

RULE 5. The Secretary-Director may grant an exception to the footage requirements of Rule 4 without notice and hearing when an application has been filed for an unorthodox location necessitated by topographical conditions or the recompletion of a well previously drilled to another horizon, provided the well will be located no nearer than 330 feet to the outer boundary of the unit. All operators offsetting the proposed unorthodox location shall be notified of the application by registered or certified mail, and the application shall state that such notice has been furnished. The Secretary-Director may approve the application upon receipt of written waivers from all offset operators or if no offset operator has entered an objection to the unorthodox location within 20 days after the Secretary-Director has received the application.

RULE 6. A standard proration unit (79 through 81 acres) shall be assigned an 80-acre proportional factor of 4.77 for allowable purposes, and in the event there is more than one well on an 80-acre proration unit, the operator may produce the allowable assigned to the unit from the wells on the unit in any proportion.

The allowable assigned to a non-standard proration unit shall bear the same ratio to a standard allowable as the acreage in such non-standard unit bears to 80 acres.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

(1) That any operator desiring to dedicate 80 acres to a well presently drilling to or completed in the Baish-Wolfcamp Pool shall file a new Form C-128 with the Commission on or before September 15, 1964.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.