

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATIONS OF MRC PERMIAN COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN OVERLAPPING  
HORIZONTAL WELL SPACING UNIT AND  
COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS.: 24287-24297**

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NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO.: 24043**

**APPLICATIONS OF E.G.L. RESOURCES, INC.  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS.: 24044, 24152-24153**

**APPLICATIONS OF AVANT OPERATING, LLC  
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY,  
NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NOS.: 23970-23971**

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

This Pre-Hearing Order is issued by the Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) Hearing Examiner following a status conference held on April 18, 2024. The parties represented that their negotiations are at an impasse and the need for a contested hearing on the following stipulated date.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The cases in the caption are hereby consolidated for the purposes of a contested hearing.
2. The contested hearing will commence on **July 16, 2024**, at **8:30 a.m.**, and may continue on July 17, 2024.
3. If the parties who objected to the applications subsequently withdraw their objections, the case(s) will be heard by affidavit on July 16, 2024.
4. The hearing will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter.

5. The hearing shall be conducted in a hybrid fashion, in-person at the OCD's Pecos Hall, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, 1st Floor, Santa Fe, NM and via MS Teams virtual meeting platform (sign in information will be sent to the parties closer to the date of the hearing). It is strongly preferred that Counsel appear in-person while witnesses may be offered in-person or virtually. The Hearing Examiner may modify the format of the hearing consistent with the available resources at the time of the hearing.
6. Pre-hearing statements shall comply with 19.15.4.13.B NMAC and shall be filed at least 4 business days before the contested hearing and include in addition to 19.15.4.13.B(1) NMAC:
  - a) All evidentiary exhibits, documents, affidavits, and the full-written testimony of any witness a party offers at the hearing.Exhibits must be sequentially marked on every page. Failure to timely file a complete pre-hearing statement may cause the Hearing Examiner to continue the hearing and/or impose sanctions up to and including the exclusion of late-filed evidence.
7. Evidentiary objections must be filed no later than 48 hours before the hearing. Rulings on the objections will be addressed as a preliminary matter when the case is called.
8. All witnesses filing direct testimony shall attend the hearing either in person or virtually and will be subject to cross examination by counsel for the parties and the Division's Examiners.
9. Requests for a continuance shall be filed in writing through the OCD fee portal at least 7 days prior to the contested hearing for approval by the Hearing Examiner.

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**GREGORY CHAKALIAN**  
**HEARING EXAMINER**