

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:**

**CASE NO. 12266
ORDER NO. R-11278**

**APPLICATION OF SANTA FE SNYDER CORPORATION FOR A UNIT
AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on October 21, 1999, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Mark W. Ashley.

NOW, on this 9th day of November, 1999, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record and the recommendations of the Examiner,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The applicant, Santa Fe Snyder Corporation, seeks approval of the Outland State Unit Agreement for an area comprising 1600.00 acres, more or less, of State lands in Lea County, New Mexico, described as follows and hereinafter referred to as the "Unit Area":

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: S/2
Section 2: S/2
Section 11: All
Section 12: W/2.

(3) No interested party appeared and objected to the proposed unit.

(4) All plans for: (i) development and operation; (ii) creation, expansion or contraction of participating areas; or (iii) expansion or contraction of the unit area should be

submitted to the Director for approval.

(5) Approval of the proposed unit agreement should promote the prevention of waste and protection of correlative rights within the unit area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Outland State Unit Agreement executed by Santa Fe Snyder Corporation is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying the following 1600.00 acres, more or less, of State lands in Lea County, New Mexico:

TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM

Section 1: S/2
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(2) The plan contained in the unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided however, notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in the unit agreement, this approval shall not be considered as waiving or relinquishing, in any manner, any right, duty or obligation which is now, or may hereafter be, vested in the Division to supervise and control operations for the unit and production of oil and gas therefrom.

(3) The unit operator shall file with the Division an executed original or executed counterpart of the unit agreement within 30 days after the effective date thereof. In the event of subsequent joinder by any other party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division, within 30 days, counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) All plans of: (i) development and operation; (ii) creation, expansion or contraction of participating areas; or (iii) expansion or contraction of the unit area shall be submitted to the Director for approval.

(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of the unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico. This order shall terminate upon the termination of the unit agreement. The last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

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

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LORI WROTENBERY
Director

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