

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

**APPLICATION OF MANZANO LLC  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE VINDICATOR  
CANYON STATE EXPLORATORY UNIT,  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

Manzano LLC ("Manzano") (OGRID No. 231429), through its undersigned attorneys, files this application for an order approving the Vindicator Canyon State Exploratory Unit. In support of this application, Manzano states:

1. The proposed Vindicator Canyon State Exploratory Unit area consists of the following 7,600 acres of State land situated in Lea County ("Unit Area"):

**TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, N.M.P.M.**

Section 14: SW/4  
Section 15: ALL  
Section 20: ALL  
Section 21: ALL  
Section 22: ALL  
Section 23: S/2, NW/4  
Section 26: ALL  
Section 27: ALL  
Section 28: ALL  
Section 29: ALL  
Section 30: E/2  
Section 31: E/2 NE/4  
Section 32: N/2, SW/4  
Section 33: NE/4  
Section 34: E/2 E/2  
Section 35: ALL

2. Manzano owns a substantial interest in the Unit Area and is the designated operator under the proposed Unit Agreement

3. The unitized interval for the Vindicator Canyon State Exploratory Unit is the Canyon formation, at the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 11,678 feet and 12,202 feet as found on the sonic log for the Deep Sparkling Muddler 15 State #1 well (API No. 30-025-22194) in Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 36 East, N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico.

4. Manzano has met with the State Land Office and received preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement.

5. Manzano is meeting with the working interest owners in the unit area and expects to obtain approval from a sufficient percentage of the interest owners to provide effective control of unit operations.

6. The Unit Agreement, and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area are in the best interests of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, Manzano LLC requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on October 8, 2020, and that after notice and hearing this Application be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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