

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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

CASE NO. 8365
Order No. R-7698

APPLICATION OF SOHIO PETROLEUM
COMPANY FOR A UNIT AGREEMENT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8 a.m. on October 3, 1984, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Gilbert P. Quintana.

NOW, on this 3rd day of October, 1984, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS THAT:

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

(2) The applicant, Sohio Petroleum Company, seeks approval of the N.E. Salado Draw (Deep) Unit Agreement covering 2,560.36 acres, more or less, of State, Federal and Fee lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: All

TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 31: All

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 1: All

TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 6: All

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(3) All plans of development and operation and creations, expansions, or contractions of participating areas or expansions or contractions of the unit area, should be submitted to the Director of the Division for approval.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The N.E. Salado Draw (Deep) Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) The plan contained in said unit agreement for the development and operation of the unit area is hereby approved in principle as a proper conservation measure; provided, however, that notwithstanding any of the provisions contained in said 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 exploration and development of any lands committed to the unit and production of oil or 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; that in the event of subsequent joinder by any party or expansion or contraction of the unit area, the unit operator shall file with the Division within 30 days thereafter counterparts of the unit agreement reflecting the subscription of those interests having joined or ratified.

(4) All plans of development and operation, all unit participating areas and expansions and contractions thereof, and all expansions or contractions of the unit area, shall be submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division for approval.

(5) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico and the Director of the appropriate agency of the United States Department of the Interior; that this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and that the last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

(6) Jurisdiction of this cause 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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R. L. STAMETS,
Acting Director

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