

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

**APPLICATION OF V-F PETROLEUM INC.
FOR A COMPULSORY POOLING,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION

V-F Petroleum Inc. (“V-F Petroleum”), OGRID No. 24010, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-17, for an order pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring formation, from the top of the Third Bone Spring, at a depth of 8,914’ beneath the surface, to the base of the Third Bone Spring formation, which has a depth of 9,516’ beneath the surface, as shown in that certain Dual Lateralog, Micro Laterlog, Gamma Ray well log in the Tamano 15 Fed Com #2 well (API # 30-015-33398), located in Sec. 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Sections 16 and 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

In support of its Application, V-F Petroleum states the following:

1. V-F Petroleum is a working interest owner in the proposed horizontal spacing unit (“HSU”) and has a right to drill a well thereon.
2. V-F Petroleum proposes and dedicates to the HSU the **Rainier 16-15 Fed Com #234H Well**, as the initial well, to be drilled to a sufficient depth to test the Third Bone Spring formation.

3. V-F Petroleum proposes the **Rainier 16-15 Fed Com #234H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 16 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 15.

4. There exists an overlapping unit for the Tamano 15 AD Fed Com #1H Well (API No. 30-015-40868), that is drilled in the Bone Spring formation underlying the N/2 N/2 of Section 15 for which V-F Petroleum seeks approval for the overlapping unit.

5. The well proposed herein is orthodox in its location, and the take points and completed interval comply with setback requirements under the statewide rules.

6. V-F Petroleum has sought in good faith, but has been unable to obtain, voluntary agreement from all interest owners to participate in the drilling of the wells or in the commitment of their interests to the wells for their development within the proposed HSU.

7. The pooling of all interests in the Bone Spring Interval within the proposed HSU will avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

8. In this application, V-F Petroleum is pooling only the Third Bone Spring formation because there is a depth severance between the base on the Second Bone Spring and the top of the Third Bone Spring, and importantly, there is a geological barrier between the Second Bone Spring and Third Bone Spring that maintains the integrity of production within the partitioned zone thereby allowing for the partition. V-F Petroleum will provide notice to adjacent owners in the Second Bone Spring formation, above and adjacent to the Third Bone Spring to account for any concerns the vertical offset owners might have.

9. In order to provide for its just and fair share of the oil and gas underlying the subject lands, V-F Petroleum requests that all uncommitted interests in this HSU be pooled and that V-F Petroleum be designated the operator of the proposed horizontal wells and HSU.

WHEREFORE, V-F Petroleum requests that this Application be set for hearing on January 9, 2025, before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter an order:

A. Pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring formation, from the top of the Third Bone Spring, at a depth of 8,914' beneath the surface, to the base of the Third Bone Spring formation, which has a depth of 9,516' beneath the surface, as shown in that certain Dual Lateralog, Micro Laterlog, Gamma Ray well log in the Tamano 15 Fed Com #2 well (API # 30-015-33398), located in Sec. 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Sections 16 and 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

B. Approving the **Rainier 16-15 Fed Com #234H Well** as the well for the HSU.

C. Approving the overlapping unit described above in Paragraph 4.

D. Designating V-F Petroleum as operator of this HSU and the horizontal well to be drilled thereon;

E. Authorizing V-F Petroleum to recover its costs of drilling, equipping, and completing the well;

F. Approving actual operating charges and costs of supervision, to the maximum extent allowable, while drilling and after completion, together with a provision adjusting the rates pursuant to the COPAS accounting procedures; and

G. Setting a 200% charge for the risk assumed by V-F Petroleum in drilling and completing the wells in the event a working interest owner elects not to participate in the well.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of V-F Petroleum Inc. for Compulsory Pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order from the Division pooling all uncommitted mineral interests in the Third Bone Spring formation, from the top of the Third Bone Spring, at a depth of 8,914' beneath the surface, to the base of the Third Bone Spring formation, which has a depth of 9,516' beneath the surface, as shown in that certain Dual Lateralog, Micro Laterlog, Gamma Ray well log in the Tamano 15 Fed Com #2 well (API # 30-015-33398), located in Sec. 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, designated as an oil pool, underlying a standard 320-acre, more or less, spacing unit comprised of the N/2 N/2 of Sections 16 and 15, Township 18 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico. The proposed well to be dedicated to the horizontal spacing unit is the **Rainier 16-15 Fed Com #234H Well**, an oil well, to be horizontally drilled from a surface location in the NW/4 NW/4 (Unit D) of Section 16 to a bottom hole location in the NE/4 NE/4 (Unit A) of Section 15. The proposed well will be orthodox, and its take points and completed interval will comply with the setback requirements under statewide Rules. Also to be considered will be the approval of an overlapping unit involving the Tamano 15 AD Fed Com #1H Well (API No. 30-015-40868); the cost of drilling and completing the wells and the allocation of the costs thereof; actual operating costs and charges for supervision; the designation of the Applicant as Operator of the well and unit; and a 200% charge for the risk involved in drilling and completing the well. The well and lands are located approximately 31 miles southeast of Artesia, New Mexico.