

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. 9215
Order No. R-8521

APPLICATION OF HARVEY E. YATES
COMPANY FOR A UNIT AGREEMENT,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on September 23, 1987, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner David R. Catanach.

NOW, on this 1st day of October, 1987, 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, Harvey E. Yates Company, seeks approval of the Honeydew Unit Agreement for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying 720 acres, more or less, of State lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM
Section 35: N/2 NE/4
Section 36: All

(3) The applicant further seeks approval to designate Meridian Oil Inc. as the operator of the proposed unit.

(4) 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.

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(5) 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 Honeydew Unit Agreement is hereby approved for all oil and gas in any and all formations underlying the following described State lands:

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Section 35: N/2 NE/4
Section 36: All

(2) Meridian Oil Inc. is hereby designated the operator of the Honeydew Unit Area.

(3) 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, 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.

(4) 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 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.

(5) 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.

(6) This order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; this order shall terminate ipso facto upon the termination of said unit agreement; and the

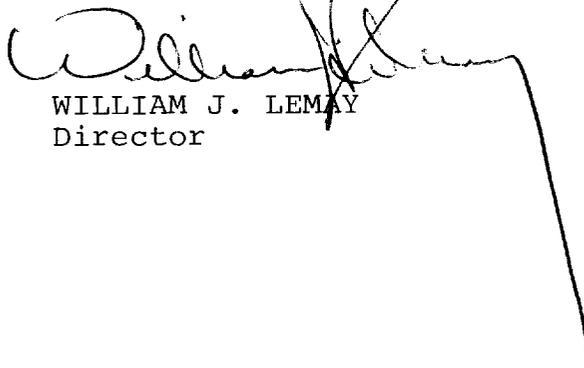
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last unit operator shall notify the Division immediately in writing of such termination.

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

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

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WILLIAM J. LEMAY
Director

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