

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION,
THROUGH THE ENGINEERING BUREAU CHIEF, FOR THE AMENDMENT
OF RULE 307**

CASE NO. 13268

**INDEX OF EXHIBITS SUBMITTED BY
THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
7/15/04**

- Exhibit 1:** Proposed Rule
- Exhibit 2:** Hard Copy of Power Point Presentation
- Exhibit 3:** Letter from New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, dated May 31, 2002
- Exhibit 4:** State Rules Addressing Vacuum Operations, dated January 31, 2001

19.15.5.307 ~~[USE OF VACUUM PUMPS: Vacuum pumps or other devices shall not be used for the purpose of creating a partial vacuum in any stratum containing oil or gas.]~~ **OPERATION AT BELOW ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE:**

A. A well operator may use vacuum pumps, gathering system compressors or other devices to operate a well or gathering system at below atmospheric pressure only if that operator has:

(1) executed a written agreement with the operator of the downstream gathering system or pipeline to which the well or gathering system so operated is immediately connected allowing operation of the well or gathering system at below atmospheric pressure; and

(2) filed a sundry notice (form C-103) in the appropriate district office of the division for each well operated at below atmospheric pressure or served by a gathering system operated at below atmospheric pressure, notifying the division that the well or gathering system serving the well is being operated at below atmospheric pressure.

B. A gathering system operator may use vacuum pumps, gathering system compressors or other devices to operate the gathering system at below atmospheric pressure, or may accept gas originating from a well operated at below atmospheric pressure or that has been carried by any upstream gathering system operated at below atmospheric pressure, only if that operator has executed a written agreement with the operator of the downstream gathering system or pipeline to which the gathering system is immediately connected allowing operation of upstream wells or gathering systems at below atmospheric pressure.