

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. 6247  
Order No. R-5800

APPLICATION OF MOBIL OIL CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE NORTH VACUUM ABO  
EAST UNIT AGREEMENT, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on June 7, 1978,  
at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this 20th day of September, 1978, the Division  
Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the  
recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in  
the premises,

FINDS.

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

(2) That the applicant, Mobil Oil Corporation, seeks  
approval of the North Vacuum Abo East Unit Agreement covering  
866 acres, more or less, of State lands described as follows:

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, NMPM  
Section 7: S/2  
Section 18: N/2, SW/4, and W/2 SE/4

(3) That all plans of development and operation and crea-  
tions, 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) That approval of the proposed unit agreement should  
promote the prevention of waste and the protection of correlative  
rights within the unit area.

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(5) That that portion of the application relating to statutory unitization should be dismissed inasmuch as all parties to the unit have agreed to voluntary unitization.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the North Vacuum Abo East Unit Agreement is hereby approved.

(2) That 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) That 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) That 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) That this order shall become effective upon the approval of said unit agreement by the Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of New Mexico; 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) That that portion of the application relating to statutory unitization is hereby dismissed.

(7) That 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 herein-  
above designated.



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