

Notice of Hearing

ON AN APPLICATION FOR UNIT OPERATIONS



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL & GAS RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
2045 Morse Road, F-3 • Columbus, OH 43229

NOTICE DATE:

Why Am I Receiving this Notice?

You are receiving this notice because the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (Division) has received an application pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 1509.28 for a unitization order. The applicant listed you in its application as having an interest or potential interest within the proposed oil and gas drilling unit.

A virtual hearing on the unitization application will be held on Webex, and you may choose to join. Hearings may last up to two hours. Any changes to the hearing date and time, such as cancellations or continuances, will be posted to the Division's website:

<https://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/unitization>

What Happens at the Hearing?

At the hearing, the applicant will present witnesses in support of its application for unitization. Then, anyone with an interest or potential interest in the proposed unit and anyone else who may be adversely affected by an order on the application will have an opportunity to present questions and concerns to the Division. A court reporter will create a record of the hearing.

Do I Have to Attend the Hearing?

Your attendance at the hearing is optional.

How Do I Attend the Hearing?

You can join the hearing up to 15 minutes before its start time, from a device connected to the internet or by calling in via telephone.

- You do not have to speak if you join the hearing.
- If you join the hearing over an internet connection using a phone or tablet, you will need to download the Webex app.
- If you call in using your phone, or if you are using a web browser on a desktop computer, you do not need to download the Webex app.

Attend Hearing via Webex

[HTTPS://SIGNIN.WEBEX.COM/JOIN](https://signin.webex.com/join)

MEETING #:

MEETING PASSWORD:

Attend Hearing via Phone United States Toll-free

CALL:

ACCESS CODE:

How Do I Include My Comments on the Record?

If you speak at the hearing, your comments will be recorded. If you are unable to attend or uncomfortable speaking at the hearing but would like to include comments in the record, you may submit comments on this application by mail or email:

ODNR Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management
Unitization Section
2045 Morse Road, F-3
Columbus, Ohio 43229 or via email to unitization@dnr.ohio.gov

Who Filed

APPLICANT:

Proposed Drilling Location

UNIT NAME:

UNIT LOCATION:

Hearing Information

HEARING DATE:

HEARING TIME:

ATTACHMENTS:

SCAN TO JOIN MEETING



DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS

What Happens after the Hearing Is Held?

State law requires that within 60 days after the hearing the Division must issue an order approving or denying the application. All Chief's Orders are posted to the Division's website. The Chief of the Division must issue an order approving unitization if the applicant demonstrates that (1) the operation is reasonably necessary to increase substantially the ultimate recovery of oil and gas; and (2) the value of the estimated additional recovery of oil or gas exceeds the estimated additional cost incident to conducting the operation.

More Information

The Division has authority over the permitting, drilling, operating and plugging of oil and gas wells in Ohio. This authority ensures uniform statewide regulation of oil and gas activities and promotes conservation through the effective development of oil and gas resources for the "unitization" of tracts of lands.

Ohio law, like the laws of many oil and gas producing states, provides a means to combine mineral rights from individual tracts of land to form a drilling unit to efficiently and effectively develop the oil and/or gas resources beneath those tracts. Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.28 is commonly known as Ohio's unitization law.

Unitization is available when the owners of sixty-five percent of the land overlying a pool (or part of a pool) of oil and/or gas apply to the Division to operate the pool (or part of a pool) as a drilling unit.

After receiving a unitization application, the Division reviews it and, if it has been properly submitted, the Division sets a time for a hearing.

After the hearing, the Division considers all testimony presented at the hearing and any written comments received, and then decides if the application should be granted based upon the law. An order is then issued approving or denying the application. If the application is approved, the order establishing the unit will specify the terms and conditions for unit operation on a just and reasonable basis. An order approving the application allows the applicant to drill inside the unit once all other necessary permits have been obtained.

Following an approved application, an applicant may later request an amendment to the order. Amendments to a unit order must be made in the same manner and are subject to the same conditions as the order for unit operations, including that a hearing must be held on the request.

If You Have Questions Regarding Your Interest in the Proposed Unit:

General Information

<https://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/unitization>

Unitization@dnr.ohio.gov

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