**Section 240.465 Special Drilling Unit**

a) The Department shall consider a petition to establish a special drilling unit based on whether:

1) the well density specified in Section 240.430(a) is maintained; and

2) a standard drilling unit cannot be formed utilizing the integration provisions of Section 240.132.

b) Upon petition of any person having an interest in oil and gas in a lease or drilling unit, when the proposed drilling unit size and shape is other than that specified in Section 240.410, the Department shall initiate a review of the petition to determine whether the petition will be accepted. If the permit is accepted, a public hearing will be scheduled pursuant to Section 240.460(e).

c) Contents of the petition shall include:

1) the name and address of the petitioner;

2) a legal land description of the drilling unit sought to be established;

3) a description of the petitioner's interest in oil or gas in the drilling unit at issue; and

4) the petitioner's reason for requesting a special drilling unit, including the submission of supporting geologic and engineering data.

 d) Applications to establish a special drilling unit shall be processed in accordance with the petition filing, execution, public notice and hearing provisions specified under Section 240.460(d) through (n).

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