

The above-described unit area shall when practicable be expanded to include therein any additional tract or tracts regarded as reasonably necessary or advisable for the purposes of this agreement, or shall be contracted to exclude lands not within any participating area whenever such expansion or contraction is necessary or advisable to conform with the purposes of this agreement. Such expansion or contraction shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) Unit Operator, on its own motion or on demand of the Director of the Geological Survey, hereinafter referred to as "Director", after preliminary concurrence by the Director, shall prepare a notice of proposed expansion or contraction describing the contemplated changes in the boundaries of the unit area, the reasons therefor, and the proposed effective date thereof, preferably the first day of a month subsequent to the date of notice.

(b) Said notice shall be delivered to the Supervisor, and copies thereof mailed to the last known address of each working interest owner, lessee, and lessor whose interests are affected, advising that 30 days will be allowed for submission to the Unit Operator of any objections.

(c) Upon expiration of the 30-day period provided in the preceding item (b) hereof, Unit Operator shall file with the Supervisor evidence of mailing of the notice of expansion or contraction and a copy of any objections thereto which have been filed with the Unit Operator, together with an application in sufficient number, for approval of such expansion or contraction and with appropriate joinders.

(d) After due consideration of all pertinent information, the expansion or contraction shall, upon approval by the Director, become effective as of the date prescribed in the notice thereof.

(e) Notwithstanding any prior automatic elimination under the "Drilling to Discovery" section hereof, all legal subdivisions of unitized lands, (i.e., 40 acres by government survey or its nearest lot or tract equivalent in instances of irregular surveys, however, unusually large lots or tracts shall be considered in multiples of 40 acres, or the nearest aliquot equivalent thereof, for the purpose of elimination under this subsection), no parts of which are entitled to be in a participating area within 5 years after the first day of the month following the effective date of the first initial participating area established under this unit agreement, shall be eliminated automatically from this agreement, effective as of the first day thereafter, and such lands