

This is a short-form amendment to 19.15.2 NMAC, Section 7, effective 07/29/2025.

Short form amendment explanatory statement. Subsections A through O, and Q through W, were not shown as no changes were made to those subsections.

19.15.2.7 DEFINITIONS:

P. Definitions beginning with the letter “P”.

(1) **“Penalized unit”** means a proration unit to which, because of an excessive gas-oil ratio, the division assigns an allowable that is less than top proration unit allowable for the pool in which it is located and also less than the ability of the well or wells on the unit to produce.

(2) **“Person”** means an individual or entity including partnerships, corporations, associations, responsible business or association agents or officers, the state or a political subdivision of the state or an agency, department or instrumentality of the United States and of its officers, agents or employees.

(3) **“PFAS chemicals”** means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

~~(3)~~ (4) **“Pit”** means a surface or sub-surface impoundment, man-made or natural depression or diked area on the surface. Excluded from this definition are berms constructed around tanks or other facilities solely for safety, secondary containment and storm water or run-on control.

~~(4)~~ (5) **“Playa lake”** means a level or nearly level area that occupies the lowest part of a completely closed basin and that is covered with water at irregular intervals, forming a temporary lake.

~~(5)~~ (6) **“Pool”** means an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of oil or gas. Each zone of a general structure, which zone is completely separated from other zones in the structure, is covered by the word pool as used in 19.15.2 NMAC through 19.15.39 NMAC. “Pool” is synonymous with “common source of supply” and with “common reservoir”.

~~(6)~~ (7) **“Potential”** means a well’s properly determined capacity to produce oil or gas under division-prescribed conditions.

~~(7)~~ (8) **“Ppm”** means parts per million by volume.

~~(8)~~ (9) **“PQL”** means practical quantitation limit.

~~(9)~~ (10) **“Pressure maintenance”** means the injection of gas or other fluid into a reservoir, either to maintain the reservoir’s existing pressure or to retard the reservoir pressure’s natural decline.

~~(10)~~ (11) **“Produced water”** means a fluid that is an incidental byproduct from drilling for or the production of oil and gas.

~~(11)~~ (12) **“Producer”** means the owner of a well or wells capable of producing oil or gas or both in paying quantities.

~~(12)~~ (13) **“Product”** means a commodity or thing made or manufactured from oil or gas, and derivatives of oil or gas, including refined crude oil, crude tops, topped crude, processed crude petroleum, residue from crude petroleum, cracking stock, uncracked fuel oil, treated crude oil, fuel oil, residuum, gas oil, naphtha, distillate, gasoline, kerosene, benzene, wash oil, lubricating oil and blends or mixtures of oil or gas or a derivative thereof.

~~(13)~~ (14) **“Proration day”** consists of 24 consecutive hours that begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 a.m. on the following day.

~~(14)~~ (15) **“Proration month”** means the calendar month that begins at 7:00 a.m. on the first day of the month and ends at 7:00 a.m. on the first day of the next succeeding month.

~~(15)~~ (16) **“Proration period”** means for oil the proration month and for gas the 12-month period that begins at 7:00 a.m. on January 1 of each year and ends at 7:00 a.m. on January 1 of the succeeding year or other period designated by general or special order of the division.

~~(16)~~ (17) **“Proration schedule”** means the division orders authorizing the production, purchase and transportation of oil, casinghead gas and gas from the various units of oil or of gas in allocated pools.

~~(17)~~ (18) **“Proration unit”** means the area in a pool that can be effectively and efficiently drained by one well as determined by the division or commission (see Subsection B of Section 70-2-17 NMSA 1978) as well as the area assigned to an individual well for the purposes of allocating allowable production pursuant to a prorationing order for the pool.

~~[(18)]~~ (19) **“Prospective spacing unit”** means a hypothetical spacing unit that does not yet have a producing well.

~~[(19)]~~ (20) **“PVC”** means poly vinyl chloride.

~~[(20)]~~ (21) **“Psi”** means pounds per square inch.

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