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NOTICE
WELL NAMING CONVENTION
ADDENDUM FOR STRADDLE COM WELLS

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New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have permitted “straddle com” wells. These are wells which have a communitization (Com) agreement allowing the production of Unitized (Unit) minerals and non-Unit minerals to prevent waste. To facilitate the naming of these straddle com wells operators should follow the guidelines below.

Straddle Com Well Naming Guidelines.

When naming wells, an operator must follow these guidelines:

Requirements

- Only wells which mix unit minerals and minerals outside of the Unit can follow the well naming convention for straddle com wells.
- C-102 attached to the APD should indicate the Unit and its boundaries in the dedicated acreage.
- Wells must have Unit and Com authorization from SLO and/or BLM
 - If the Unit and Com commingles both SLO and BLM minerals both agencies’ approvals are needed.
 - If the Unit and Com commingle only minerals from one agency, only that agency’s approval is required.
- Wells meeting the above requirements must have “Unit Com” in the well name.
- Wells must meet all other requirements from the [Well Naming Convention Notice](#) dated February 24, 2023