

# **Railroad Commission Update**

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#### **Overview**

- Double-Assignment of Acreage
- Mineral Interest Pooling Act
- Allocation Well Permitting
- Disposal Well Permitting
- Recent Statewide Rule Amendments



### **Double-Assignment of Acreage**

- What is double-assignment of acreage?
  - -Tract of land
  - -Assigned to two different wells
  - -Same RRC field
  - For permitting, proration, and production



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## **Double-Assignment of Acreage**

- Historically banned by the RRC
  - —Statewide Rule 40 prohibits double assignment of acreage to a "well for drilling and development, or for the allocation of allowable."



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### **Double-Assignment of Acreage**

- Under Statewide Rule 40:
  - if acreage is assigned to a well to receive an allowable in a field, then no other well can produce from that same acreage in that same field



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## **Double-Assignment of Acreage**

- Initial problem:
  - Vertical Wells vs. Horizontal Wells
  - Fields originally developed with vertical wells are later developed with horizontal laterals
  - Assignment of acreage to Vertical Wells left no acreage to assign to Horizontal Wells



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