

Unitization Agreement:

A unit agreement is a contract between the Federal Government and a number of lessees holding contiguous leases over a potential oil and gas reservoir and is intended to facilitate the orderly and timely development of Federal oil and gas resources within the unit area. The agreement designates one party as the operator to conduct all activities in the unit area and commits that party to diligently pursue an exploration program to develop the potential oil and gas resources in the unit area.

The objective of unitization is to provide for the unified development and operation of an entire geologic prospect or producing reservoir so that exploration, drilling and production can proceed in the most efficient and economical manner by one operator.

Authority: 43 CFR 3180 – Onshore Oil and Gas Unit Agreements: General

Subpart 3181 – Application for Unit Agreement

Subpart 3182 – Qualifications of Unit Operator

Subpart 3183 – Filing and Approval of Documents

Subpart 3186 – Model Forms

3186.3 Model for designation of successor unit operator by working interest owners.

3186.4 Model for change in unit operator by assignment.

Responsibility: Bakersfield Field Office Manager