



Utah Forced Pooling – Formal Rule Publication and Comment Period

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The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) published a [proposed rule](#) relating to the overhaul of Utah’s forced pooling process. The Division will accept public comments until May 22, 2020.

The proposed rule changes are a result of legislation passed in the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions amending the forced pooling statute (Utah Code Ann §40-6-6.5(12)). The statutory amendments allow for a forced pooling order issued by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to apply to subsequent wells within the same drilling and spacing unit provided certain conditions are met. The Division was tasked with developing the rules to implement the changes to the statute and worked with various stakeholders throughout the process.

Written or oral comments on the proposed rules should be directed to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. For further information, please contact [David Bolda](#).