

# Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

## Oil and Gas Unitization, Typical Time Frame

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UNITIZATION / 3-D INTERPRETATION

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Applicant files pre-application notice letter

If requested, the **pre-application conference** is held; this conference is an informal meeting intended to review the unit proposal(s) and, if possible, resolve differences

The **hearing** is held in the LDNR building located on 617 North Third Street, LaSalle Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Applicant can file the **application letter** (for hearing) after pre-application conference (if held)

+/- 20 calendar days

+/- 45 calendar days

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The applicant must provide a **minimum** of 20 days before the date of the pre-application conference

**PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE**

After the pre-application conference, the applicant may file to have the matter docketed for a **hearing** in Baton Rouge, LA. The hearing may take place approximately 45 days following the submittal of the application letter.

15 calendar days

**HEARING**

The LDNR Commissioner of Conservation signs a **unit order** approximately 30-60 days AFTER the hearing depending on docket load, etc.

10 calendar days

**NOTE:** If the pre-application conference is **NOT** requested (at least 10 calendar days AFTER the date of the notice letter), the applicant may file to have the matter docketed for a hearing **reducing the process by 10 days**.

The **"Risk Fee Statute"** (La R. S. 30:10 et seq.) can be utilized following the signing of the LDNR Commissioner's Unit Order.

**CRITICAL DATE/PREREQUISITE TO TESTIFY  
COUNTERPLANS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE  
NO LESS THAN 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING**

Month 1

Month 2

Month 3

Month 4

**Entire process: +/- 90-120 days**

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