



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Geologic Resources Management Division

**Application for Voluntarily Pooled Spacing Unit:  
Antrim USP or Rule 303 Exception**

Use of this form is recommended for approval of a voluntarily pooled, expanded well spacing unit pursuant to R 324.303 of Part 615 Administrative Rules, 1994 PA 451, as amended or Antrim Uniform Spacing Plan under Order (A) 14-9-94, special spacing order for Antrim Shale Formation gas wells. Falsification of this information may result in fines and/or imprisonment. Check all boxes and fill in all blanks which apply. See additional instructions on the other side. Attach additional pages as necessary. If the exception is approved, you will receive confirmation by letter.

**1. Instructions:**

Attach the following documents to the Application:

- a. List of the names of all mineral owners in the proposed unit. Include a statement as to which of the interests requires a ratification of pooling. (Such as State of Michigan leases.)
- b. Large scale project map (e.g., 1"—1000'), drawn to scale, of the proposed unit and development. Identify all drilled, permitted, and proposed wells. Identify all wells in the drilling units adjoining the proposed unit.
- c. Certified copy of the executed pooling or communitization agreement which comprises or includes the entire proposed unit.
- d. Certified copy of pooling ratifications, if required to pool leases.
- e. Certified statement by a knowledgeable person that all mineral interests within the unit are leased & controlled by the applicant AND that these interests are voluntarily pooled pursuant to the authority granted in the leases or by an owner's ratification of the pooling.

**Origination:**

**2. Applicant's Name:**

Address:

Contact Name:

Email Address:

**3. Well Name(s), Well Number, Current Status (Attach list of the data in 3. and 4. if more convenient):**

**4. Permit Number(s):**

**5. Applicable spacing:**

Check the USP or Rule 303 box below, then, if a Rule 303 exception, indicate the applicable spacing rule.

Application for Uniform Spacing Plan pursuant to S.O. (A)14-9-94 Antrim Shale Formation spacing order

**OR**

Application for Rule 303 unit exception pursuant to R 324.303 of Part 615 Administrative Rules. Please indicate below the appropriate spacing rule or order for the area of the proposed pooled unit and objective formation.

- S.O. (A)14-9-94 northern Michigan Antrim, 80 acres
- S.O. (A)3-3-95 southern Michigan Antrim, 40 acres
- S.O. 1-73 Niagaran, 80 acres
- S.O. 2-81 Oakland Co. Niagaran, 40 acres
- S.O. 18-2007 Trenton-Black River, 40 acres
- S.O. 1-86 Prairie du Chien, 640 acre
- R 324.301 General rule, 40 acres
- Field Spacing or Unitization Order (identify order):

**6.** Unit description (Provide the legal description of the lands proposed for the voluntarily pooled unit.):

**7.** Number of acres in proposed unit:

Nominal:

Actual:

**8.** Exploration or development plans (Identify what the development plans for the unit will be.):

**9.** Describe how the proposed plan of development satisfies the 3 conditions required in Rule 303(2) (Not applicable to Antrim USP exceptions.):

a. Waste is prevented; b. The drilling of unnecessary wells is prevented; c. A well is not closer than 330' from a unit boundary.

**10. Certification:**

"I state that I am authorized by said owner. This report was prepared under my supervision and direction. The facts stated herein are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge."

Name and Title	Signature	Date
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**Submission Instructions:**

Mail application form and attachments to: Or submit via email to EGLE at:

EGLE-GRMD  
Permit Bonding Unit  
P.O. Box 30256  
Lansing, MI 48909-7756

[EGLE-GRMD-permitapplications@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-GRMD-permitapplications@Michigan.gov)

**Instructions for Completing Form EQP 7200-23:**

For a Rule 303 exception for the drilling of a single well, please enclose this form with your Application for Permit to Drill. If you have questions, contact Kevin Carey at 989-370-1257.

- 1. Attachments:** Attach all of the listed documents with this form. Please do not enclose copies of any lease. Exceptions to the requirements: 1b. if the spacing exception is for a single well, a copy of the well permit application surveyor’s plat is acceptable. For an Antrim USP, a copy of the project plan map is sufficient. 1 if a single lease covers the proposed unit, a pooling agreement is not applicable. However, to document the applicant’s intentions, a “Declaration of Unit” is required. Please contact GRMD for assistance.
- 2. Applicant’s name:** The spacing exception applicant must be the same as the applicant and permittee of the wells in the proposed unit.
- 3. Well names:** List the well names and numbers and current well status for the wells in the proposed unit or planned for the unit.
- 4. Permit numbers:** List the EGLE permit numbers for the wells in #3 above. A page listing the information in #3 and #4 may be attached.
- 5. Applicable spacing:** Indicate whether your application is for an Antrim USP or Rule 303 unit exception. If for a Rule 303 exception, check the box next to the spacing rule controlling the location and spacing of wells in the geographical area and target formation of the exception request. Note: The Antrim spacing order is listed because under certain circumstances, a Rule 303 exception can apply. See ‘General Spacing Orders’ on the GRMD Oil & Gas web pages. If in doubt, contact the GRMD Permits & Bonding Unit at 517-284-6826.
- 6. Drilling unit description:** Describe the lands within the proposed unit in writing. Please note: If the voluntarily pooled area encompasses lands outside the proposed unit, do not include them in this description. The information should include county name, township name, townline & range numbers & directions, section numbers, & fractions of sections included in the unit. For a Rule 303 exception, the unit must be put together using multiples of the full drilling unit as specified in the applicable spacing rule. For an Antrim USP, the USP must be assembled from ¼ ¼ sections of land. Proposed Rule 303 pooled units or USPs cannot contain “islands” of unpooled land.
- 7. Number of acres:** Show the total nominal & total actual acres in the proposed unit. For Rule 303, the nominal acreage must be a whole multiple of the drilling unit size for the applicable spacing rule in effect. For a USP, the nominal acreage is a whole number multiple of 40 acres. (count each regular or fractional ¼ ¼ section as 40 acres).

**8. Exploration or development plans:** Describe plans for developing the proposed unit. Are wells beyond what are currently proposed likely to be drilled? Explain why the spacing exception is necessary for the development.

**9. Describe how the proposed plan of development satisfies the 3 conditions required in Rule 303(2):** Answer parts (a) through (c). Part (c) can be left unanswered if the proposed unit is for the drilling of a single well. Setback distances are measured from the producing interval. This information is not required for Antrim Uniform Spacing Plan exceptions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Approval of a Rule 303 voluntary pooling request alters well spacing only. Proration allowables cannot be changed. Any future re-drills or alternate plans of development will require a separate approval. A Rule 303 unit remains effective until production ceases.

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