



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division**

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 -- Cooperative Research Group on Mechanical Stratigraphy and Natural Deformation in the Permian Strata Of Texas and New Mexico: Implications for Exploitation of the Permian Basin

Notice is hereby given that, on June 22, 2017, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute -- Cooperative Research Group on Mechanical Stratigraphy and Natural Deformation in the Permian Strata of Texas and New Mexico: Implications for Exploitation of the Permian Basin ("Permian Basin") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Diamondback E&P LLC, Midland, TX; and Noble Energy, Inc., Houston, TX, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Permian Basin intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 18, 2017, Permian Basin filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 12, 2017 (82 FR 22159).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 17, 2017. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 20, 2017 (82 FR 28092).

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