



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 May 30, 2018, 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, CONOCOPHILLIPS Company, Houston, TX, has been  
added as a party 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 9, 2018. A notice was published in the *Federal Register* pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 25, 2018 (83 FR 24347).

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