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The Evolution of Subsurface Mineral Trespass

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Subsurface mineral trespass has evolved over the decades, along with corresponding developments in oil and gas technology. The recent Texas supreme court case of Lightning Oil v. Anadarko Petroleum is another step in this evolutionary process, appearing to create a new type of accommodation doctrine for the severed mineral owner. This presentation offers an overview of caselaw with respect to subsurface oil and gas development and analyzes the possible development challenges faced by mineral and oil and gas lease owners.