HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

Exhibit "E"

Matador Operating Company
Brantley Federal #1
660' FNL; 1500' FWL
Sec 34, T20S, R26E
Eddy County, New Mexico

I. Hydrogen Sulfide Training.

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted or employed on an unscheduled basis, will receive training form a qualified instructor in the following area prior to commencing drilling operations on this well.

- 1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) .
- 2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
- 3. The proper use of H₂S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures, and prevailing winds.
- 4. The proper techniques of first aid and rescue procedures.

In addition the supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- 1. The effects of H₂S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- 2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
- 3. The contents and requirements of the H_2S Drilling Operations Plan.

There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H₂S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H₂S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H₂S Drilling Operations Plan. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

II. H₂S Safety Equipment and Systems.