

Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan  
**Mewbourne Oil Company**  
 Marathon Road "14" NC Federal #1H  
 170' FNL & 1980' FWL  
 Sec 23-T20S-R34E  
 Lea County, New Mexico

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# **1. General Requirements**

Rule 118 does not apply to this well because MOC has researched this area and no high concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S were found. MOC will have on location and working all H<sub>2</sub>S safety equipment before the Yates formation for purposes of safety and insurance requirements.

# **2. Hydrogen Sulfide Training**

All personnel, whether regularly assigned, contracted, or employed on an unscheduled basis, will have received training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to entering the drilling pad area of the well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide gas.
2. The proper use of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of hydrogen sulfide detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue operations.

Additionally, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

- 1 The effects of hydrogen sulfide on metal components. If high tensile tubular systems are utilized, supervisory personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
- 2 Corrective action and shut in procedures, blowout prevention, and well control procedures while drilling a well.
- 3 The contents of the Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan.

There will be an initial training session prior to encountering a known hydrogen sulfide source. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan.

# **3. Hydrogen Sulfide Safety Equipment and Systems**

All hydrogen sulfide safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational prior to drilling below the intermediate casing.

1. Well Control Equipment
  - A. Choke manifold with minimum of one adjustable choke.
  - B. Blowout preventers equipped with blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit
  - C. Auxiliary equipment including annular type blowout preventer.
2. Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel  
 Thirty minute self contained work unit located in the dog house and at briefing areas.

Additionally: If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered in concentrations less than 10 ppm, fans will be placed in work areas to prevent the accumulation of hazardous amounts of poisonous gas. If higher concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>S are detected the well will be shut in and a rotating head, mud/gas separator, and flare line with igniter will be installed.

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3. Hydrogen Sulfide Protection and Monitoring Equipment

Two portable hydrogen sulfide monitors positioned on location for optimum coverage and detection. The units shall have audible sirens to notify personnel when hydrogen sulfide levels exceed 20 PPM.

4. Visual Warning Systems

A. Wind direction indicators as indicated on the wellsite diagram.

B. Caution signs shall be posted on roads providing access to location. Signs shall be painted a high visibility color with lettering of sufficient size to be readable at reasonable distances from potentially contaminated areas.

4. **Mud Program**

The mud program has been designed to minimize the amount of hydrogen sulfide entrained in the mud system. Proper mud weight, safe drilling practices, and the use of hydrogen sulfide scavengers will minimize hazards while drilling the well.

5. **Metallurgy**

All tubular systems, wellheads, blowout preventers, drilling spools, kill lines, choke manifolds, and valves shall be suitable for service in a hydrogen sulfide environment when chemically treated.

6. **Communications**

State & County Officials phone numbers are posted on rig floor and supervisors trailer. Communications in company vehicles and toolpushers are either two way radios or cellular phones.

7. **Well Testing**

Drill stem testing is not an anticipated requirement for evaluation of this well. A drill stem test is required, it will be conducted with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity. The test will be conducted during daylight hours only.

8. **Emergency Phone Numbers**

Lea County Sheriff's Office	911 or 575-396-3316
Ambulance Service	911 or 575-397-9308
Hobbs Fire Dept	911 or 575-397-9308
Lovington Fire Dept.	911 or 575-396-2359
Lea Regional Hospital – Hobbs	575-393-6581

Mewbourne Oil Company	Hobbs District Office	575-393-5905
	Fax	575-397-6252
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fax	575-393-7259

District Manager	Micky Young	575-390-0999
Drilling Superintendent	Frosty Lathan	575-390-4103
Drilling Foreman	Wesley Noseff	575-441-0729
	Bradley Bishop	575-390-6838