

Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan

**Vaca Draw 20-17 Federal 6H**

Cimarex Energy Co.

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**1 All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H<sub>2</sub>S safety instructor to the following:**

- A. Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S
- B. Physical effects and hazards
- C. Principal and operation of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, warning system and briefing areas.
- D. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
- E. Proper use of safety equipment & life support systems
- F. Essential personnel meeting Medical Evaluation criteria will receive additional training on the proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air packs.

**H<sub>2</sub>S Detection and Alarm Systems:**

- A. H<sub>2</sub>S sensors/detectors to be located on the drilling rig floor, in the base of the sub structure/cellar area, on the mud pits in the shale shaker area. Additional H<sub>2</sub>S detectors may play placed as deemed necessary.
- B. An audio alarm system will be installed on the derrick floor and in the top doghouse.

**3 Windsock and/or wind streamers:**

- A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
- B. Windsock on the rig floor and / or top doghouse should be high enough to be visible.

**4 Condition Flags and Signs**

- A. Warning sign on access road to location.
- B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag indicates normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag indicates danger (H<sub>2</sub>S present in dangerous concentration). Only H<sub>2</sub>S trained and certified personnel admitted to location.

**5 Well control equipment:**

- A. See exhibit "E-1"

**6 Communication:**

- A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
- B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
- C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.

**7 Drillstem Testing:**

No DSTs r cores are planned at this time.

- 8 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H<sub>2</sub>S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.
- 9 If H<sub>2</sub>S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with H<sub>2</sub>S scavengers if necessary.

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**Emergency Procedures**

In the event of a release of gas containing H<sub>2</sub>S, the first responder(s) must:

- « Isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE.
- « Evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE.
- « Be equipped with H<sub>2</sub>S monitors and air packs in order to control the release.
- « Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries occur during the 432-620-1975
- « Take precautions to avoid personal injury during this operation.
- « Contact operator and/or local officials to aid in operation. See list of phone numbers attached.
- « Have received training in the:
  - Detection of H<sub>2</sub>S, and
  - Measures for protection against the gas,
  - Equipment used for protection and emergency response.

**Ignition of Gas Source**

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally, the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas.

**Characteristics of H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub>**

Please see attached International Chemical Safety Cards.

**Contacting Authorities**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's personnel must liaise with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available including directions to site. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado's response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's "Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan" (HMER).

H<sub>2</sub>S Contingency Plan Emergency Contacts

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**Company Office**

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado	800-969-4789
Co. Office and After-Hours Menu	

**Key Personnel**

Name	Title	Office	Mobile
Larry Seigrist	Drilling Manager	432-620-1934	580-243-8485
Charlie Pritchard	Drilling Superintendent	432-620-1975	432-238-7084
Roy Shirley	Construction Superintendent		432-634-2136

**Artesia**

Ambulance	911
State Police	575-746-2703
City Police	575-746-2703
Sheriff's Office	575-746-9888
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>575-746-2701</b>
Local Emergency Planning Committee	575-746-2122
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division	575-748-1283

**Carlsbad**

Ambulance	911
State Police	575-885-3137
City Police	575-885-2111
Sheriff's Office	575-887-7551
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>575-887-3798</b>
Local Emergency Planning Committee	575-887-6544
US Bureau of Land Management	575-887-6544

**Santa Fe**

New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)	505-476-9600
New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe) 24 Hrs	505-827-9126
New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center	505-476-9635

**National**

National Emergency Response Center (Washington, D.C.)	800-424-8802
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**Medical**

Flight for Life - 4000 24th St.; Lubbock, TX	806-743-9911
Aerocare - R3, Box 49F; Lubbock, TX	806-747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb - 2301 Yale Blvd S.E., #D3; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4433
SB Air Med Service - 2505 Clark Carr Loop S.E.; Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4949

**Other**

Boots & Coots IWC	800-256-9688	or	281-931-8884
Cudd Pressure Control	432-699-0139	or	432-563-3356
Halliburton	575-746-2757		
B.J. Services	575-746-3569		