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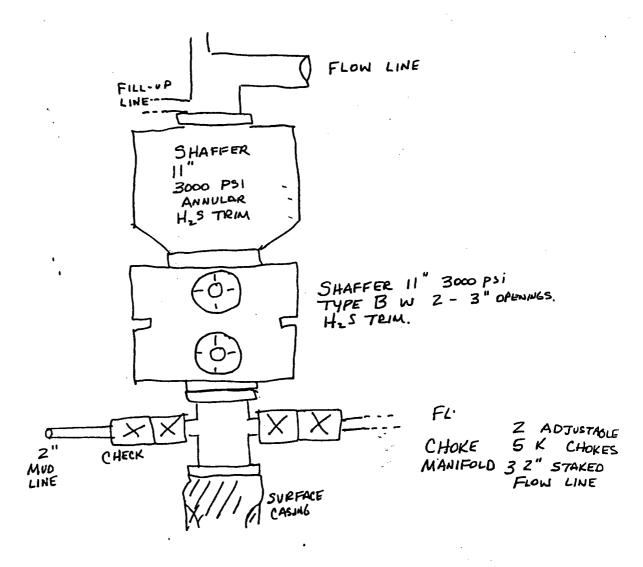
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THRESHOLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
TDC COWTOWN STATE #1
660' FSL & 660' FEL
Section 6-T19S-R23E
Eddy Co., NM





H₂S CONTINGENCY PLAN

THRESHOLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

TDC Cowtown State #1
Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 23 East
Eddy County, New Mexico

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SCOPE

This plan establishes Threshold Development Company's guidelines for all company and contract employees whose duties may involve exposure to hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas on the TDC Cowtown State #1 location. This lease is located 660' from the south line and 660' from the east line in Section 6 of Township 19 South, Range 23 East of Eddy County, New Mexico. This plan also establishes procedure for isolation of the work site and evacuating the public on the condition that:

- A. There is a release of H₂S that encompasses the radius of exposure (ROE) in this plan and,
- B. There are houses, persons and/or roads within the ROE and,
- C. There is the endangerment of human or animal life within the ROE.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Threshold Development Company is to:

- A. Prevent any and all accidents, and to prevent the uncontrolled release of H2S into the atmosphere and,
- B. Provide proper evacuation procedures to cope with emergencies and,
- C. Provide immediate and adequate medical attention should an injury occur.

It should be noted that Threshold Development Company does not expect there to be any release of H_2S into the atmosphere but has taken the necessary steps to react properly to and control any hazards encountered on any of our facilities.

GENERAL EMERGENCY ACTION

In the event of an emergency, the following action should be initiated,

- 1. All personnel shall immediately evacuate to an up-wind and up-hill "safe breathing" area.
- 2. Those who must enter the hazard area must wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and must use other appropriate safety equipment as outlined on page 11.
- 3. Isolate the well, if possible.

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- 4. Use the "buddy system" at all times.
- 5. Account for all personnel and take appropriate action as necessary for personnel safety.
- 6. Display the appropriate color warning flag to describe the type of emergency.
- 7. Contact Threshold Development Company personnel at the earliest time available according to the emergency call out list below.

The Threshold Development Company supervisor will assess the situation and assign duties to various persons to bring the situation under control. Notification of local emergency response agencies and residents will be assigned by the Threshold Development Company supervisor. Media inquiries are to be referred to Threshold Development Company at 777 Taylor Street – Penthouse II in Fort Worth, Texas.

Threshold Development Company Emergency call out numbers

OFFICE PHONE	CELL PHONE
(817) 870-1483	(817) 980-3088
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	(817) 870-1483

Emergency Notification Numbers Eddy County

Organization or Agency	Phone Number
New Mexico State Police	(505) 748-9718
Eddy County Sheriff 's Department	(505) 746-9888
Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance)	911 or (505) 746-2701
Eddy County Emergency Management (Harry Burgess)	(505) 887-9511
State Emergency Response Center (SERC) Chairman (Max Johnson)	(505) 476-9620
Loco Hills Fire Department	(505) 677-2349
Artesia Fire Department	(505) 746-2701
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (District II)	(505) 748-1283
National Response Center (NRC)	(800) 424-8802
Chemtrec	(800) 424-9300
Action Safety	(505) 393-3501
Cudd Pressure Control	(915) 699-0139
	(915) 563-3356
Boots & Coots IWC	(800) 256-9688
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Halliburton	(505) 746-2757
B.J. Services	(505) 746-3569
Flight for Life – Lubbock, TX	(806) 743-9911
Aerocare – Lubbock, TX	(806) 747-8923
Med Flight Air Amb. – Albuquerque, NM	(505)-842-4433
SB Air Medical Service – Albuquerque, NM	(505) 842-4949



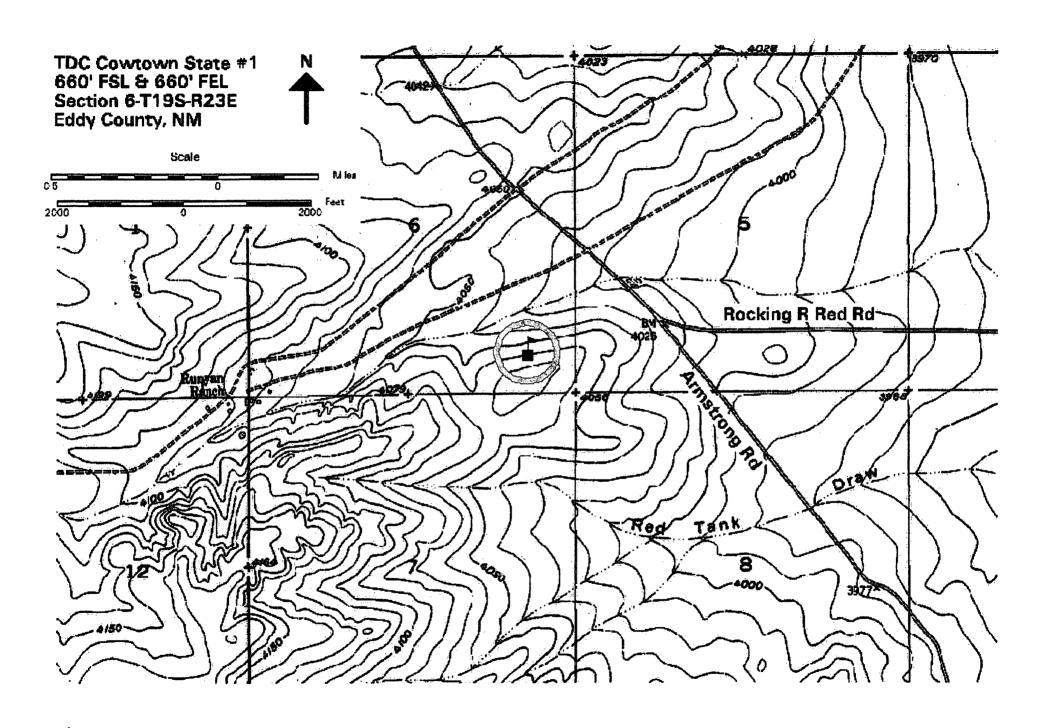
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RADIUS OF EXPOSURE (ROE) CALCULATION SHEET

Company	Lease Information
Threshold Development Co.	TDC Cowtown State #1
777 Taylor Street	660' FSL & 660' FEL
Penthouse II	Sec 6, T19S, R23E
Fort Worth, Texas 76102	Eddy County, New Mexico
Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Concentration	
N/A PPM	
Gas Escape Rate/Per Day	
N/A MCF/DAY	
100 PPM ASSUME	3,000 Ft.
500 PPM ROE	0 Ft.
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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR UNCONTROLLABLE RELEASE OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS (H₂S)

- 1. Secure and don self-contained breathing apparatus.
- 2. Remove all personnel to up-wind and up-hill "safe breathing" zone.
- 3. Contact all concerned employees and immediate supervisor for instructions.
- 4. Take steps to protect and/or remove the general public to an upwind area away from the source of H₂S.
- 5. Deny entry to unnecessary personnel.
- 6. Notify necessary public safety personnel:
 - State Police = if on or near a state road
 - Sheriff's Department = if on or near a county road (for assistance in the evacuation of the general public and to help maintain roadblocks)
- 7. Contact the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.
- 4. While attempting to control the release, maintain tight security and safety procedures.
- 5. Use the buddy system when entering any hazardous area.

The responsibility of this plan is with the Threshold Development Company supervisor(s) who shall be in complete command during the emergency.

PUBLIC PROTECTION PLAN

There are no houses or public facilities within the calculated potential radius of exposure (ROE) of this well. However, there is a lease road within the ROE of this well. Block this road a safe distance from the hazardous zone. These roadblocks shall be maintained until it has been determined by the Threshold Development Company supervisor that affected areas are safe to be re-entered.

The company supervisor(s) have been designated within this contingency plan and his phone number listed. If a release of any type is detected on a Threshold Development Company lease, a supervisor shall be notified.

see "General Emergency Action" (Page 3)

PUBLIC EVACUATION PLAN

- 1. When the company supervisor determines the H₂S cannot be limited to the TDC Cowtown State #1 Well location and the public will be involved, the evacuation plan shall be activated.
- 2. The supervisor will notify local emergency response agencies that a hazardous condition exists and implement evacuation procedures.
- 3. A safety person, trained in the use of H₂S detection equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus, shall monitor H₂S concentrations, wind directions and area of exposure. He will determine the outer perimeter of the hazardous gas area. Extension to the evacuation area shall be determined from the information gathered. Continuous monitoring shall remain in effect until the incident is terminated.
- 4. Law enforcement shall be called to aid in setting up and maintaining roadblocks. They will also aid in evacuation of the public if necessary but shall not be asked to enter the hazardous zone.
- 5. Continuous communication shall be maintained between company personnel and law enforcement personnel.
- 6. After the discharge of gas has been controlled, the safety person shall determine when the area is safe for re-entry.

All atmospheric monitoring of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) gas shall be done only with UL-approved monitors classified within a minimum classification of intrinsically safe, for use in class 1, groups A,B,C, and D, division 1 hazardous locations. These monitors shall also have a minimum capability of reading H2S, oxygen, and flammability values.

Action Safety

IGNITION PROCEDURES FOR UNCONTROLLABLE WELL CONDITIONS

The decision to ignite the well is the decision of the company supervisor(s). This decision should be made only as a last resort and in a situation where it is determined that:

- Human life and/or property are endangered.
- There is no hope of controlling the blowout under the prevailing conditions at the well.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IGNITING THE RELEASE

- 1. Two personnel are required for the ignition operation. They <u>must</u> wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus and a D-ring style, OSHA approved full body safety harness with a non-flammable safety rope attached
- 2. One (safety) person will test the atmosphere for explosive gases with an approved Triple-range (H₂S, O₂, LFL) monitor. The other person (company supervisor) is responsible for igniting the well.
- 3. Primary method of ignition shall be with a 25mm flare gun with range of approximately 500 feet.
- 4. Ignite up-wind and do not approach any closer than is warranted.
- 5. Select a safe ignition site which offers ultimate egress.
- 6. Before activating flare gun, check for presence of combustible gas.
- 7. After ignition, continue emergency action and procedure as before.
- 8. All unassigned personnel will limit their actions to those directed by the company supervisor.
- \triangleright After the well is ignited, burning H_2S will produce SO_2 , which is also highly toxic. Do not assume the area is safe after the well is ignited.
- > A No Smoking policy shall be strictly enforced on location at all times.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Respiratory Protection

- Rescue Units (SCBA's) 1 unit shall be placed at each briefing area and 2 shall be stored in the safety trailer.
- Work/Escape Units 4 units shall be stored on the rig floor connected to the safety trailer with sufficient hose to allow workers to adequately perform duties with minimal restriction.
- Emergency Escape Units 4 units shall be stored in the top dog house for emergency evacuation purposes.

2. Signs and Flags

• One (1) Condition Sign shall be placed at location entrance with the following language:

DANGER H₂S

POTENTIAL DANGER
MODERATE DANGER
EXTREME DANGER

• Condition Flags shall be displayed at the sign in one of following designations:

Yellow / normal conditions

Orange / potential danger

Red / danger, H₂S present

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- 3. **Briefing Area:** Two (2) briefing areas, designated by signs, shall be located perpendicular to each other and be easily visible and readily accessible.
- 4. Windsocks: Two (2) windsocks shall be strategically placed where they are easily visible from all points.

5. Hydrogen Sulfide Detectors and Alarms:

- One (1) stationary H₂S monitor with three sensors shall be located on the rig in the top dog house. The H₂S monitor shall be calibrated to alarm at 10 PPM for the low alarm (visual alarm) and 15 PPM for the high alarm (audible alarm). Calibrations shall be checked every 30 days or as needed. The sensors shall be located as follows:
- #1 Rig floor
- #2 Bell Nipple
- #3 Flow line or where the well bore fluid is discharged
- A Gas sampling pump, with detector tubes capable of measuring H₂S gas, shall be located in the safety trailer.

6. Auxiliary Rescue Equipment:

- One (1) Stretcher
- Two (2) OSHA approved full body harness
- One Hundred (100) feet of 5/8" OSHA approved rope

7. Fire Extinguishers:

• One (1) 20#, class ABC fire extinguisher shall be located in the safety trailer

8. Communication:

• Mobile, cellular phones or two way radio's shall be available via the vehicles on location and on the rig floor.

TOXIC EFFECTS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE

Hydrogen sulfide is extremely toxic. The acceptable ceiling concentration for eight hour exposure is 10 ppm which is .001% by volume. Hydrogen sulfide is heavier than air (Specific Gravity = 1.19, approximately 20% heavier) and colorless. It forms an explosive mixture with air between 4.3% and 46.0%. By volume hydrogen sulfide is almost as toxic as hydrogen cyanide and is between 5 and 6 times more toxic than carbon monoxide.

Toxicity of Various Gases

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit ¹	Hazardous Limit ²	Lethal Concentration ³
Hydrogen Cyanide	HCN	0.94	10 ppm	150 ppm/hr	300 ppm
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm ⁴ 15 ppm ⁵	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO ₂	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm
Chlorine	CL ₂	2.45	1 ppm	4 ppm/hr	1000 ppm
Carbon Monoxide	СО	0.97	50 ppm	400 ppm/hr	1000 ppm
Carbon Dioxide	CO ₂	1.52	5000 ppm	5%	10%
Methane	CH ₄	0.55	90,000 ppm	Combustible @ 5%	N/A

¹ Threshold limit - Concentration at which it is believed that all workers may be repeatedly exposed, day after day without adverse effects.

² Hazardous limit - Concentration that may cause death.

³ Lethal concentration – Concentration that will cause death with short-term exposure.

⁴ Threshold limit – 10 ppm – NIOSH guide to chemical hazards.

⁵ Short term threshold limit.

PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE

Conce	entrations	Physical Effects					
0.001%	10 ppm	Obvious and unpleasant odor. Safe for 8 hour exposure.					
0.005%	50 ppm	Can cause some flu-like symptoms and can cause pneumonia.					
0.01%	100 ppm	Kills the sense of smell in 3 to 15 minutes. May irritate eyes and throat.					
0.02%	200 ppm	Kills the sense of smell rapidly. Severely irritates eyes and throat. Severe flu-like symptoms after 4 or more hours may cause lung damage and/or death.					
0.06%	600 ppm	Loss of consciousness quickly, death will result if not rescued promptly.					

(These concentrations are calculated @ 15.00 psia and 60 degree F.)

THE USE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING AIR EQUIPMENT

SCBA should be worn when:

- working near the top or on top of any tank..
- disconnecting any line where H₂S can reasonably be expected.
- sampling air in the area to determine if toxic concentrations of H₂S exist.
- working in areas where over 10 PPM of H₂S has been detected.
- at any time there is a doubt as to the H₂S level in the area to be entered.

Air quality testing shall be continuous throughout the entire operation if a container is breeched or in a hazardous location.

All personnel shall be trained in the use of SCBA prior to working in a potentially hazardous location.

Facial hair and standard eyeglasses are not allowed with SCBA use.

Contact lenses are never allowed with the use of the SCBA.

The SCBA shall be inspected monthly.

After each use, the SCBA shall be cleaned, disinfected, serviced, inspected and refilled to proper specifications.

RESCUE & FIRST AID FOR VICTIMS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H₂S) POISONING

Do not panic

Remain calm and think

Don breathing apparatus.

Remove victim to fresh air as quickly as possible; i.e. upwind and uphill from source or crosswind to achieve upwind. *Do not run downwind*.

Notify emergency response personnel

Provide artificial respiration and/or CPR, as necessary.

Remove all contaminated clothing to avoid further exposure.

A minimum of two (2) personnel on location shall be trained in CPR and First Aid.