

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CASING INTEGRITY TESTING OF WELLS
ON FEDERAL LEASES IN THE CARLSBAD RESOURCE AREA.

1. Contact the appropriate BLM office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled test.

NOTE: A BLM technician must be present to witness all casing integrity tests.

2. A retrievable bridge plug or packer shall be set a maximum of 50 feet above any open perforations.

3. All downhole production equipment (tubing, rods, etc.) must be removed from the casing if they are not isolated by a packer.

4. The casing must be filled with fluid and pressure tested to 500 psi. Furthermore, the casing must be capable of holding this pressure for at least 15 minutes with a 10% allowable leak-off (i.e. 450 psi).

5. The operator must submit a subsequent report of test on Sundry Notices (Form 3160-5, formerly 9-331) to be accepted for record.

NOTE: Wells that successfully pass the casing integrity test will be approved for Temporary Abandonment status for 12 months provided that the operator submits a subsequent Sundry Notice.

