

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

Old Ranch Canyon "7" Fed #4  
Section 7 T-22-S, R-24-E  
Eddy County, New Mexico

In drilling the Cisco/Canyon formation there is very remote possibility that H<sub>2</sub>S will be encountered. The zone is hydrogen sulfide productive in the area. It is our understanding that hydrogen sulfide is only detected in the area whenever the reservoir fluids are produced up the wellbore. Our drilling fluid hydrostatic head will prevent fluid entry due to the reservoir being overbalanced. The following is our plan for drilling the Cisco/Canyon formation.

1. Hydrogen Sulfide Training

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

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H<sub>2</sub>S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuations procedures, and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

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

1. The effects of H<sub>2</sub>S 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 Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan.

There will be an initial training session prior to encountering the Cisco/Canyon (training will take place within 3 days or 500 feet) and will have weekly H<sub>2</sub>S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific Hydrogen Sulfide 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.