

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION
Saguaro "AGS" Federal Com #15
1780' FNL and 660' FWL
Section 23 - T20S-R24E
Eddy County, New Mexico

H2S Drilling Operations Plan

Personnel employed at the rig site shall receive training in H2S detection, safe drilling procedures and contingency plans. H2S safety equipment shall be installed and functional 3 days or 500 feet prior to encountering known or probable H2S zone at 7500 feet.

Submitted with the APD is a well site diagram showing:

- 1) Drilling rig orientation, location of flare pit.
- 2) Prevailing wind direction.
- 3) Location of access road.

Primary briefing area will be established 150' from wellbore and up wind of prevailing wind direction. Secondary briefing area will be established 180 degrees from primary briefing area.

A H2S warning sign will be posted at the entrance of the location. Depending on conditions, a green, yellow, or red flag will be displayed.

Green - Normal conditions

Yellow - Potential danger

Red - Danger H2S present

Wind indicators will be placed on location at strategic, highly visible areas. H2S monitors (a minimum of three) will be positioned on location for best coverage and response. H2S concentrations of 10 ppm will trigger a flashing light and 20 ppm will trigger an audible siren.

H2S breathing equipment will consist of:

- 1) 30 minute "pressure demand" type working unit for each member of rig crew on location.
- 2) 5 minute escape packs for each crew member.
- 3) Trailer with a "cascade air system: to facilitate working in a H2S environment for time period greater than 30 minutes.

Breathing equipment will be stored in weather proof cases or facilities. They will be inspected and maintained weekly.

The mud system will be designed to minimize or eliminate the escape of H2S at the rig floor. This will be accomplished through the use of proper mud weight, proper pH control of the drilling fluid and the use of H2S scavengers in the drilling fluid. A mud gas separator will be utilized when H2S has is present in the mud.

Drilling experience has shown that wells in developmental areas, (i.e. Dagger Draw, Livingston Ridge Delaware, and Lusk Delaware) are normally pressured and don't experience either H₂S kicks or loss of returns. Due to these circumstances, we request exceptions to the rule requiring flare line with remote lighter and choke manifold with minimum of one remote choke. This equipment would be provided on exploratory wells or wells with the known potential for H₂S kicks. Additionally, a SO₂ monitor would be positioned near the flare line, and a rotating head utilized.

The drill string, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers and associated lines and valves will be suitable for anticipated H₂S encounters.

Radio and or mobile telephone communication will be available on site. Mobile telephone communication will be available in company vehicles.

Drill stem testing to be performed with a minimum number of essential people on location. They will be those necessary to safely conduct the test. If H₂S is encountered during a drill stem test, essential personnel will mask up and determine H₂S concentration. The recovery will then be reversed to flare pit. Pulling of test tools will be conducted in a safe manner.