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19.15.2. Hydrogen Sulfide Gas (Hydrogen Sulfide)

A. In General. Hydrogen Sulfide Gas (known by its chemical abbreviation " H_2S " or as "sulfurated hydrogen" or "hydrosulfuric acid") is a flammable, poisonous gas that occurs naturally as a component of crude petroleum and natural gas. The gas presents severe threats to human health and can be fatal in high concentrations. The gas has a distinct and characteristic odor of rotten eggs.

B. Applicability. This Section applies to any person, operator or facility subject to the jurisdiction of the Division, including, but not limited to, any person, operator or facility engaged in drilling, stimulating, completing, working over or producing any oil, natural gas or carbon dioxide well, or any person, operator or facility engaged in gathering, transporting, storing, processing, or refining of crude oil, natural gas or carbon dioxide where it is determined pursuant to D.1 below that H2S concentrations exceed 100 ppm. [The rule applies to these persons --- they still have to test to verify that a PHV will not be created --- THEN they are free to ignore the rest of the Rule]

C. Definitions (specific to this Rule).

1. API. "API" means the American Petroleum Institute, 300 Corrigan Tower Building, Dallas, Texas, 75201.

2. Dispersion Technique. A "dispersion technique" is a mathematical representation of the physical and chemical transportation characteristics, dilution characteristics, and transformation characteristics of hydrogen sulfide gas in the atmosphere.

3. Escape Rate. The "escape rate" is the maximum volume (Q) that is used to designate the possible rate of escape of a gaseous mixture containing hydrogen sulfide. The escape rate is calculated using the maximum daily rate of the gaseous mixture produced or the best estimate thereof. For a natural gas well, the escape rate shall be calculated by using the current daily absolute open flow rate against atmospheric pressure. For an oil well, the escape rate shall be calculated by multiplying the producing gas/oil ratio by the maximum daily production rate or best estimate thereof. For an oil or natural gas well drilled in an undeveloped area (a wildcat well), the escape rate may be determined by using offset wells completed in the interval(s) in question, or using some other reasonable means to calculate the escape rate. For facilities or operations not mentioned, the escape rate shall be calculated using the actual flow of gaseous mixture through the facility or operation.

<u>4. LEPC. The acronym "LEPC" means the local emergency planning committee</u> established pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, 42 U.S. C. § 11001. [We should define this acronym - I didn't catch it in the earlier drafts]

5. PPM. The abbreviation "ppm" means "parts per million."

6. Potentially Hazardous Volume (hereinafter referred to as a "potentially hazardous volume" or by the acronym "PHV") means the volume of hydrogen sulfide gas of such concentration that:

a. the 100 ppm radius of exposure <u>includes any public area as defined herein</u> (except for facilities directly involved in oil and gas production, such as producing oil and gas wells, pipelines, tank batteries, production equipment, gas plants, refineries) [this is a very tough concept to incorporate in a rule, and I'll continue to think about how best to do this];

b. the 300 ppm radius of exposure includes any public road; or

c. the 100 ppm radius of exposure is in excess of 3,000 feet.

7. Public Area. A "public area" is any dwelling, office, place of business, church, school, hospital, school bus stop, government building, public road, any portion of a park, city, town, village, or similar area where members of the public can reasonably be expected to be present. [this last clause got lost --- this protects us if we haven't named all possible places where the public copuld be present]

8. Public Road. <u>A "public road" is any state, municipal or county road or highway,</u> postal route or other public road. A public road is not a private road or a road whose access to members of the general public is restricted. [this is the legal definition of public road in this state]

9. Radius of Exposure. The radius of exposure (hereinafter referred to as "radius of exposure" or "ROE") is an imaginary circle constructed around a point of escape whose radius is

calculated using the following Pasquill-Gifford derived equation, or by such other method(s) as may be approved by the Division:

a. For determining the 100-ppm radius of exposure where the hydrogen sulfide concentration in the gaseous mixture is less than 10 percent: $X = [(1.589)(hydrogen sulfide concentration)(Q)]^{(0.625)}$, or

b. For determining the 300-ppm radius of exposure where the hydrogen sulfide concentration in the gaseous mixture is less than 10 percent: $X=[(0.7700)(hydrogen sulfide concentration)(Q)]^{(0.6258)}$

Where: X = radius of exposure in feet: hydrogen sulfide concentration = decimal equivalent of the mole or volume fractions of hydrogen sulfide in the gaseous mixture; Q= maximum volume of gas determined to be available for escape in cubic feet per day (corrected for standard conditions of 14.73 psia and 60°F).

c. For determining the 100 ppm or the 300 ppm radius of exposure in gaseous mixtures containing hydrogen sulfide concentrations of 10 percent or greater, a dispersion technique that takes into account representative wind speed, direction, atmospheric stability, complex terrain, and other dispersion features shall be utilized. Such techniques may include, but shall not be limited to one of a series of computer models outlined in the Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines on Air Quality Models (EPA-450/2-78-027R)."

d. Where multiple sources of hydrogen sulfide are present (e.g. wells, treatment equipment, flow lines, etc.), the radius of exposure may encompass a larger area than would otherwise be calculated using a radius of exposure computation for each component part.

e. For a well being drilled in an area where insufficient data exits to calculate a radius of exposure, but where hydrogen sulfide could reasonably be expected to be present in concentrations in excess of 100 ppm in the gaseous mixture, a 100 ppm radius of exposure equal to 3,000 feet shall be assumed.

D. Determination of Hydrogen Sulfide Risk.

1. Determination of Hydrogen Sulfide Concentration.

a. Each <u>person</u>, <u>operator or facility to which this Section applies</u> shall determine the hydrogen sulfide concentration within the operation or system. A representative sample for each system or operation <u>may be used for testing</u> provided that the <u>person</u>, <u>operator or facility can demonstrate</u> that the concentration derived <u>from a test of the representative sample</u> is reasonably <u>representative of the</u> <u>hydrogen sulfide concentration within the operation or system</u>. [we should avoid referring to

"operators" only --- gas plants don't have "operators" in the sense that we usually use the word] b. Tests shall be conducted in accordance with applicable ASTM and GPA standards or by other methods approved by the Division.

2. <u>Tested Concentrations Below 100 ppm</u>. If the testing described in the previous Paragraph determines that the hydrogen sulfide concentration in a given operation or system is less than 100 ppm, no further actions are required pursuant to this Section. [this should help clarify the concerns that led to the additional language in paragraph B --- once testing verifies concentrations are below 100 ppm, no further obligations exist]

3. <u>Tested Concentrations Above 100 ppm</u>; Calculation of the Radius of Exposure.

a. If <u>the</u> testing described in <u>Paragraph 1 of this Subsection</u> determines that the concentration of hydrogen sulfide in a gaseous mixture is 100 ppm or greater, then the <u>person</u>, operator <u>or</u> <u>facility</u> must calculate the radius of exposure <u>pursuant to this Section</u>. [same comments as before]

b. The <u>person</u>, operator <u>or facility</u> shall provide the results of all radius of exposure determinations to the Division within 180 days of commencing operations or, for existing facilities, within 180 days of the effective date of this <u>Section</u>. The Division may disapprove the test <u>methodology and require additional testing if the test methodology did not conform to the requirements of</u> <u>this Section</u>. [this change should permit us to reject test results where the operator used a methodology that we feel is inadequate - like the smell test]

4. Recalculation. If operational or production alterations are made that result in a 25% or greater increase in the hydrogen sulfide concentration in a given operation or facility, new testing shall be

<u>conducted and the radius of exposure shall be recalculated</u> and the results submitted to the Division and retained. [trying to make the language as clear as possible here]

<u>E. H₂S Contingency Plan.</u> [I simplified this further because I found the section very confusing ---- we were trying to combine three plans into one, but still had vestiges of the old tripartite plan system in place; I tried to phrase the additional elements required for public places and roads as additions to the basic plan that was always required ---- see what you think]

1. In General. The H_2S Contingency Plan is a written document that provides a plan of action which will be used to alert and protect persons at risk in the event of a potentially significant release of hydrogen sulfide gas.

2. When Required. An H₂S Contingency Plan must be prepared whenever a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide is present.

3. Submission. An H_2S Contingency Plan must be submitted to the Division, and may be submitted separately or along with the Application for Permit to Drill (APD).

4. Input From Emergency Response Authorities and the Division. The H_2S Contingency Plan shall be developed with input from the Division, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (and/or as appropriate the New Mexico State police), and the Local Emergency Planning Committee, except that where the 300 ppm radius of exposure encompasses any public road, input shall also be sought from the county sheriff and (as applicable) the city (municipal) police, and except that where the 100 ppm radius of exposure encompasses a public area, input shall also be sought from police and fire departments near the well, operation or facility. [should we also states that "The H2S Contingency Plan shall reflect input from these sources."???]

5. Elements. The H₂S Contingency Plan will consist of different elements depending on the risks present. a. Elements Required for Each Plan: i. A detailed description of each Action to be taken in the event of a release of a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide; ii. A call list including the following as applicable: aa. local supervisory personnel; bb. county sheriff; cc. the Department of Public Safety and State Police; dd. city (municipal) police; ee. the appropriate Division district office; and ff. other public agencies as appropriate. iii. A plat or map detailing the area within the radius of exposure; and iv. A list of the names and telephone numbers of all personnel to be contacted when a release is reported or suspected. b. Where the 300 ppm radius of exposure encompasses any public road, the following additional elements shall be included in the H₂S Contingency Plan: i. Instructions and procedures for alerting and coordinating with emergency response authorities in the event of a release of a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide at any public road; ii. A plat or map detailing the area of exposure, including the locations of public roads within the radius of exposure: iii. A plan to divert traffic and safely get existing traffic off the road and out of danger. c. Where the 300 ppm radius of exposure encompasses any public area, the following additional elements shall be included in the H₂S Contingency Plan: i. Detailed plans of action to alert and protect persons in the event of a release of a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide, including instructions and procedures for alerting persons at risk and emergency response authorities in the event of a release of a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide;

ii. A call list including all the persons set forth in subsubparagraph E(5)(a)(ii), above, and the following: aa. ambulance services; bb. hospitals; cc. county and city fire departments; dd. doctors; ee. contractors for supplemental or emergency equipment; and ff. other public agencies as appropriate. iii. A statement describing how emergency response actions will be coordinated with the Division and the New Mexico State Police, consistent with the New Mexico Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (HMER); iv. A plat or map detailing the area of exposure, including the locations of private dwellings or residences, public facilities such as schools, businesses, public roads or other similar areas where the public may be reasonably expected to be present within the radius of exposure: v. The names and telephone numbers of all persons living within the radius of exposure of 100 ppm hydrogen sulfide and contact persons for each public area, such as churches, schools, and businesses; vi. Provisions for advance briefing of affected and responsible persons within the radius of exposure. Such advance briefing shall include the hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide, the necessity for an H_2S Contingency Plan, the possible sources of hydrogen sulfide with the radius of exposure, instructions for reporting a gas leak, the manner in which persons will be notified in the event of an emergency, and steps to be taken in an emergency; and vii. Additional support information, if applicable, such as the location of emergency evacuation routes, the location of safety and life support equipment, the location of hydrogen sulfide containing facilities, the location of nearby telephones and/or other means of communication, and special instructions for conditions at a particular installation such as local terrain and the effect of various weather conditions. d. Additional Requirements. The Division may impose additional requirements or modify requirements based on site-specific conditions, population density or special circumstances. 6. Submission. When the 300 ppm radius of exposure includes any public area, the H_2S Contingency Plan shall be submitted to the Division and Local Emergency Planning Committee. Otherwise, H₂S Contingency Plans shall not be submitted, but shall be maintained on file and provided to the Division upon request. 7. Failure to Submit Plan. Failure to submit an H₂S Contingency Plan when required may result in denial of an Application to Drill, cancellation of an allowable or other appropriate enforcement action. 8. Annual Review, Amendment. An H₂S Contingency Plan shall be reviewed on an annual basis or earlier if activation of a plan reveals a deficiency. If the 300 ppm radius of exposure includes any public area, any amendments shall be submitted to the Division and the Local Emergency Planning Committee; otherwise, amendments shall not be submitted, but shall be maintained on file and provided to the Division upon request. 9. Retention and On-Site Inspection. An H₂S Contingency Plan shall be maintained on file at all times [where?] and shall be available for inspection by the Division during normal business hours. 10. Activation Levels. An H₂S Contingency Plan shall be activated in the event of a release of a potentially hazardous volume of H₂S above the respective thresholds (i.e. 300 ppm radius at any public road, 100 ppm radius at any public area, etc.) or if a sustained concentration of H₂S exceeds 50 ppm at the property line of any facility, well or operation. [the 50 ppm threshold is not consistent with the definition of potentially hazardous volume in C.6.a. --- if we're going to use this activation

threshold, shouldn't the definition of PHV be revised to include it? You could have a situation

where an operator, after testing, determines that a PHV is not present, but this requires "activation" of a plan that the operator is not even required to prepare ...]

F. Protection from Hydrogen Sulfide During Drilling, Workover and Servicing Operations.

1. API Standards. All drilling, completion, workover and well servicing operations shall be conducted with due consideration of the guidelines published by the American Petroleum Institute (API) entitled "Recommended Practice for Oil and Gas Well Servicing and Workover Operations Involving Hydrogen Sulfide," RP-68, and "Recommended Practices for Safe Drilling of Wells Containing Hydrogen Sulfide," RP-49, most recent edition.

2. Minimum Standards. At a minimum, and possibly in addition to the foregoing API standards, each drilling, completion, workover and well servicing operation shall also be conducted in accordance with the following:

a. Before Commencing Operations. An H₂S Contingency Plan (where required) shall be completed before commencement of operations. In addition, hydrogen sulfide training shall be completed as required in sub-section H.(Personnel Protection and Training) and including all related safety equipment and warning systems shall be operational. [try and keep cross references to a minimum]

operations.

b. Egress Routes. Passable egress routes shall be maintained at all times during

c. Detection and Monitoring. Hydrogen sulfide detection and monitoring equipment shall be provided as follows:

i. Each drilling and completion site shall have hydrogen sulfide detection and monitoring that automatically activates visible and audible alarms when the ambient air concentration of hydrogen sulfide reaches 10 ppm. There shall be a sensing point located at the shale shaker, rig floor, and bell nipple for a drilling site and the cellar, rig floor, and circulating tanks or shale shaker for a completion site.

ii. The detection system shall be calibrated and tested monthly. Each test of the hydrogen sulfide monitoring system shall be recorded on the driller's log or its equivalent.

iii. For workover and well servicing operations, one operational sensing point shall be located as close to the well bore as practical. Additional sensing points may be necessary for large and/or long-term operations.

iv. Hydrogen sulfide detection and monitoring equipment must be provided during drilling when drilling is within 500 feet of the zone anticipated to contain hydrogen sulfide <u>and continuously thereafter through all subsequent drilling</u>. Detection and monitoring equipment is not required for drilling from the surface to within 500 feet of the zone anticipated to contain hydrogen sulfide. [sommthing the language out to make it as clear as possible]

d. Wind Indicators and Signs.

i. Equipment to indicate wind direction shall be present and visible at all times. At least two devices to indicate wind direction shall be installed at separate elevations and visible from all principal working areas at all times.

ii. Danger or caution sign(s) shall be displayed along all accesses to the site. The sign(s) shall read "DANGER - POISON GAS - HYDROGEN SULFIDE" and in smaller lettering: "Do Not Approach If Red Flag is Flying" or equivalent language approved by the Division. Each sign shall be painted with high visibility red, black and white, or yellow paint with black lettering. The sign(s) shall be legible and large enough to be read by all persons entering the well site and shall be placed a minimum of 200 feet but no more than 300 feet from the well site and at a location which allows vehicles to turn around at a safe distance prior to reaching the site.

iii. When hydrogen sulfide is detected in excess of 10 ppm at any detection point, red flag(s) shall be displayed.

e. If Hydrogen Sulfide Encountered During Operations. If hydrogen sulfide was not anticipated at the time the APD was approved but is encountered during drilling in excess of 100 ppm in the gaseous mixture, the operator shall immediately ensure control of the well, suspend drilling operations (unless detrimental to well control), and obtain materials and safety equipment to bring the operations into compliance with this <u>Section Rule</u>. The operator shall notify the Division of the event and the mitigating steps that have or are being taken as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours following discovery.

3. Operating Practices In Hydrogen Sulfide Concentrations of 100 ppm or Greater. Operating practices in areas known to contain a concentration of hydrogen sulfide gas of 100 ppm or greater in the gaseous mixture shall be subject to the following requirements:

a. If Hydrogen Sulfide Is Encountered During Use of Air, Gas, Mist or Other Non-Mud Circulating Media. If hydrogen sulfide gas in excess of 100 ppm is encountered while drilling with air, gas, mist or other non-mud circulating mediums for aerated mud, the well shall be killed with a water- or oil-based mud, and mud shall be used thereafter as the circulating medium for continued drilling.

b. Flare System. For drilling and completion operations, a flare system shall be installed, unless exempted <u>pursuant to Subsection L. of this Section</u>, to safely gather and burn hydrogen sulfide-bearing gas. Flare outlets shall be located as far from the well bore as feasible (but not less than 150 feet from the well). Flare lines shall be as straight as practical. The flare system shall be equipped with a suitable and safe means of ignition. Where noncombustible gas is to be flared, the system shall be provided supplemental fuel to maintain ignition. [Parallel references are always dangerous, but since the industry people are nervous about the ability to obtain exemptions, we should probably have this one]

c. Remote Controlled Choke.

i. A remote controlled choke shall be installed during drilling and during completion and well servicing operations when the 100-ppm H_2S ROE impacts a public area, unless exempted <u>pursuant to Subsection L. of this Section</u>. [Parallel references are always dangerous, but since the industry people are nervous about the ability to obtain exemptions, we should probably have this one]

ii. A remote controlled valve may be used in lieu of use of a remote controlled choke, but only for completion operations.

iii. A remote controlled choke or remote controlled valve shall have, at a minimum, a pressure and hydrogen sulfide-rated well control choke and kill system including manifold and blowout preventer (hereinafter referred to as "BOP") pursuant to specifications API-16C and API-RP 53. The BOP stack shall have a least one spool for the kill and choke lines, two pipe rams, one blind ram, one annular device and a rotating head. Mud-gas separators shall also be used. These systems shall be tested and maintained pursuant to the specifications referenced or other Division Rules, if more stringent. Variations to BOP stack arrangements may be granted by the Division for good cause shown.

d. Mud Program. A mud program, including de-gassing and flaring, capable of handling H₂S conditions and well control shall be utilized.

e. Well Testing. Except with prior approval by the Division, the drill-stem testing shall be conducted only during daylight hours and formation fluids shall not be permitted to flow to the surface (closed chamber only). An operator shall notify the Division 24 hours in advance of a drill-stem test if an H_2S Contingency Plan is required pursuant to this Rule.

G. Protection from Hydrogen Sulfide at Producing Wells, Tank Batteries and Associated Production Facilities, Refineries, Gas Plants, and Compressor Stations.

1. American Petroleum Institute (API) Standards. Operations at producing wells, tank batteries and associated production facilities shall considered the guidelines published by the American Petroleum Institute (API) publication entitled "Recommended Practices for Oil and Gas Producing and Gas Processing Plant Operations Involving Hydrogen Sulfide," RP-55, latest edition.

2. Minimum Standards. At a minimum, and possibly in addition to the foregoing API standards, production from wells, operation of tank batteries and associated production equipment shall also be conducted in accordance with the following:

a. Gaseous Mixtures Containing 100 ppm or more. Producing wells containing 100 ppm or more of hydrogen sulfide in the gaseous mixture, tank batteries and associated production facilities at such sites, shall be subject to the following:

i. H_2S Contingency Plan. A determination must be made of the radius of exposure pursuant to this Rule and, if required based on the calculated radius of exposure, a H_2S Contingency Plan will also be required.

ii. Signage. A danger sign or signs shall be posted within 50 feet of each facility to alert the public of the potential hydrogen sulfide danger. If fenced, a danger sign at the gate(s) shall suffice. Danger signs shall be posted at each flow line and gathering line on the well pad that contains hydrogen sulfide gas as specified in Subparagraph <u>of this Section</u>. **[I'm not sure what subparagraph we should refer to]** A sign shall be placed at each point where such a line crosses a public road. Each sign shall be legible and shall contain the name of the owner or operator and an emergency telephone number.

iii. Fencing. Fencing and gate(s) shall be required when producing wells, associated tank batteries and associated production facilities are located within a 1/4 mile of a residence, school, church, park, playground, school bus stop, or place of business. The fence shall consist of a 5-foot chain link topped by two stands of barbed wire or other methods approved by the Division. Gate(s) shall be locked when unattended by the operator. [there's that "operator" word again]

iv. Wind Direction Indicators. Wind direction indicator(s) shall be required

at every facility (tank battery, water injection station, production satellite) where H_2S concentration in a gaseous state exceeds 100 PPM.

v. Secondary Well Control. Wells where the 100-ppm H_2S radius of exposure incorporates a public area shall possess a secondary means of immediate well control through the use of appropriate Christmas tree and/or downhole completion equipment. Such equipment shall allow downhole accessibility (reentry) under pressure for permanent well control operations.

vi. Automatic Safety Valve or Shutdown. If the 100-ppm radius of exposure involves a public area, an automatic safety valve or shutdown shall be installed at the facility or wellhead or other appropriate shut-in control shall be installed. The automatic safety valve shall be set to activate upon a release of a potentially hazardous volume of hydrogen sulfide.

b. Tanks or vessels containing 300 ppm or more of hydrogen sulfide in the gaseous mixture shall be subject to the following additional requirements:

1. Each stair or ladder leading to the top of any storage tank shall be chained and/or marked to restrict entry. For any tank battery that requires fencing pursuant to this Section, a danger sign posted at the gate(s) may be substituted for chaining and signage.

2. A danger sign shall be posted on or within 50 feet of any storage tank to alert persons of the potential hydrogen sulfide danger. For any storage tank for which fencing is required, a danger sign posted at the locked gates shall suffice. Each sign shall read: "DANGER: POISON GAS HYDROGEN SULFIDE."

3. Modification or Repair. The Division may require modification or repair of a producing well, associated tank battery or associated production facilities if the sustained ambient concentration of hydrogen sulfide is 1 ppm or greater at any public area.

4. Compliance Schedule. Each existing producing well and associated tank battery not currently meeting the requirements and minimum standards set forth herein shall be brought into compliance within one (1) year of the effective date of this Rule. Each producing well and tank battery constructed following the effective date of this Rule shall be designed, constructed and operated to meet the requirements set forth herein.

H. Personnel Protection and Training. All persons responsible for the implementation of any H₂S Contingency Plan shall be provided training in hydrogen sulfide hazards, detection, personal protection and contingency procedures.

I. Standards for Equipment That May Be Exposed to Hydrogen Sulfide. Proper materials and/or appropriate protective measures for equipment exposed to hydrogen sulfide shall be utilized. Records shall be retained and shall be made available to the Division upon request. The Division may require additional requirements on any facility that may pose a threat to public health and/or the environment.

J. Hydrogen Sulfide Injection. Injection of fluids containing hydrogen sulfide where the injection fluids are a gaseous mixture, or would be a gaseous mixture in the event of a release to the atmosphere, and where the 100 ppm radius of exposure includes any public area, excluding public roads, shall not be allowed unless first approved by the division after public hearing.

K. Exemptions. An exemption to the requirements of this Section may be granted by petitioning the Director. Any such petition shall provide specific information as to the circumstances that warrant approval of the variance requested and the proposed alternative methods by which the related requirements of this Section are to be satisfied. The Director, after considering all relevant factors, may approve an exemption if it is determined that the proposed alternative meets or exceeds the requirements of this Section and otherwise protects the health, safety and welfare of potentially affected persons.

L. Release. Upon a release of hydrogen sulfide the following actions must be taken:

1. Activation of the H_2S Contingency Plan. The H_2S Contingency Plan shall be activated immediately upon a H_2S release where the if there is potential exists to expose any public area to a concentration of H_2S greater than 100 ppm or a concentration, an H_2S concentration greater than 300 ppm H_2S at any public road, a concentration of H_2S greater than 100 ppm at three thousand (3000) feet from the well, facility or operation, or a concentration of H_2S greater than 50 ppm at the property line of any well, facility or operation. [same comments as before; we should probably deal with this in C.6 if appropriate]

2. Notification of the Division. Upon release of a hydrogen sulfide requiring activation of the H_2S Contingency Plan, the Division shall be notified as soon as practicable, preferably within one hour of the discovery of the release or as soon as possible in cases where recognizing that prompt response should supercede notification. A full report of the incident shall be submitted to the OCD on a C-141 form no later than fifteen (15) days following the incident. [clarity]

M. Additional Standards. The Division may require more stringent standards on a case-by-case basis than those set forth in this Section, or require corrective actions if necessary, to maintain control of a well or any other facility, or to safeguard public health or safety.