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HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

1. All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H2S safety instructor to the following:
 - a. Characteristics of H2S
 - b. Physical effects and hazards
 - c. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
 - d. Principle and operation of H2S detectors, warning system and briefing areas
 - e. Evacuation procedures, routes and first aid.
 - f. Proper use of 30-minute pressure demand air pack.
2. H2S Detection and Alarm System
 - a. H2S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of blooie line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.
3. Windsock and/or wind streamers
 - a. Windsock at mud pit area should be high enough to be visible
 - b. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible
 - c. There should be a windsock at entrance to location
4. Condition Flags and Signs
 - a. Warning Sign on access road to location
 - b. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag, normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag, danger, H2S present in dangerous concentration. Only emergency personnel admitted to location.
5. Well Control Equipment
 - a. See Exhibit "E" & "E-1"
6. Communication
 - a. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
 - b. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate
 - c. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foreman's trailer or living quarters.
7. Drill stem Testing
 - a. Exhausts will be watered
 - b. Flare line will be equipped with an electric igniter or a propane pilot light in case gas reaches the surface.
 - c. If the location is near to a dwelling a closed DST will be performed.
8. Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H2S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.

If H2S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control or formation. A mud gas separator will be brought into service along with H2S scavengers if necessary.

Emergency Procedures

In the case of a release of gas containing H₂S, the first responder(s) must isolate the area and prevent entry by other persons into the 100 ppm ROE. Additionally the first responder(s) must evacuate any public places encompassed by the 100 ppm ROE. First responder(s) must take care not to injure themselves during this operation. Company and/or local officials must be contacted to aid in this operation. Evacuation of the public should be beyond the 100 ppm ROE.

All responders must have training in the detection of H₂S, measures for protection against the gas, equipment used for protection and emergency response. Additionally, responders must be equipped with H₂S monitors and air packs in order to control the release. Use the "buddy system" to ensure no injuries during the response.

Ignition of Gas Source

Should control of the well be considered lost and ignition considered, take care to protect against exposure to Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). Intentional ignition must be coordinated with the NMOCD and local officials. Additionally the NM State Police may become involved. NM State Police shall be the Incident Command on scene of any major release. Take care to protect downwind whenever there is an ignition of the gas

Characteristics of H₂S and SO₂

Common Name	Chemical Formula	Specific Gravity	Threshold Limit	Hazardous Limit	Lethal Concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	H ₂ S	1.189 Air = 1	10 ppm	100 ppm/hr	600 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	SO ₂	2.21 Air = 1	2 ppm	N/A	1000 ppm

Contacting Authorities

Devon Energy Corp. personnel must liaison with local and state agencies to ensure a proper response to a major release. Additionally, the OCD must be notified of the release as soon as possible but no later than 4 hours. Agencies will ask for information such as type and volume of release, wind direction, location of release, etc. Be prepared with all information available. The following call list of essential and potential responders has been prepared for use during a release. Devon Energy Corp. Company response must be in coordination with the State of New Mexico's 'Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan' (HMER)

Devon Energy Corp. Company Call List

<u>Artesia (575)</u>	<u>Cellular</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Home</u>
Foreman – BJ Cathey.....	390-5893	748-0176	887-6026
Asst. Foreman – Bobby Jones...	748-7447	748-0176	746-3194
Don Mayberry.....	748-7180	748-5235	746-4945
Montral Walker	(575) 390-5182	(575) 748-0193	
Linda Berryman.....	(575) 513-0534	(575) 748-0177	

Agency Call List

<u>Lea</u>	<u>Hobbs</u>	
<u>County</u> (505)	State Police.....	392-5588
	City Police.....	397-9265
	Sheriff's Office.....	393-2515
	Ambulance.....	911
	Fire Department	397-9308
	LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	393-2870
	NMOCD.....	393-6161
	US Bureau of Land Management.....	393-3612
<u>Eddy</u> <u>County</u> (505)	<u>Carlsbad</u>	
	State Police	885-3137
	City Police	885-2111
	Sheriff's Office	887-7551
	Ambulance.....	911
	Fire Department	885-2111
	LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee).....	887-3798
	US Bureau of Land Management	887-6544
	New Mexico Emergency Response Commission (Santa Fe)....	(575) 476-9600
	24 HR	(575) 827-9126
	National Emergency Response Center (Washington, DC)	(800) 424-8802
	Emergency Services	
	Boots & Coots IWC	1-800-256-9688 or (281) 931-8884
	Cudd Pressure Control.....	(915) 699-0139 or (915) 563-3356
	Halliburton	(575) 746-2757
	B. J. Services.....	(575) 746-3569
<i>Give</i>	Flight For Life - Lubbock, TX	(806) 743-9911
<i>GPS</i>	Aerocare - Lubbock, TX	(806) 747-8923
<i>position:</i>	Med Flight Air Amb - Albuquerque, NM	(575) 842-4433
	Lifeguard Air Med Svc. Albuquerque, NM	(575) 272-3115