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# **HYDROGEN SULFIDE (H2S) CONTINGENCY PLAN** FOR DRILLING / COMPLETING / WORKOVER / FACILITY WITH THE EXPECTATION OF H2S IN EXCESS OF 100 PPM

### **NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY NEW DRILL WELLS:**

Laguna 23 Federal Com #2H SL: 175' FSL & 660' FWL, Unit M BHL: 330' FNL & 660' FWL, Unit D Sec 23, T20S, R34E Lea County, New Mexico

This well/facility is not expected to have H2S, but the following is submitted as requested.

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#### **GENERAL H2S EMERGENCY ACTIONS**

In the event of any evidence of H2S emergency, the following plan will be initiated:

- 1. All personnel will immediately evacuate to an upwind and if possible uphill "safe area."
- 2. If for any reason a person must enter the hazardous area, they must wear a SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus).
- 3. Always use the "buddy system."
- 4. Isolate the well/problem if possible.
- 5. Account for all personnel.
- 6. Display the proper colors warning all unsuspecting personnel of the danger at hand.
- 7. Contact the company representative as soon as possible if not at the location (use the enclosed call list as instructed).

At this point the company representative will evaluate the situation and coordinate the necessary duties to bring the situation under control, and if necessary, the notification of emergency response agencies and residents.

#### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR AN UNCONTROLLABLE RELEASE OF H2S

- 1. All personnel will don the self-contained breathing apparatus.
- 2. Remove all personnel to the "safe area" (always use the "buddy system").
- 3. Contact company representative if not on location.
- 4. Set in motion the steps to protect and/or remove the general public to any upwind "safe area." Maintain strict security and safety procedures while dealing with the source.
- 5. No entry to any unauthorized personnel.
- 6. Notify the appropriate agencies: City Police City streets

State Police - State Roads County Sheriff - County Roads

7. Call the NMOCD.

If at this time the supervising person determines the release of H2S cannot be contained to the site location and the general public is in harm's way, he will immediately notify public safety personnel.

#### **EMERGENCY CALL LIST**

	Office	Cell
Wes Stinson	432-686-8235	575-365-6500
Matt Lee	432-686-8235	575-365-6662
Roger King	432-686-8235	575-361-3605
NPC Office		
<b>Emergency Phone</b>	432-686-8235 x500	

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS

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State & City Police - Artesia State Police – Carlsbad City Police – Carlsbad		575-746-2703 575-885-3137 575-885-2111
Lea County Sheriff – Artesia Lea County Sheriff - Carlsbad		575-746-9888 575-887-7551
Fire Department – Artesia Fire Department – Carlsbad	575-746-2701 575-887-3798	
Local Emergency Planning – Artesia Local Emergency Planning – Carlsbad		575-746-2122 575-887-6544
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artes Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad	ia	575-370-3186 575-234-5972
State Emergency Response Center (SERC) – Sa 24 hour NM State Emergency Operations Center		505-476-9600 505-827-9126 505-476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washing Other:	gton DC)	800-424-8802
Boots & Coots IWD Cudd Pressure Control Halliburton BJ Services Flight for Life – 4000 24 <sup>th</sup> St, Lubbock, Texas Aerocare – R3, Box 49F, Lubbock, Texas Med Flight Air Ambulance – 2301 Yale Blvd., SB Aid Med Serv – 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE,	-	

# **PROTECTION OF THE GENERAL (ROE) RADIUS OF EXPOSURE**

In the event greater than 100 ppm H2S is present, the ROE calculations will be done to determine if the following conditions exist and whether the Plan must be activated:

- \* 100 ppm at any public area (any place not associated with this site)
- \* 500 ppm at any public road (any road which the general public may travel).

\* 100 ppm radius of 3000' will be assumed if there is insufficient data to do the calculations, and there is a reasonable expectation that H2S could be present in concentrations greater than 100 ppm in the gas mixture.

#### Calculation for the 100 ppm ROE: (H2S

(H2S concentrations in decimal form)

$ROE = [(1.589)(H2S concentration)(Q)] (^0.6258)$	10,000  ppm + = .01
	1,000  ppm + = .001
Calculation for the 500 ppm ROE:	100  ppm + = .0001
	10  ppm + = .00001
$ROE = [(0.4546)(H2S \text{ concentration})(Q)](^{0.6258})$	)

EXAMPLE: If a well/facility has been determined to have 650 ppm H2S in the gas mixture and the well/facility is producing at a gas rate of 200 MCFD then:

ROE for 100 ppm	ROE=[(1.589)(.00065)(200,000)] ^0.6258
	ROE=28.1'
ROE for 500 ppm	ROE=[(.4546)(.00065)(200,000)] ^0.6258
	ROE=12.8'

These calculations will be forwarded to the appropriate NMOCD district office when applicable.

# **PUBLIC EVACUATION PLAN**

When the supervisor has determined that the general public will be involved, the following plan will be implemented.

- 1. Notification of the emergency response agencies of the hazardous condition and implement evacuation procedures.
- 2. A trained person in H2S safety shall monitor with detection equipment the H2S concentration, wind and area of exposure. This person will determine the outer perimeter of the hazardous area. The extent of the evacuation area will be determined from the data being collected. Monitoring shall continue until the situation has been resolved. All monitoring equipment shall be UL approved for use in Class I Groups A, B, C & D, Division I hazardous locations. All monitors will have a minimum capability of measuring H2S, oxygen, and flammable values.
- 3. Law enforcement shall be notified to set up necessary barriers and maintain such for the duration of the situation as well as aid in the evacuation procedure.
- 4. The company representative shall stay in communication with all agencies throughout the duration of the situation and inform such agencies when the situation has been contained and the affected area is safe to enter.

# PROCEDURE FOR IGNITING AN UNCONTROLLABLE CONDITION

The decision to ignite a well should be a last resort with one, if not both, of the following conditions:

- 1. Human life and/or property are endangered.
- 2. There is no hope of bringing the situation under control with the prevailing conditions at the site.

#### **Instructions for Igniting the Well:**

- 1. Two people are required. They must be equipped with positive pressure, selfcontained breathing apparatus and "D"-ring style, full body, OSHA approved safety harness. Non-flammable rope will be attached.
- 2. One of the people will be a qualified safety person who will test the atmosphere for H2S, oxygen and LFL. The other person will be the designated company representative.
- 3. Ignite upwind from a distance no closer than necessary. Make sure that the ignition site has the maximum escape avenue available. A 25mm flare gun with a range of approximately +/- 500 feet shall be used to ignite the gas.
- 4. Before igniting, check for the presence of combustible gases.
- 5. After igniting, continue emergency actions and procedures as before.

# **REQUIRED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

#### 1. Breathing Apparatus

- Rescue Packs (SCBA) 1 unit shall be placed at each breathing area, 2 shall be stored in the safety trailer.
- Work / Escape Packs 4 packs shall be stored on the rig floor with sufficient air hose not to restrict work activity.
- Emergency Escape Packs 4 packs shall be stored in the doghouse for emergency evacuation.

# 2. Signage and Flagging

- One Color Code Condition Sign will be placed at the entrance to the site reflecting the possible conditions at the site.
- A Colored Condition flag will be on display reflecting the condition at the site at that time.

# 3. Briefing Area

• Two perpendicular areas will be designated by signs and readily accessible.

# 4. Windsocks

• Two windsocks will be placed in strategic locations, visible from all angles.

# 5. H2S Detectors and Alarms

• The stationary detector with three (3) sensors will be placed in the upper dog house if equipped, set to visually alarm @ 10 ppm and audible alarm @ 15 ppm. Calibrate a

minimum of every 30 days or as needed. The three sensors will be placed in the following places: (Gas sample tubes will be stored in the safety trailer):

- Rig Floor
- o Bell Nipple
- End of flow line or where well bore fluid is being discharged

#### 6. Auxiliary Rescue Equipment

- Stretcher
- Two OSHA full body harnesses
- 100' of 5/8" OSHA approved rope
- One 20 lb. Class ABC fire extinguisher
- Communication via cell phones on location and vehicles on location

#### **USING SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING AIR EQUIPMENT (SCBA)**

- 1. SCBA should be worn when any of the following are performed:
  - Working near the top or on top of a tank
  - Disconnecting any line where H2S can reasonably be expected.
  - Sampling air in the area to determine if toxic concentrations of H2S exist.
  - Working in areas where over 10 ppm of H2S has been detected.
  - At any time there is a doubt of the level of H2S in the area.
- 2. All personnel shall be trained in the use of SCBA prior to working in a potentially hazardous location.
- 3. Facial hair and standard eyeglasses are not allowed with SCBA.
- 4. Contact lenses are never allowed with SCBA.
- 5. When breaking out any line where H2S can reasonably be expected.
- 6. After each use, the SCBA unit shall be cleaned, disinfected, serviced and inspected.
- 7. All SCBA shall be inspected monthly.

#### **RESCUE & FIRST AID FOR VICTIMS OF H2S POISONING**

- Do not panic.
- Remain calm and think.
- Put on the breathing apparatus.
- Remove the victim to the safe breathing area as quickly as possible, upwind and uphill from source or crosswind to achieve upwind.
- Notify emergency response personnel.
- Provide artificial respiration and/or CPR as necessary.
- Remove all contaminated clothing to avoid further exposure.
- A minimum of two (2) personnel on location shall be trained in CPR and First Aid.

#### **TOXIC EFFECTS OF H2S POISONING**

Hydrogen Sulfide is extremely toxic. The acceptable ceiling concentration for eight-hour exposure is 10 PPM, which is .001% by volume. Hydrogen Sulfide is heavier than air (specific gravity-1.192) and is colorless and transparent. Hydrogen Sulfide is almost as toxic as Hydrogen Cyanide and is 5-6 times more toxic that Carbon Monoxide. Occupational exposure limits for Hydrogen sulfide and other gasses are compared below in Table 1. Toxicity table for H2S and physical effects are shown in Table II.

Permissible Exposure Limits of Various Gasses							
Common Name	Symbol	Sp. Gravity	TLV	STEL	IDLH		
Hydrogen Cyanide	HCN	.94	4.7 ppm	С			
Hydrogen Sulfide	H2S	1.192	10 ppm	15 ppm	100 ppm		
Sulfide Dioxide	SO2	2.21	2 ppm	5 ppm			
Chlorine	CL	2.45	.5 ppm	1 ppm			
Carbon Monoxide	CO	.97	25 ppm	200 ppm			
Carbon Dioxide	CO2	1.52	5000 ppm	30,000 ppm			
Methane	CH4	.55	4.7% LEL	14% UEL			

# Table 1

#### **Definitions**

- TLV Threshold Limit Value is the concentration employees may be exposed to based A. on a TWA (time weighted average) for eight (8) hours in one day for 40 hours in one (1) week. This is set by ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Hygienists and regulated by OSHA.
- STEL Short Term Exposure Limit is the 15 minute average concentration an employee Β. may be exposed to providing that the highest exposure never exceeds the OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit). The OEL for H2S is 19 PPM.
- IDLH Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health is the concentration that has been C. determined by the ACGIH to cause serious health problems or death if exposed to this level. The IDLH for H2S is 100 PPM.
- TWA Time Weighted Average is the average concentration of any chemical or gas for D. an eight (8) hour period. This is the concentration that any employee may be exposed to based on an TWA.

Percent %	PPM	Physical Effects					
.0001	1	Can smell less than 1 ppm.					
.001	10	TLV for 8 hours of exposure					
.0015	15	STEL for 15 minutes of exposure					
.01	100	Immediately Dangerous to Life & Health. Kills sense of smell in 3 to					
		5 minutes.					
.02	200	Kills sense of smell quickly, may burn eyes and throat.					
.05	500	Dizziness, cessation of breathing begins in a few minutes.					
.07	700	Unconscious quickly, death will result if not rescued promptly.					
.10	1000	Death will result unless rescued promptly. Artificial resuscitation					
		may be necessary.					

#### **TABLE II** Toxicity Table of H2S

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF H2S

The properties of all gases are usually described in the context of seven major categories:

COLOR ODOR VAPOR DENSITY EXPLOSIVE LIMITS FLAMMABILITY SOLUBILITY (IN WATER) BOILING POINT

Hydrogen Sulfide is no exception. Information from these categories should be considered in order to provide a fairly complete picture of the properties of the gas.

#### **COLOR – TRANSPARENT**

Hydrogen Sulfide is colorless so it is invisible. This fact simply means that you can't rely on your eyes to detect its presence, a fact that makes the gas extremely dangerous to be around.

#### **ODOR – ROTTEN EGGS**

Hydrogen Sulfide has a distinctive offensive smell, similar to "rotten eggs." For this reason it earned its common name "sour gas." However, H2S, even in low concentrations, is so toxic that it attacks and quickly impairs a victim's sense of smell, so it could be fatal to rely on your nose as a detection device.

#### **VAPOR DENSITY – SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF 1.192**

Hydrogen Sulfide is heavier than air so it tends to settle in low-lying areas like pits, cellars or tanks. If you find yourself in a location where H2S is known to exist, protect yourself. Whenever possible, work in an area upwind and keep to higher ground.

#### EXPLOSIVE LIMITS - 4.3% TO 46%

Mixed with the right proportion of air or oxygen, H2S will ignite and burn or explode, producing another alarming element of danger besides poisoning.

#### FLAMMABILITY

Hydrogen Sulfide will burn readily with a distinctive clear blue flame, producing Sulfur Dioxide (SO2), another hazardous gas that irritates the eyes and lungs.

#### **SOLUBILITY - 4 TO 1 RATIO WITH WATER**

Hydrogen Sulfide can be dissolved in liquids, which means that it can be present in any container or vessel used to carry or hold well fluids including oil, water, emulsion and sludge. The solubility of H2S is dependent on temperature and pressure, but if conditions are right, simply agitating a fluid containing H2S may release the gas into the air.

#### **BOILING POINT – (-76 degrees Fahrenheit)**

Liquefied Hydrogen Sulfide boils at a very low temperature, so it is usually found as a gas.

#### LOCATION MAP – Laguna 23 Federal Com #2H

DISTRICT 1 1625 N. French Dr., Hohbs, NM 88240 Phone: (575) 393-6161 Fax: (575) 393-0720 DISTRICT 11 811 S Furst St., Ancesta, NM 88210 Phone: (575) 744-1283 Fax: (575) 744-9720 DISTRICT 11 1000 Rto Brazos Road, Artoc, NM 87410 Phone: (505) 334-6178 Fax: (505) 334-6170 DISTRICT IV 1220 S N; Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505 Phone: (505) 740-3460 Fax: (505) 475-462

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 Form C-102 Revised August 1, 2011 Submit one copy to appropriate District Office

DAMENDED REPORT

#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code		
Property Code LAGU		erty Name FEDERAL COM	Well Number 2H
OGRID No.		ator Name DUCING COMPANY	Elevation 3680'

						Surface Locati	on			
1	UL or lot No	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
	М	23	20-S	34-E		175	SOUTH	660	WEST	LEA
	L	I	/	·	Bottom Hol	e Location If Diffe	erent From Surface			

UL or lot No. D	Section 23	Township 20-S	Range 34-E	Lot Ida	Feet from the 330	North/South line NORTH	Feet from the 660	East/West line WEST	County LEA
Dedicated Acres	Joint or	Infill C	onsolidation C	ode Ord	ler No	·		L	

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION



# VICINITY MAP – Laguna 23 Federal Com #2H

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# Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Plan Summary For Drilling/Workover Facility

- A. All personnel shall receive proper H2S training according to Onshore Order III.C.3.a.
- B. Briefing Area: two perpendicular areas will be designated by signs and readily accessible.
- C. Required Emergency Equipment:
  - Well control equipment
    - a. Flare line 150' from wellhead to be ignited by flare gun
    - b. Choke manifold with a remotely-operated choke
    - c. Mud/gas separator
  - Protective equipment for essential personnel Breathing Apparatus:
    - a. Rescue Packs (SCBA): One unit placed at each breathing area; two units stored in the safety trailer.
    - b. Work/Escape packs: Four packs stored on the rig floor with sufficient air hose not to restrict work activity.
    - c. Emergency Escape Packs: Four packs stored in the doghouse for emergency evacuation. Auxiliary Rescue Equipment:
    - a. Stretcher
    - b. Two OSHA full body harnesses
    - c. 100' of 5/8" OSHA-approved rope
    - d. 1-20# Class ABC fire extinguisher
  - H2S Detection and Monitoring Equipment:

The stationary detector with three sensors will be placed in the upper dog house if equipped, set to visually alarm at 10 ppm and audible at 14 ppm. Calibrate a minimum of every 30 days or as needed. Sensors will be placed in the following places: Rig floor; Bell nipple; End of flow line or where well bore fluid is being discharged. (Gas sample tubes will be stored in the safety trailer)

- Visual warning systems.
  - a. One color-code condition sign placed at site entrance reflecting possible conditions at the site.
  - b. A colored condition flag on display, reflecting the current condition at the site.
  - c. Two wind socks placed in strategic locations, visible from all angles.
- Mud program:

The mud program has been designed to minimize the volume of H2S circulated to surface. The operator will have the necessary mud products to minimize hazards while drilling in H2S bearing zones.

- Metallurgy:
  - a. All drill strings, casings, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventer, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and lines, and valves shall be suitable for H2S service.
  - b. All elastomers used for packing and seals shall be H2S trim.
- Communication:

Communication will be via two way radio in emergency and company vehicles. Cell phones and land lines will be used where available.

#### EXHIBIT F PRODUCTION FACILITY DIAGRAM





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