

**NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY
LAGUNA 23 FEDERAL COM #1H**

HOBBS OCD

**Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Plan Summary
(attach to detailed H2S Plan)**

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- A. All personnel shall receive proper H2S training according to Onshore Order III.C.3.a. **RECEIVED**
- 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/Escapes 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 15 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 cell phones and land lines.

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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 #1H
SL: 330' FNL & 1980' FWL, Unit N
BHL: 330' FNL & 1980' FWL, Unit C
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

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Cell</u>
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		
Emergency Phone	432-686-8235 x500	

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBERS

Lea County, New Mexico

State & City Police - Artesia	575-746-2703
State Police – Carlsbad	575-885-3137
City Police – Carlsbad	575-885-2111
Lea County Sheriff – Artesia	575-746-9888
Lea County Sheriff - Carlsbad	575-887-7551
Fire Department – Artesia	575-746-2701
Fire Department – Carlsbad	575-887-3798
Local Emergency Planning – Artesia	575-746-2122
Local Emergency Planning – Carlsbad	575-887-6544
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division - Artesia	575-370-3186
Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad	575-234-5972
State Emergency Response Center (SERC) – Santa Fe	505-476-9600
24 hour	505-827-9126
NM State Emergency Operations Center	505-476-9635
National Emergency Response Center (Washington DC)	800-424-8802
Other:	
Boots & Coots IWD	800-256-9688 or 281-934-8884
Cudd Pressure Control	432-699-0139 or 432-563-3356
Halliburton	575-746-2757
BJ Services	575-746-3569
Flight for Life – 4000 24 th St, Lubbock, Texas	806-746-9911
Aerocare – R3, Box 49F, Lubbock, Texas	806-747-8923
Med Flight Air Ambulance – 2301 Yale Blvd., Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4433
SB Aid Med Serv – 2505 Clark Carr Loop SE, Albuquerque, NM	505-842-4949

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 concentrations in decimal form)

$$\text{ROE} = [(1.589)(\text{H}_2\text{S concentration})(Q)]^{0.6258}$$

10,000 ppm + = .01
1,000 ppm + = .001

Calculation for the 500 ppm ROE:

100 ppm + = .0001
10 ppm + = .00001

$$\text{ROE} = [(0.4546)(\text{H}_2\text{S concentration})(Q)]^{0.6258}$$

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, self-contained 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
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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 than 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.

Table 1

Permissible Exposure Limits of Various Gasses

Common Name	Symbol	Sp. Gravity	TLV	STEL	IDLH
Hydrogen Cyanide	HCN	.94	4.7 ppm	C	
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	

Definitions

- A. TLV – Threshold Limit Value is the concentration employees may be exposed to based 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.
- B. STEL – Short Term Exposure Limit is the 15 minute average concentration an employee may be exposed to providing that the highest exposure never exceeds the OEL (Occupational Exposure Limit). The OEL for H2S is 19 PPM.
- C. IDLH – Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health is the concentration that has been determined by the ACGIH to cause serious health problems or death if exposed to this level. The IDLH for H2S is 100 PPM.
- D. TWA – Time Weighted Average is the average concentration of any chemical or gas for an eight (8) hour period. This is the concentration that any employee may be exposed to based on an TWA.

TABLE II

Toxicity Table of H2S

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.

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.

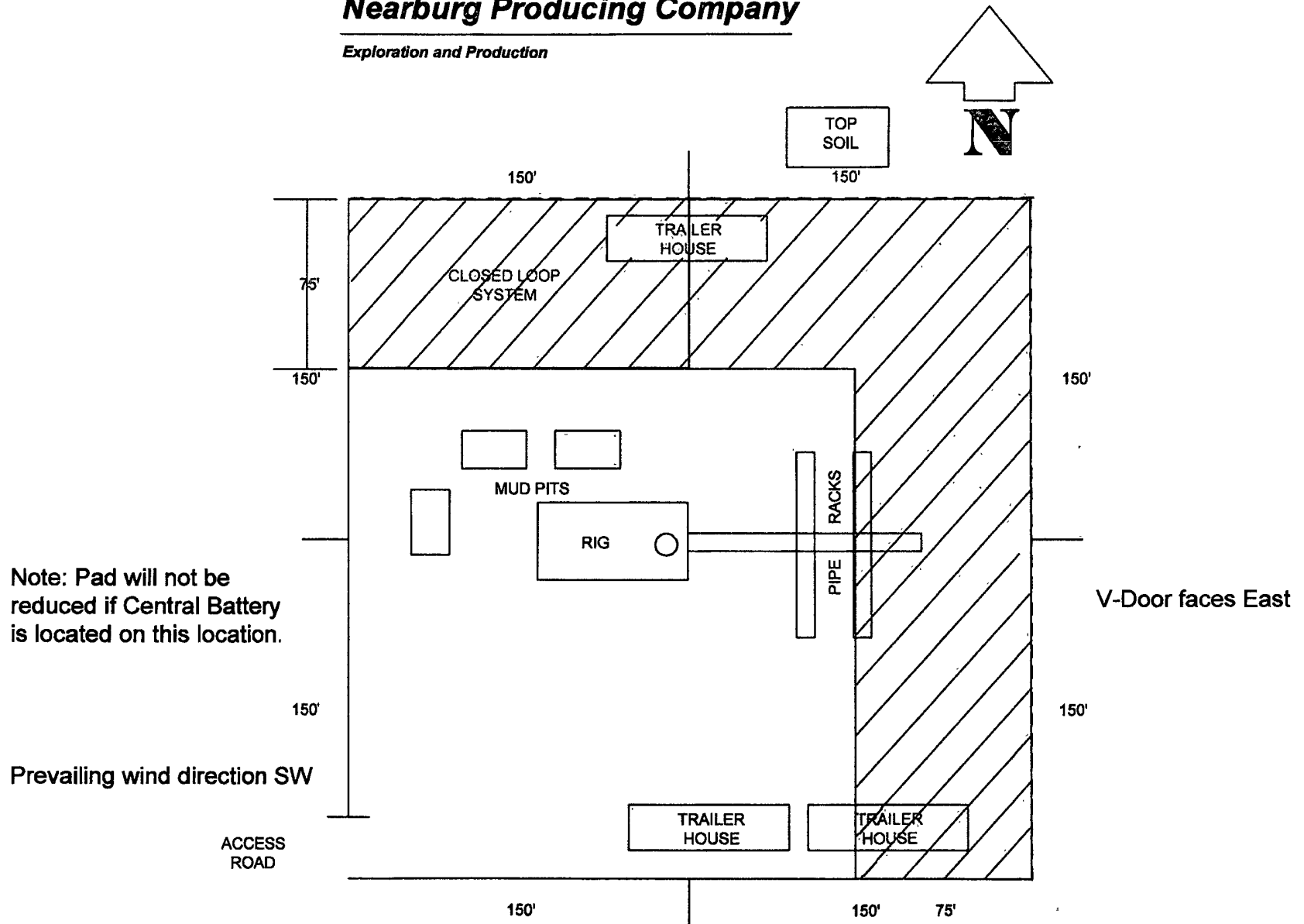
SOLUBILITY – 4 TO 1 RATIO WITH WATER

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.

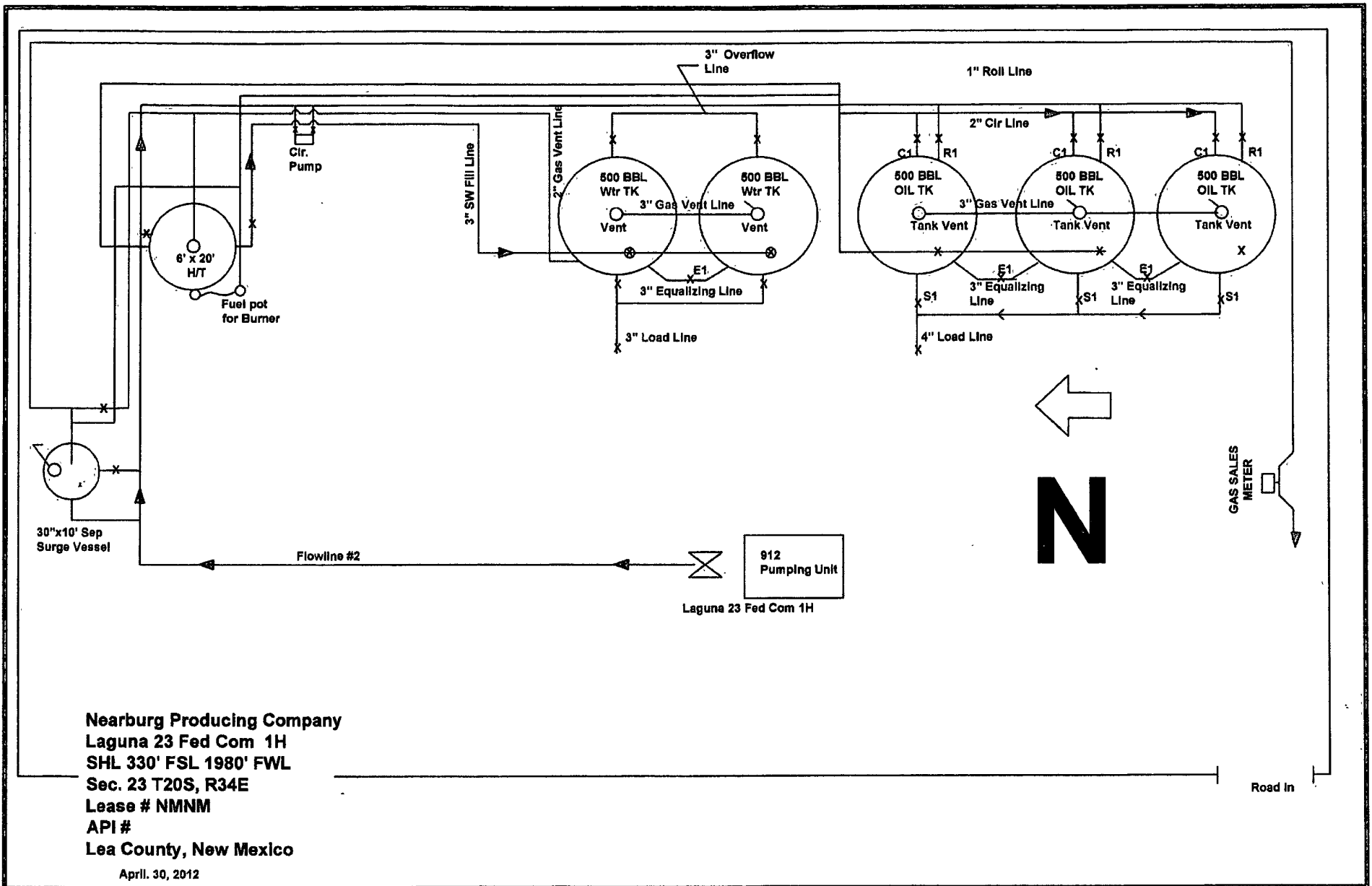
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 **PROPOSED REMEDIATION**

EXHIBIT F-2



Nearburg Producing Company
 Laguna 23 Fed Com 1H
 SHL 330' FSL 1980' FWL
 Sec. 23 T20S, R34E
 Lease # NMNM
 API #
 Lea County, New Mexico

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