# H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan

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- a. All personnel will be trained in  $H_2S$  working conditions as required by Onshore Order 6 at least 500' before drilling into the Delaware Formation.
- b. Two briefing areas will be established. Each will be  $\geq 150$ ' from the wellhead, perpendicular from one another, and easily entered and exited. See H<sub>2</sub>S Page 5 for more details.
- c. H<sub>2</sub>S Safety Equipment/Systems:
  - i. Well Control Equipment
  - Flare line will be ≥150' from the wellhead and ignited by a flare gun.
  - Beware of SO<sub>2</sub> created by flaring.
  - Choke manifold will include a remotely operated choke.
  - Mud gas separator
  - ii. Protective Equipment for Personnel
  - Every person on site will wear a personal H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub> monitor at all times while on site. Monitors will not be worn on hats. Monitors will be worn on the front of the waist or chest.
  - One self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) 30-minute rescue pack will be at each briefing area. Two 30-minute SCBA packs will be stored in the safety trailer.
  - Four work/escape packs will be on the rig floor. Each pack will have a long enough hose to allow unimpaired work activity.
  - Four emergency escape packs will be in the doghouse for emergency evacuation.
  - Hand signals will be used when wearing protective breathing apparatus.
  - Stokes litter or stretcher
  - Two full OSHA compliant body harnesses
  - A 100 foot long x 5/8 inch OSHA compliant rope
  - One 20 pound ABC fire extinguisher
  - iii. H<sub>2</sub>S Detection & Monitoring Equipment
  - Every person on site will wear a personal H<sub>2</sub>S and SO<sub>2</sub> monitor at all times while on site. Monitors will not be worn on hats. Monitors will be worn on the front of the waist or chest.
  - A stationary detector with 3 sensors will be in the doghouse.

- Sensors will be installed on the rig floor, bell nipple, and at the end of the flow line or where drilling fluids are discharged.
- Visual alarm will be triggered at 10 ppm.
- Audible alarm will be triggered at 10 ppm.
- Calibration will occur at least every 30 days. Gas sample tubes will be kept in the safety trailer.

#### iv. Visual Warning System

- Color-coded H<sub>2</sub>S condition sign will be set at the entrance to the pad.
- Color-coded condition flag will be installed to indicate current H<sub>2</sub>S conditions.
- Two wind socks will be installed that will be visible from all sides.

#### v. Mud Program

- A water based mud with a pH of  $\geq 10$  will be maintained to control corrosion,  $H_2S$  gas returns to the surface, and minimize sulfide stress cracking and embrittlement.
- Drilling mud containing H<sub>2</sub>S gas will be degassed at an optimum location for the rig configuration.
- This gas will be piped into the flare system.
- Enough mud additives will be on location to scavenge and/or neutralize H<sub>2</sub>S where formation pressures are unknown.

# vi. Metallurgy

- All equipment that has the potential to be exposed to H<sub>2</sub>S will be suitable for H<sub>2</sub>S service.
- Equipment that will meet these metallurgical standards include the drill string, casing, wellhead, BOP assembly, casing head and spool, rotating head, kill lines, choke, choke manifold and lines, valves, mud-gas separators, DST tools, test units, tubing, flanges, and other related equipment (elastomer packing and seals).

#### vii. Communication

- Cell phones and/or 2-way radios will be used to communicate from the well site.
- d. A remote controlled choke, mud-gas separator, and a rotating head will be installed before drilling or testing any formation expected to contain  $H_2S$ .

#### Company (281 847-6000) Personnel to be Notified

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Mobile: (713) 254-5418

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Mobile: (281) 798-5810

#### Local & County Agencies

Monument Fire Department 911 or (575) 395-2221

Hobbs Fire Marshal (575) 391-8185

Lea County Sheriff (Lovington) 911 or (575) 396-3611

Lea County Emergency Management (Lovington) (575) 396-8602

Lea Regional Medical Center Hospital (Hobbs) (575) 492-5000

# State Agencies

NM State Police (Hobbs) (575) 392-5588

NM Oil Conservation (Hobbs) (575) 370-3186

NM Oil Conservation (Santa Fe) (505) 476-3440

NM Department of Transportation (Roswell) (575) 637-7201

# Federal Agencies

BLM Carlsbad Field Office (575) 234-5972

BLM Hobbs Field Station (575) 393-3612

National Response Center (800) 424-8802

US EPA Region 6 (Dallas) (800) 887-6063

(214) 665-6444

#### <u>Veterinarians</u>

Dal Paso Animal Hospital (Hobbs) (575) 397-2286

Hobbs Animal Clinic & Pet Care (Hobbs) (575) 392-5563

Great Plains Veterinary Clinic & Hospital (Hobbs) (575) 392-5513

# Residents within 2 miles

Mark T. McCloy (575 398-1035) has a house that is 1.6 miles NE of the well.

### Air Evacuation

Med Flight Air Ambulance (Albuquerque)	(800) 842-4431

Lifeguard (Albuquerque) (888) 866-7256

# Contractors

Safety International (Odessa)

Axiom Medical (Houston)	(877) 502-9466
Basic Energy (Artesia)	(575) 746-2217
Baker Hughes (Hobbs)	(575) 392-5556
DXP Safety (Hobbs)	(575) 393-9188
DXP Safety (Odessa)	(800) 530-8693
Indian Fire & Safety (Hobbs)	(575) 393-3093
Key Energy (Carlsbad)	(575) 885-2053
M-I SWACO (Midland)	(432) 742-5627
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