Mescalero Ridge 35 Unit #19 Lea County, New Mexico Exhibit #8

DEVON ENERGY CORPORATION

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

A. Hydrogen Sulfide Training

All rig crews and company personnel will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to penetrating any hydrogen sulfide bearing formations during drilling operations:

- 1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H2S).
- 2. The proper use and maintenance of the H2S safety equipment and of personal protective equipment to be utilized at the location such as H2S detection monitors, alarms and warning systems, and breathing equipment. Briefing areas and evacuation procedures will also be discussed and established.
- 3. Proper rescue techniques and procedures will be discussed and established.

In addition to the above, supervisory personnel will be trained in the prevention of oil and gas well blowouts in accordance with Minerals Management Service Standards Subpart - 0 - 250 - 212.

Prior to penetrating any known H2S bearing formation, H2S training will be provided at the rig sight for all rig crews and company personnel that have not previously received such training. This instruction will be provide by a qualified instructor with each individual being required to pass a 20 question test regarding H2S safety procedures. All contract personnel employed on an unscheduled basis will be required to have received appropriate H2S training.

This Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling And Operations Plan shall be available at the wellsite during drilling operations.

B. H2S Safety Equipment And Systems

All H2S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested, and operational when drilling operations reaches a depth approximately 500' above any known or probable H2S bearing formation. The safety systems to be utilized during drilling operations are as follows: