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workover rules may be amended or canceled for cause at any time upon the initiative of the District Supervisor or upon the request of a lessee.

**§ 250.613 Approval and reporting for well-workover operations.**

(a) No well-workover operation except routine ones, as defined in § 250.601 of this part, shall begin until the lessee receives written approval from the District Supervisor. Approval for such operations shall be requested on Form MMS-124, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells.

(b) The following information shall be submitted with Form MMS-124:

(1) A brief description of the well-workover procedures to be followed, a statement of the expected surface pressure, and type and weight of workover fluids;

(2) When changes in existing subsurface equipment are proposed, a schematic drawing of the well showing the zone proposed for workover and the workover equipment to be used; and

(3) Where the well-workover is in a zone known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S or a zone where the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S is unknown, information pursuant to § 250.417 of this part.

(c) The following additional information shall be submitted with Form MMS-124 if completing to a new zone is proposed:

(1) Reason for abandonment of present producing zone including supportive well test data, and

(2) A statement of anticipated or known pressure data for the new zone.

(d) Within 30 days after completing the well-workover operation, except routine operations, Form MMS-124, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, shall be submitted to the District Supervisor, showing the work as performed. In the case of a well-workover operation resulting in the initial re-completion of a well into a new zone, a Form MMS-125, Well Summary Report, shall be submitted to the District Supervisor and shall include a new schematic of the tubing subsurface equip-

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ment if any subsurface equipment has been changed.

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**§ 250.614 Well-control fluids, equipment, and operations.**

The following requirements apply during all well-workover operations with the tree removed:

(a) Well-control fluids, equipment, and operations shall be designed, utilized, maintained, and/or tested as necessary to control the well in foreseeable conditions and circumstances, including subfreezing conditions. The well shall be continuously monitored during well-workover operations and shall not be left unattended at anytime unless the well is shut in and secured.

(b) When coming out of the hole with drill pipe or a workover string, the annulus shall be filled with well-control fluid before the change in such fluid level decreases the hydrostatic pressure 75 pounds per square inch (psi) or every five stands of drill pipe or workover string, whichever gives a lower decrease in hydrostatic pressure. The number of stands of drill pipe or workover string and drill collars that may be pulled prior to filling the hole and the equivalent well-control fluid volume shall be calculated and posted near the operator's station. A mechanical, volumetric, or electronic device for measuring the amount of well-control fluid required to fill the hold shall be utilized.

(c) The following well-control-fluid equipment shall be installed, maintained, and utilized:

(1) A fill-up line above the uppermost BOP;

(2) A well-control, fluid-volume measuring device for determining fluid volumes when filling the hole on trips; and

(3) A recording mud-pit-level indicator to determine mud-pit-volume gains and losses. This indicator shall include both a visual and an audible warning device.