



PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING A CASING PRESSURE TEST FOR UNDERGROUND HYDROCARBON STORAGE WELLS (NO KDHE WITNESS)

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Narrative:

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will witness casing pressure tests performed by facilities as time and workload permit. The KDHE may not be available to witness all casing pressure tests. The following procedure outlines the protocol for conducting a casing pressure test if KDHE personnel are not present at the site. Unwitnessed tests require the use of a continuously recording pressure monitoring device in addition to a manual gauge.

Procedure:

1. Routine casing pressure tests, run in accordance with the following procedure do not require a written plan or advance approval from KDHE. Any proposed test that deviates substantially from this procedure requires advance notice and approved by KDHE.

When feasible, the permittee shall notify KDHE of the test schedule so that KDHE may have the opportunity to witness the test.

2. If KDHE cannot witness the test, complete and submit the attached test form furnished by KDHE (Attachment I).
3. Attach certificates of calibration for the test instruments.
 - a. If the gauge and recorder are separate instruments:
 - i. Attach the certificate of calibration for the test gauge with the test form. The range for the test gauge should be 0 – 600 psi. The gauge's calibration accuracy must be within the manufacturer's specifications.
 - ii. Attach pressure data from a pressure recorder for the test time interval with the form. The pressure recorder must be capable of continuously recording the pressure and displaying pressure data. The recorder shall be checked for calibration accuracy with N.I.S.T. traceable equipment.
 - b. If one instrument is used for both the gauge and the pressure-recording (Spartek System, etc):
 - i. Attach the certificate of calibration and the certificate of conformance
 - ii. Attach pressure data for the test time interval.
4. Obtain approval for the casing pressure test from KDHE before proceeding with well plugging/workover activities. The form and required attachments may be faxed to KDHE for approval.