

Louisiana

Regulations for Oil and Gas Operations in H₂S Areas

1. Are there any devices/alarms required of operators that have H₂S on location, and if so, at what ppm H₂S are they required to be set?

No requirements.

2. Are there any postings required of operators that have H₂S on location, and if so, under what circumstances?

No requirements.

3. How are facilities at which H₂S is present tracked?

There is no formal tracking. The District Offices maintain an awareness of the few fields with potential H₂S in Louisiana.

4. What level or levels of H₂S are considered actionable and under what circumstances?

Not applicable.

5. Are any additional standards for rules implemented for H₂S other than the following?
 - a. ANSI- American Nation Standards Institute.
 - b. API – American Petroleum Institute.
 - c. EPA – Environmental Protection Agency.

Not applicable.

6. Does your state have any specific H₂S safety regulations? If so, please list them below.

No requirements.

7. What are the purposes of the H₂S regulations?
 - a. Public safety
 - b. Worker safety
 - c. Other: _____

Not applicable.

Safety Procedures for Field Inspectors

8. What type of training is required for Field Inspectors?

None

9. Are certifications required for Field Inspectors?

No

10. Do you have an H₂S safety specialist, and if so, what is the specialist's level of expertise?

No

11. Do state inspectors check H₂S levels, or do they require operators to check?

No

12. If state inspectors check H₂S levels, what are the required procedures/protocols for checking to determine H₂S levels?

Not applicable.

13. How often are readings required to be made? By whom? How/who keeps up with those readings?

Not applicable.

14. Where are Field Inspectors most likely to check for H₂S?

- a. Top of stock tanks
- b. Wellheads
- c. Gas streams
- d. Other: _____
- e. Not applicable

Not applicable.

15. How do Field Inspectors respond to an H₂S complaint? (Please include in the response information on any requirements about when the Field Inspector must be accompanied by another person.)

The Field Inspector informs the operator. An on-site inspection is only performed once H₂S awareness training is completed and the Field Inspector is accompanied by a qualified third party (independent contractor or another state agency) with appropriate training and PPE.

16. Are inspectors required to wear H₂S monitors? If so, what type of equipment?

No