§ 250.511 Traveling-block safety device.

All units being used for well-completion operations that have both a traveling block and a crown block must be equipped with a safety device that is designed to prevent the traveling block from striking the crown block. The device must be checked for proper operation weekly and after each drill-line slipping operation. The results of the operational check must be entered in the operations log.

§ 250.512 Field well-completion rules.

When geological and engineering information available in a field enables the District Manager to determine specific operating requirements, field well-completion rules may be established on the District Manager’s initiative or in response to a request from a lessee. Such rules may modify the specific requirements of this subpart. After field well-completion rules have been established, well-completion operations in the field shall be conducted in accordance with such rules and other requirements of this subpart. Field well-completion rules may be amended or canceled for cause at any time upon the initiative of the District Manager or upon the request of a lessee.

§ 250.513 Approval and reporting of well-completion operations.

(a) No well-completion operation may begin until the lessee receives written approval from the District Manager. If completion is planned and the data are available at the time you submit the Application for Permit to Drill and Supplemental APD Information Sheet (Forms BSEE–0123 and BSEE–0123S), you may request approval for a well-completion on those forms (see §§ 250.410 through 250.418 of this part). If the District Manager has not approved the completion or if the completion objective or plans have significantly changed, you must submit an Application for Permit to Modify (Form BSEE–0124) for approval of such operations.

(b) You must submit the following with Form BSEE–0124 (or with Form BSEE–0123; Form BSEE–0123S):

1. A brief description of the well-completion procedures to be followed, a statement of the expected surface pressure, and type and weight of completion fluids;
2. A schematic drawing of the well showing the proposed producing zone(s) and the subsurface well-completion equipment to be used;
3. For multiple completions, a partial electric log showing the zones proposed for completion, if logs have not been previously submitted;
4. All applicable information required in § 250.515.
5. When the well-completion is in a zone known to contain H₂S or a zone where the presence of H₂S is unknown, information pursuant to § 250.490 of this part; and
6. Payment of the service fee listed in § 250.125.
(c) Within 30 days after completion, you must submit to the District Manager an End of Operations Report (Form BSEE–0125), including a schematic of the tubing and subsurface equipment.
(d) You must submit public information copies of Form BSEE–0125 according to § 250.186.


§ 250.514 Well-control fluids, equipment, and operations.

(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-completion operations and shall not be left unattended at any time unless the well is shut in and secured.

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

1. A fill-up line above the uppermost BOP;
§ 250.515 What BOP information must I submit?

For completion operations, your APM must include the following BOP descriptions:

(a) A description of the BOP system and system components, including pressure ratings of BOP equipment and proposed BOP test pressures;

(b) A schematic drawing of the BOP system that shows the inside diameter of the BOP stack, number and type of preventers, all control systems and pods, location of choke and kill lines, and associated valves;

(c) Independent third-party verification and supporting documentation that show the blind-shear rams installed in the BOP stack are capable of shearing any drill pipe (including workstring and tubing) in the hole under maximum anticipated surface pressure. The documentation must include actual shearing and subsequent pressure integrity test results for the most rigid pipe to be used, and calculations of shearing capacity of all pipe to be used in the well including correction for maximum anticipated surface pressure;

(d) When you use a subsea BOP stack, independent third-party verification that shows:

(1) The BOP stack is designed for the specific equipment on the rig and for the specific well design;

(2) The BOP stack has not been compromised or damaged from previous service;

(3) The BOP stack will operate in the conditions in which it will be used; and

(e) The qualifications of the independent third-party referenced in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section:

(1) The independent third-party in this section must be a technical classification society, or a licensed professional engineering firm, or a registered professional engineer capable of providing the verifications required under this part.

(2) You must:

(i) Include evidence that the registered professional engineer, or a technical classification society, or engineering firm you are using or its employees hold appropriate licenses to perform the verification in the appropriate jurisdiction, and evidence to demonstrate that the individual, society, or firm has the expertise and experience necessary to perform the required verifications; and

(ii) Ensure that an official representative of BSEE will have access to the