

RULE 11. SURFACE CASING. The minimum amount of surface or first-intermediate casing to be set shall be determined from the following table:

Proposed Total Depth-Feet	Minimum Casing Requirements-Feet
0-2500	200'
2500-6000	200' + 8% of proposed depth in excess of 2500'
6000-7000	480' + 10% of proposed depth in excess of 6000'
7000-8000	580' + 15% of proposed depth in excess of 7000'
8000-9000	730' + 20% of proposed depth in excess of 8000'
9000-Deeper	930' + 25% of proposed depth in excess of 9000'

Casing shall be cemented to the surface.

Casing shall be tested at a pressure equivalent to one pound (1 lb.) per sq. inch per foot of casing set with a maximum test pressure of 1,000 lbs. per sq. inch.

Cement or cement-admix shall be allowed to stand a minimum of twelve (12) hours under pressure before initiating test or drilling plug. "Under pressure" is complied with if one (1) float valve is used, or if pressure is held otherwise.

The proposed surface casing program for any well is to be presented with the filing of Form No. 2, "Application to Drill."

Prior to the spudding of any well, exceptions may be granted to the above minimum casing requirements upon submission of proper evidence and subject to the joint approval of the Supervisor and Chief Engineer of the Board. In event this approval for an exception to the minimum casing requirements is denied, the operator may seek further relief before the Board after notice and hearing.

In case an operator decides to drill deeper after drilling to his initial proposed total depth, he may secure relief to the above minimum casing requirements just as though his original intent was to drill the well as an exception to the minimum casing requirements, provided, however, that such exception is approved by the Supervisor and Chief Engineer.

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