

561—17.8(458A) Surface equipment.

17.8(1) *Meter fittings.* Meter fittings and associated metering equipment shall measure gas and oil flows separately and shall obtain gas-oil ratios either on the gas vent line of every separator or other proper connections made for metering, using current industry standard of practices. Wellhead equipment shall be installed and maintained so that static bottom hole pressures may be obtained at any time by the department after notification of the operator. Valves shall be installed so that pressures can be readily obtained on both casing and tubing.

17.8(2) *Chokes or beans.* All flowing wells shall be equipped with adequate chokes or beans to properly control the flow of the well.

17.8(3) *Separators.* All flowing wells must be produced through separators to maintain efficient gas-oil and oil-water ratios.

17.8(4) *Dikes.* When it is deemed necessary by the department to protect life, health, or property, the department may require any lease or oil storage tanks to be surrounded by an earthen dike with a capacity of one and one-half times the capacity of the tank or tanks it surrounds. The dike shall be continually maintained and the reservoir kept free from vegetation, water, or oil.

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