



SUBPART Q - DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES

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Permits

A-500 HAS THE LESSEE RECEIVED WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT MANAGER PRIOR TO CONDUCTING DECOMMISSIONING OPERATIONS ON THE WELL?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1703(a)

Enforcement Actions: S

Temporary Abandonment

A-505 DOES THE WELL MEET THE PLUGGING AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERMANENT ABANDONMENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SURFACE PLUG, WELLHEAD REMOVAL, AND SITE CLEARANCE?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1721

Enforcement Actions: W

A-510 IS A SUBSEA PROTECTIVE DEVICE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1721(f)(3)
30 CFR 250.1722

Enforcement Actions: W

Permanent Abandonment

A-515 IS ISOLATION OF ZONES IN OPEN HOLE ACHIEVED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(1)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-520 IS ISOLATION OF THE OPEN HOLE BELOW THE CASING ACHIEVED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(2)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-525

IS ISOLATION OF PERFORATED INTERVALS ACHIEVED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(3)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-530

IS PLUGGING OF THE STUB ACHIEVED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(4)
30 CFR 250.1715(a)(5)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-535

IS ANY ANNULAR SPACE COMMUNICATING WITH OPEN HOLE, AND EXTENDING TO THE MUD LINE, PLUGGED, AND IF APPLICABLE, PRESSURE TESTED TO VERIFY ISOLATION?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(6)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-540

IS A CEMENT SURFACE PLUG SET IN THE SMALLEST STRING OF CASING WHICH EXTENDS TO THE MUD LINE?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(8)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-545

IS THE INTEGRITY OF APPLICABLE PLUGS VERIFIED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(b)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-550

IS THE DENSITY OF THE FLUID LEFT IN THE HOLE ADEQUATE FOR THE FORMATION INTERVAL?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(9)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-555

ARE WELLHEADS AND CASINGS REMOVED AS REQUIRED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1716

Enforcement Actions: W

A-560

ARE PERMAFROST AREAS WITHIN THE WELL ABANDONED AS REQUIRED?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(10)

Enforcement Actions: W

A-565

ARE TWO INDEPENDENT BARRIERS INSTALLED, ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A MECHANICAL BARRIER, IN THE CENTER WELLBORE BEFORE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT ABANDONMENT OF THE WELL?

Authority: 30 CFR 250.1715(a)(11)

Enforcement Actions: W
