



BLACK SMOKE DURING FLARING

TO: Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

BACKGROUND:

Black smoke results from incomplete combustion of rich natural gas streams and may contain particulate matter and aromatic hydrocarbons.

REQUIREMENT:

Flaring operations that produce continuous or repetitive black smoke emissions are in non-compliance with Section 71(4)(c) of the Drilling and Production Regulation. Enforcement by the Commission will be proportional to the magnitude of the non-compliance.

Operations that produce excessive black smoke emissions as evidenced by a clearly visible plume of black smoke will be shut in by order of the Commission and not permitted to resume until the operator has demonstrated compliance with regulations.

Examples of flaring operations with excessive black smoke emissions are as follows:



The Commission expects operators to make all reasonable efforts to minimize flaring, particularly when such operations are conducted in proximity to populated areas.

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