

Regulatory Citation(s):

78.84. Casing standards.

(d) New or used plain end casing, except when being used as conductor pipe that is welded together for use must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The casing must pass a pressure test by holding the anticipated maximum pressure to which the casing will be exposed for 30 minutes with not more than 10% decrease in pressure. The operator shall notify the Department at least 24 hours before conducting the test. The test results shall be entered on the drilling log.

Question:

Is pressure testing for welded surface casing necessary when a second string of casing is run?

Response:

All welded casing strings, aside from the conductor pipe, must be pressure tested. Well construction details have no bearing on this requirement.