

Due to a substantial increase of well blowouts above and below ground surface, the Tennessee Oil and Gas Board has developed Casing and Wellhead control procedures to improve Safety and Environmental Protection. This direction is taken pursuant to 1040-2-7-.02 Surface Casing, 1040-2-6-.02, Blowout Prevention. Effective July 31, 2008 all Tool Pushers and Drillers operating in the State of Tennessee are required to furnish certification of satisfactory completion of the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) or other state approved training program on well control equipment and techniques. The certification shall be renewed every two years by attending a refresher course. The attached policy applies to the specific location for which you have submitted a Permit to Drill application.

An exception to all or part of this policy may be granted by the supervisor upon receipt and subsequent review of a written request and supportive data.

Casing Policy 1 and Blowout Prevention policy 1 apply to oil and gas exploration drilling **statewide**.

**Comment [s1]:** Should say except for areas covered by Policy 2

Casing Policy 2 and Blowout Prevention Policy 2 apply to oil and gas drilling in Overton, Pickett and Clay Counties and the area in Fentress County west of U.S. Highway **127**.

**Comment [s2]:** Should be expanded to cover all areas with similar conditions. My recommendation would be "all areas west of Highway 127 and the Sequatchie Valley, and west of Highway 154, north of Jamestown.

The Casing Policy(s) are effective July 31, 2008.

The Blowout Prevention Policy(s) are effective January 1, 2009.