

**RULES  
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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 0400-53-02  
TUBING AND WELL EQUIPMENT**

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**0400-53-02-.01 RESERVED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A §§ 60-1-201 et seq., and 4-5-201 et seq. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 20, 2013; effective June 18, 2013.

**0400-53-02-.02 CONNECTIONS.**

- (1) When requested by the Supervisor or his representative, wellhead connections shall be tested prior to installation at a pressure indicated by the Supervisor in conformance with conditions existing in areas in which they are used.
- (2) Whenever such tests are made in the field, they shall be witnessed by the Supervisor.
- (3) Tubing and tubingheads shall be free from obstructions in wells used for bottomhole pressure test purposes.

**Authority:** T.C.A §§ 60-1-201 et seq., and 4-5-201 et seq. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 20, 2013.

**0400-53-02-.03 SEPARATORS.**

All flowing and gas-lift oil wells are to be produced through efficient operating separators, except in the case of low-pressure headings or gas-lift wells with low-gas output (less than 100 lbs. surface pressure).

**Authority:** T.C.A §§ 60-1-201 et seq., and 4-5-201 et seq. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed March 20, 2013; effective June 18, 2013.

**0400-53-02-.04 SAFETY VALVES.**

- (1) A safety valve is required on all flowing wells, with a surface pressure in excess of 1,000 pounds in the following categories.
  - (a) Any location inaccessible during period of storm or floods.
  - (b) Location within any wildlife refuges, parks or game preserves, or bodies of water used for recreation or navigation.
  - (c) Location within 600 feet of public roads or waterways, railroads, inhabited dwellings, or closer than 1,000 feet to any school or church.
- (2) Where the use of safety valves would unduly interfere with normal operations of a well, the Supervisor may, upon submission of pertinent data in writing, waive the requirements of this rule.

(Rule 0400-53-02-.04, continued)

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