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- Reduce emissions of unburned hydrocarbons by routing emissions to flare or combustor or routing dehydrator still emissions to first stage compression.
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# TOP TEN BMPs

## for Oil & Gas Industry Operators

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- Segregate stormwater drainage from liquid storage, loading/unloading facilities, and operations areas from unimpacted areas.
- Use sediment traps, swales, and mulching during construction activities to reduce loss of sediment and contamination of runoff.
- Accelerate reclamation of site.
- Reclaim disturbances.

# Pollution Prevention

## Pollution Prevention & the Oil & Gas Industry

Are you involved in oil and gas projects? If so, this poster and checklist is for YOU to help prevent pollution during drilling and production, through processing and storage, to transmission and distribution. Many oil and gas companies are adopting Best Management Practices (BMPs) as an important part of their pollution prevention program to help them cut their air emissions, reduce water use, control erosion, and reduce the amount of hazardous waste that they generate.

Pollution Prevention (P2) is about reducing the amount of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant released into the environment in order to reduce the hazards to public health and the environment. Pollution Prevention is also about preserving resources through wise use.

The BMPs within this brochure need to be judged on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the conditions, operations, and limitations of each facility. The best time to begin identifying BMPs is before a project begins. Many of these BMPs can help you comply with regulations that are required by law.

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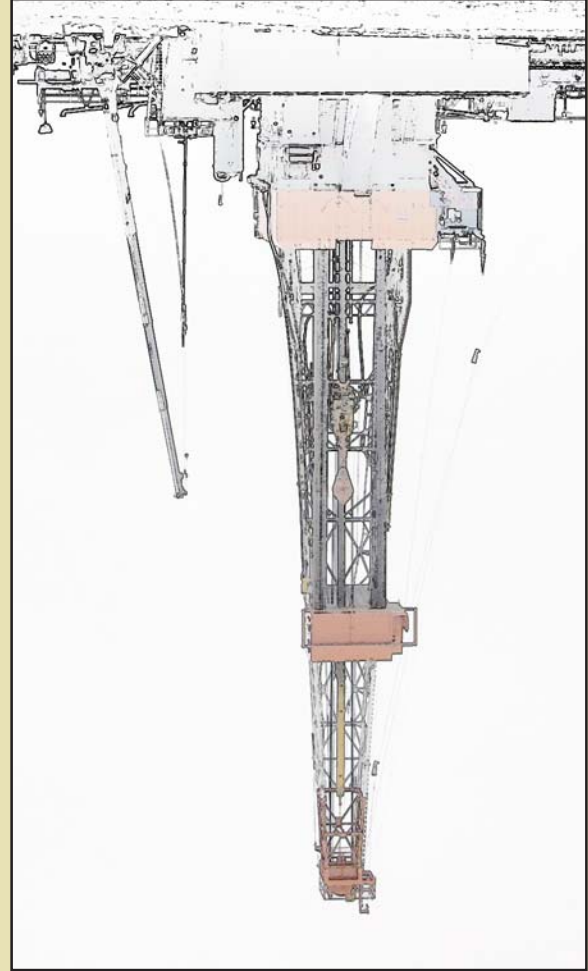
## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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# Check List

## A Checklist Of Actions That Oil And Gas Operators Can Take To Reduce Waste And Air Emissions



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