



Guidance for Special Sour Well De-classification

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is providing industry with guidance for special sour well de-classification. This guidance and supporting documents are available in the Operations Manual under [section 8.3.10](#). This bulletin will summarize the guidance, however permit holders should review the guidance prior to applying for de-classification.

The Commission determines special sour well status at the time of well permit approval. After the drilling phase, the special sour status may be de-classified to non-special sour under certain conditions. These conditions are:

- The original special sour status was determined based on the maximum cumulative drilling H₂S release rate. After the drilling phase, if the maximum completion H₂S release rate does not meet the criteria for special sour well, the special sour status can be removed.
- The special sour well is a legacy well and the original drilling or completion H₂S release rate information is missing or incomplete. In this case, a new calculation of maximum completion H₂S release rate is required.
- Any other situations where the Commission determines the well is no longer a special sour well based on the assessment of the updated sour well information.

To apply for the de-classification of a special sour well, the permit holder must submit a request via email to DrillingandProduction@bcogc.ca. For more detailed information regarding guidance for special sour well de-classification, please refer to the [Operations Manual, section 8.3.10](#).

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