



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:9-11-06 Top-hole considerations.

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(A) No person may pull conductor casing or drive pipe from the wellbore during plugging of the well.

(B) A person has to attempt to pull un-cemented surface casing from a well prior to emplacing approved plugging material to protect underground sources of drinking water or a mineable coal seam. Prior to pulling un-cemented surface casing from a well, the person has to bail or circulate the wellbore using fresh water in a manner that removes all free crude oil and brine from inside the wellbore.

(C) When a well does not have drive pipe, conductor casing, or surface casing, the plugging plan set forth in paragraph (E) of rule 1501:9-11-02 of the Administrative Code has to protect all USDWs and provide a means of well control for completion of plugging operations. Any casing installed in the well has to be installed in accordance with the standards established in rule 1501:9-1-08 of the Administrative Code.
