**Oil and Gas Rig – Atmospheric Testing Procedure**  
**(For Training Purposes)**

**1. General Information**

* **Date of Test**: [Date]
* **Location**: [Worksite Location]
* **Area/Confined Space to be Tested**: [Area Name/Description]
* **Work to be Performed**: [Description of work to be conducted in the area]
* **Testing Performed By**: [Name of Person Conducting Test]
* **Supervisor/Manager**: [Name]
* **Test Equipment Used**: [e.g., Gas Detectors, Oxygen Meters]

**2. Atmospheric Test Parameters**

Atmospheric testing must be conducted to measure key parameters that could pose a risk to personnel. These include oxygen levels, combustible gases, toxic gases, and vapor concentrations.

| **#** | **Parameter** | **Safe Range / Limit** | **Measured Level** | **Pass/Fail** | **Comments/Action Taken** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | **Oxygen (O₂) Concentration** | 19.5% – 23.5% | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 2 | **Lower Explosive Limit (LEL)** | < 10% LEL | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 3 | **Carbon Monoxide (CO)** | < 50 ppm | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 4 | **Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S)** | < 10 ppm | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 5 | **Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)** | < 5 ppm | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 6 | **Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)** | < 5 ppm | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 7 | **Methane (CH₄)** | < 5% (50,000 ppm) | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 8 | **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)** | < Safe Limit | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |
| 9 | **Other (Specify)** | [Specify Limit] | [Measured Level] | [ ] Pass / [ ] Fail | [ ] |

**3. Testing Procedure**

**Step 1: Preparation**

1. **Review the Work Area**: Ensure the area or confined space is identified and isolated. Review any available hazard assessment or safety documentation.
2. **Verify Calibration**: Ensure that all atmospheric testing equipment (gas detectors, oxygen meters, etc.) is calibrated and working correctly.
3. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**: Ensure that all personnel conducting or involved in the testing are wearing the required PPE (e.g., gas mask, gloves, safety boots).

**Step 2: Conducting the Atmospheric Test**

1. **Performing Initial Test**:
   * Use a calibrated atmospheric testing device to measure the levels of gases, oxygen, and other potential hazards.
   * Test the atmosphere at multiple points within the space, especially at various heights (e.g., bottom, middle, top) to account for any stratification.
2. **Record Results**:
   * Record the results of the testing, ensuring that each parameter is noted.
   * If any parameter exceeds safe limits, take immediate action as outlined in the action plan.

**Step 3: Verifying Safe Conditions**

1. **Oxygen Levels**: Ensure oxygen levels are between 19.5% and 23.5%. If levels fall outside this range, the area is considered unsafe for entry.
2. **Combustible Gases**: Ensure the LEL is below 10%. If the gas concentration is above 10% LEL, entry into the area is not allowed without additional control measures (e.g., ventilation).
3. **Toxic Gases**: Ensure concentrations of toxic gases such as H₂S, CO, NO₂, and SO₂ are below their safe limits. If any toxic gas exceeds safe limits, proper ventilation or evacuation is required.
4. **Additional Checks**: If applicable, check for other hazardous gases such as VOCs, methane, or other chemicals.

**Step 4: Post-Test Actions**

1. **Corrective Actions (if required)**:
   * If any gas level exceeds safe limits, implement corrective actions such as ventilation, purging, or evacuation.
   * If necessary, secure the area and prevent entry until the atmosphere is cleared.
2. **Record and Report**:
   * If the area passes the test, record the results and inform the relevant personnel that the area is safe for entry.
   * Document all findings and corrective actions taken in the logbook and safety records.

**4. Entry Permit (If Applicable)**

| **Permit Number** | **Permit Issued By** | **Date/Time of Issuance** | **Duration of Work** | **Authorized Personnel for Entry** | **Emergency Contact** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Permit No.] | [Name] | [Date/Time] | [Start Time] to [End Time] | [Names of Personnel] | [Emergency Number] |

**5. Emergency Procedures**

In the event of unsafe atmospheric conditions, follow the established emergency procedures:

1. **Evacuate the Area**: Ensure all personnel are evacuated immediately.
2. **Notify Emergency Response Team**: Contact the on-site emergency team and inform them of the atmospheric hazard.
3. **Ventilation and Purging**: Implement ventilation or purging measures to remove hazardous gases or increase oxygen levels.
4. **Re-test Atmosphere**: Re-test the atmosphere after corrective actions to confirm safe conditions before re-entry.

**6. Final Inspection and Verification**

* **Test Result Review**:
  + Review the atmospheric test results with all team members involved in the work.
  + Ensure that everyone is aware of the results and the safety conditions for entry.
* **Confirmation of Safe Entry**:
  + Only proceed with work once the atmosphere is verified to be safe for entry.
  + Document all actions taken and ensure that the work permit (if applicable) is completed and signed off.

**7. Personnel Acknowledgment**

By signing below, the personnel listed below acknowledge that they have been informed of the atmospheric test results and understand the safety measures and conditions required before entering the designated area.

| **Name** | **Role/Job Title** | **Signature** | **Date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Name] | [e.g., Worker] | [Signature] | [Date] |
| [Name] | [e.g., Supervisor] | [Signature] | [Date] |
| [Name] | [e.g., Technician] | [Signature] | [Date] |

**8. Conclusion**

Regular atmospheric testing is critical to ensuring that the worksite is safe for all personnel. By following this template and ensuring proper monitoring, testing, and response to hazardous conditions, workers can perform their tasks in a safe and controlled environment. Always adhere to safety protocols and conduct follow-up tests as needed to maintain a safe atmosphere.