



Canadian Chapter 

Technical Session

IRP 21 Update

Introductions

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Presentation- *Agenda*

- Overview
- IRP 21 scope & limited review
- Job planning & well classification
- Pressure control barriers- review
- Well servicing categories (table 4)
- BOP stack configurations/ examples
- Impact to industry
- Future review considerations
- Summary

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Overview- *Who is involved with IRP 21?*

Professional associations that comprise the Drilling and Completions Committee



Logistics administered by Enform



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Overview- *Who is involved with IRP 21?*

Committee List

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Overview- *What is an Industry Recommended Practice?*

- A set of best practices and guidelines prepared by knowledgeable industry and government experts
- Technical topics related to design, construction, and operations in the oil and gas industry, based on safety management principles

An IRP is not...

- A practice manual or SOP
- A regulation, act, or code

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Overview- *What is IRP 21?*

Range of Obligations

Term	Usage
Must	A specific or general regulatory and/or legal requirement that must be followed. These IRP statements are bolded for emphasis.
Shall	An accepted industry practice or provision that the reader is obliged to satisfy to comply with this IRP. These statements are bolded for emphasis.
Should	A recommendation or action that is advised
May	An option or action that is permissible within the limits of the IRP
Can	Possibility or capability

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Overview- *What was the original scope?*

- This IRP applies to all coiled tubing drilling and coiled tubing well servicing operations performed in a wellbore. Both overbalanced and underbalanced operations are covered.
- Consideration that the hydrostatic head of the fluid column may no longer be the primary method of well control. The well control equipment is considered the primary well control mechanism preventing the escape of wellbore fluids and ensuring the safety of onsite personnel.

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Overview- *What was the original scope?*

- The IRP includes pertinent information about coiled tubing operations including recommendations for the following:
 - Operations planning
 - BOP stacks and accumulators
 - Pipe specifications
 - Fluids and circulating systems
 - Well pressure-containing equipment
 - Elastomeric seals
 - Well servicing operations
 - Drilling operations

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Overview- *What is the limited Review?*

- Editorial Review
 - Consistent wording, terminology, structure
 - Active voice
 - Merging related IRPs into one bulleted list to reduce bolding
 - Cleanup/numbering of headings
 - Update references to current versions
- Definitions of Well Servicing Pressure Categories
 - Updated the generic set of Well Servicing Pressure Categories that encompasses requirements from all jurisdictions and then uses those consistently throughout the IRP
 - Bring IRP classes into alignment with global API Standards
 - Use new categories in remainder of document
- Update well control equipment configurations requirements
 - Bring into alignment with the global API standard
 - Updated diagrams
- Update P-testing IRPs to use MASP/MAOP rather than SITHP
 - Adjusted to reflect new pressure categories and calculation methods

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Overview- *Where does IRP 21 apply?*

- An Alberta publication
- Subject Matter Experts from Western Canada appropriate to the topic
- Referenced across Canada & globally
- Increasingly regarded as the Canadian “best practices” guide
- Draw from global oil & gas industry experiences



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Job Planning & Well Classification

- Well Control for well servicing includes:
 - Well servicing on existing (previously flowing) wells
 - New completion operations (milling, fracturing, etc.)
 - Coiled tubing drilling operations
- H₂S considerations
 - IRP 21-> The well is considered sour when ever > 0 ppm H₂S
 - Low pressure (< 10.3 MPa) sour wells are automatically Category 2
 - “Critical Sour” wells determined by local jurisdiction release rate & proximity to urban areas.

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Job Planning & Well Classification

Selection of Pressure Control for Blow out Prevention

MASP- Maximum Anticipated Surface Pressure

- is the highest pressure predicted to be encountered at the surface of a well. Base the pressure prediction on formation pressure minus a wellbore filled with native formation fluid at current conditions.
- *If the formation fluid is unknown...assume dry gas (worst case)*

MASP = Near Wellbore Reservoir Pressure

– Hydrostatic Pressure of a Column of Reservoir Fluid

- **IRP Calculation of MASP shall use the reservoir fluid and not the workover fluid.**

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Job Planning & Well Classification

Selection of Pressure Control for Blow out Prevention

MAOP- Maximum Anticipated Operating Pressure

- is the highest pressure predicted to be encountered at the surface of a well. Based on induced pressure. (Well kill, Annular fracturing, etc.)

$$\begin{aligned} MAOP = & \text{Near Wellbore Reservoir Pressure} \\ & - \text{Hydrostatic Pressure of Workover Fluid} \\ & + \text{Surface Induced Pressure} \end{aligned}$$

IRP MAOP shall not exceed the pressure rating of any wellhead component that has the potential to be exposed to well intervention pressure.

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Pressure control barriers- *Review*

- Primary barriers
 - CT Integrity
 - Flow Check assembly in BHA
 - Stripper element
- Annular barriers
 - Pipe ram
 - Annular bag
 - Secondary stripper
- H₂S presence adds annular barrier
- Complete barriers
 - Flow check assembly in BHA c/w annular barrier (Stripper, Pipe ram, Annular bag)
 - Shear ram & Blind ram
 - Shear/ Blind ram
- Increased pressure category increases complete barriers required

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Original Well Servicing Categories

Classification for IRP 21		Provincial Classifications			
CLASS	DESCRIPTION	Alberta	B.C.	Saskatchewan	Manitoba
CLASS I	Reservoir pressure no less than 5.5 MPa, no H ₂ S and: (i) Is a gas well, or (ii) Produces heavy oil density >920 kg/m ³ , GOR < 70 sm ³ /m ³ and produces by primary recovery or is included in a waterflood scheme	CLASS I		N/A	N/A
CLASS II	Pressure rating of casing flange ≤ 21,000 kPa and H ₂ S < 10 moles/kilomole	CLASS II CLASS IIA	CLASS A	N/A	N/A
CLASS III	Pressure rating of casing flange is (i) > 21,000 kPa, or (ii) ≤ 21,000 kPa and H ₂ S ≥ 10 moles/kilomole	CLASS III	CLASS B	N/A	N/A
CLASS IV	Based on potential H ₂ S discharge rate and proximity of public as per ERCB and BC Oil and Gas Commission definition	Critically Sour	CLASS C (Special Sour)	N/A	N/A

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Understanding Table 4- *General*

Well Servicing Pressure Categories for Blowout prevention

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Critical Sour	Release rate and distance to an urban centre				Sour

- Recommendations for worst case scenario/ minimum guidelines
- Low pressure H₂S wells are automatically considered Category 2
- Category 5 place holder for future high pressure challenges

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- Using only the MASP for pressure category selection

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Understanding Table 4- *Complete Barriers*

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- Pressure category determines number of complete barriers
- Note: removing flow check assembly from BHA removes 1 Complete Barrier regardless of category! An additional complete barrier is required!

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Understanding Table 4- *MASP & Kill Margin*

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- The kill margin in Table 4 is a recommendation for annular kill programs when no other information is available. Different kill margins may be applied provided calculations are performed for the pumped-fluid kill program. The kill procedure plan may include implementation of a circulation method, the lubricate and bleed technique, flowing the well to reduce surface pressure or pumping at lower rates to minimize friction pressure.
- Alternate kill plans or kill margins do not impact the Well Servicing Pressure Category.

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IRP **The selected stack shall have a rated working pressure that allows a kill program to be implemented.**

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Understanding Table 4- *MASP* & *MAOP*

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- MASP determines pressure category for well
- This does not change unless MAOP exceeds rated working pressure for that category

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BOP Stack Configurations- *General*

- IRP Working pressure rating of all BOP components shall exceed MASP by the kill margin for the specific well type and reservoir.**
- IRP Working pressure rating of all BOP components shall exceed MAOP by the pressure testing margin and any potential pressure spikes due to the type of operation. Operating pressures during well servicing activities shall not utilize these contingency margins.**
- Must be IRP 5 compliant and therefore flanged
 - Currently under review
 - We believe kill port valves are exempt

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BOP Stack Configurations- *Flow point*

- Flow point may be located:
 - Above the BOP
 - Below the BOP
 - Through the “Tree”



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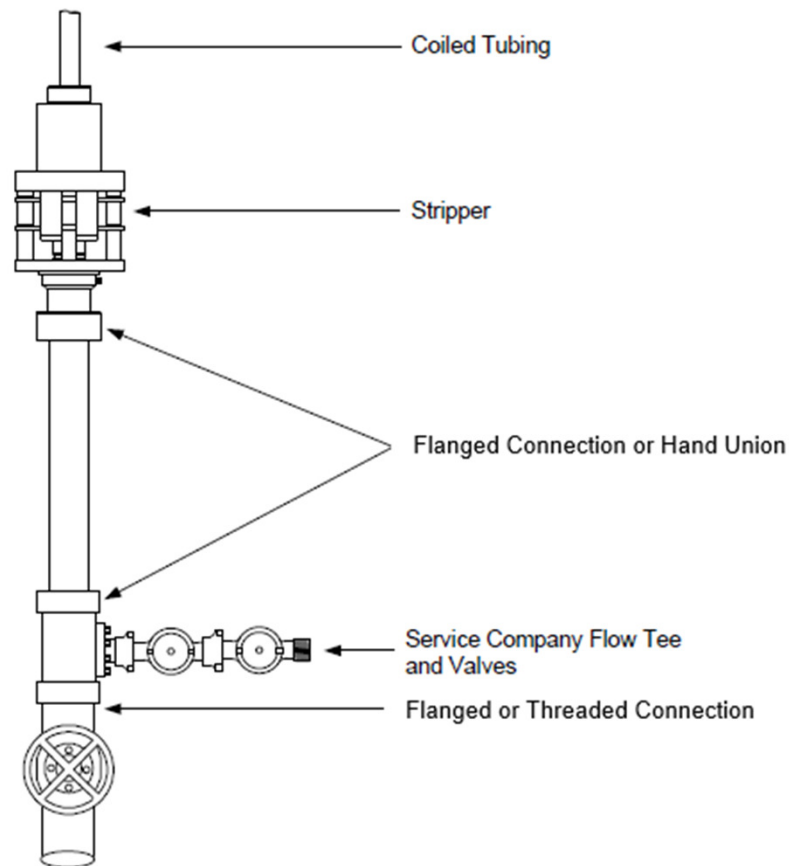
BOP Stack Configurations- *Drawings*

- PSAC/ ICoTA member companies surveyed
- Not all companies operate the same BOP configurations
- New drawings created that best represent industry
- Format aligns better with drilling examples
- These are examples only!

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BOP Stack Configurations-*Example drawing*

Category 0, MASP= 0.0 MPa, Zero H₂S

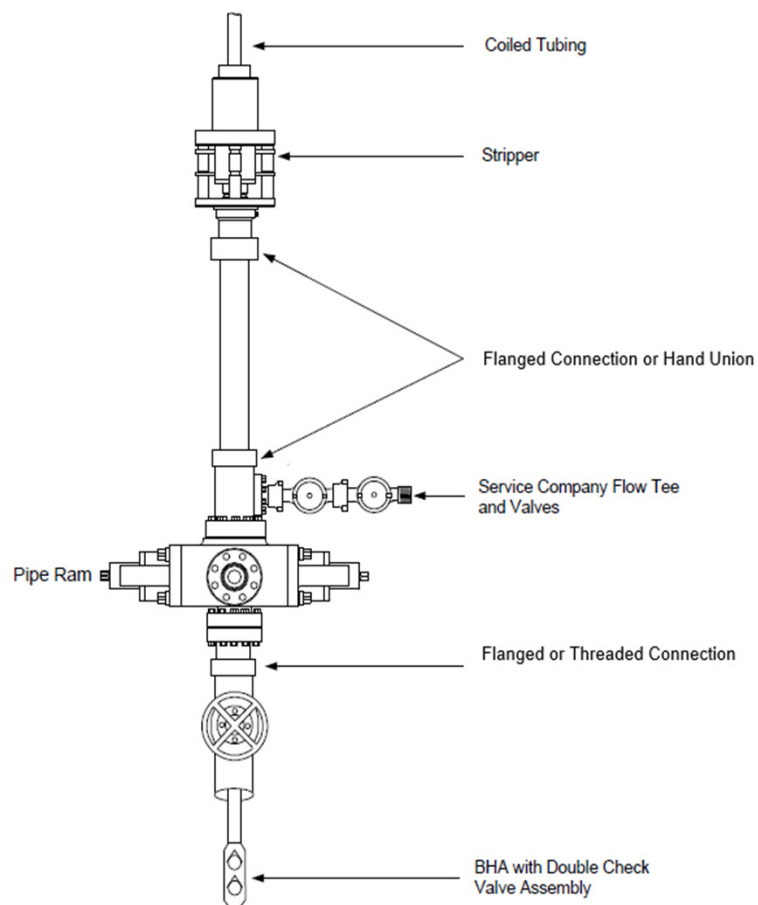


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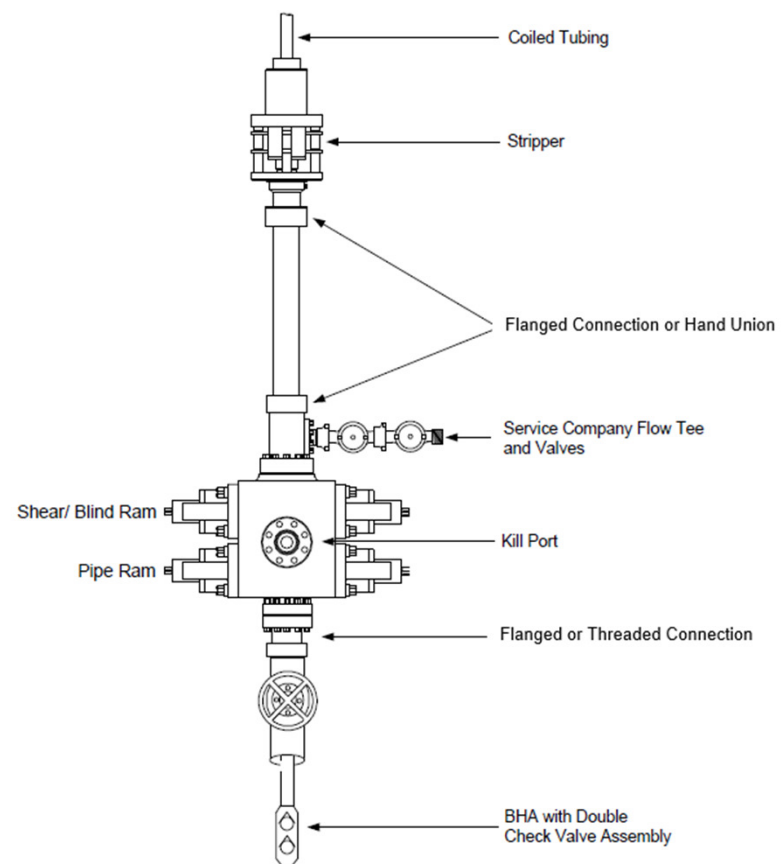
Category 1A, MASP ≤ 5.2 MPa, Zero H₂S

20.7 MPa Pressure control



Category 1B, MASP 5.3- 10.3 MPa, Zero H₂S

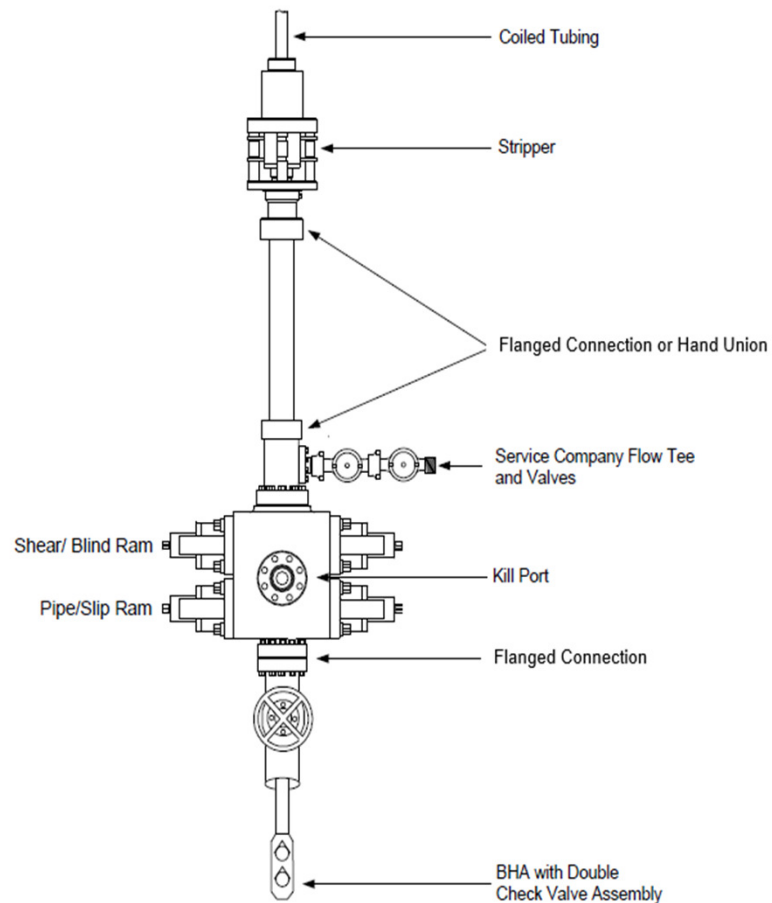
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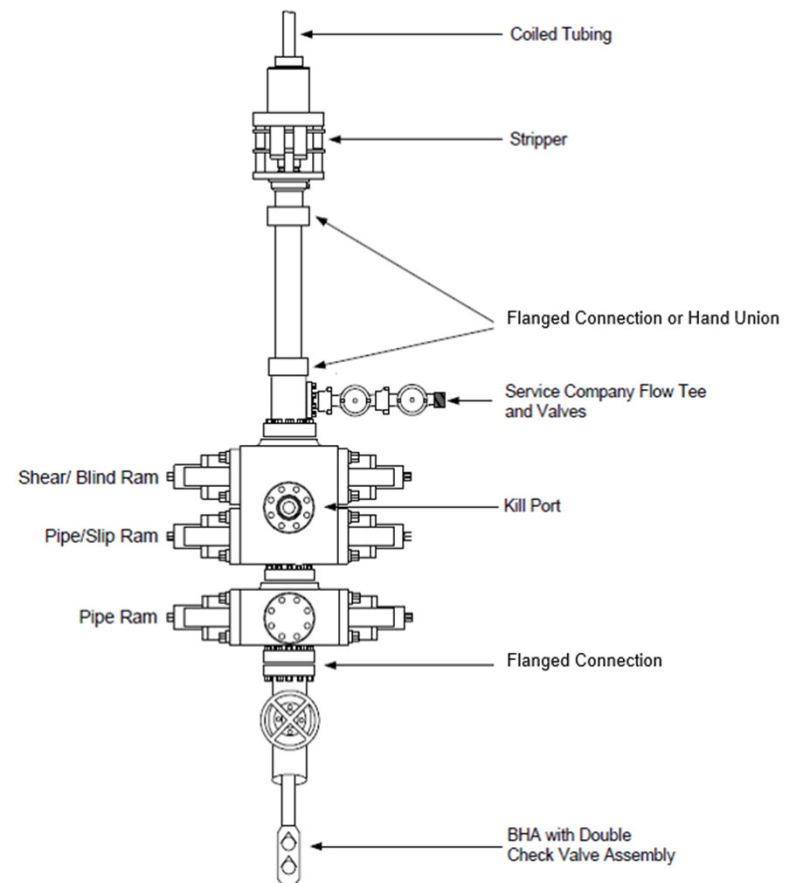
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BOP Stack Configurations-*Example drawings*

Category 2, MASP 10.4- 24.1 MPa, Zero H2S,
34.5 MPa Pressure control, **Sweet well**



Category 2, MASP 10.4- 24.1 MPa, Zero H2S,
34.5 MPa Pressure control, **Sour well**



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BOP Stack Configurations-*Example drawings*

Category 3, MASP 24.2- 51.7 MPa

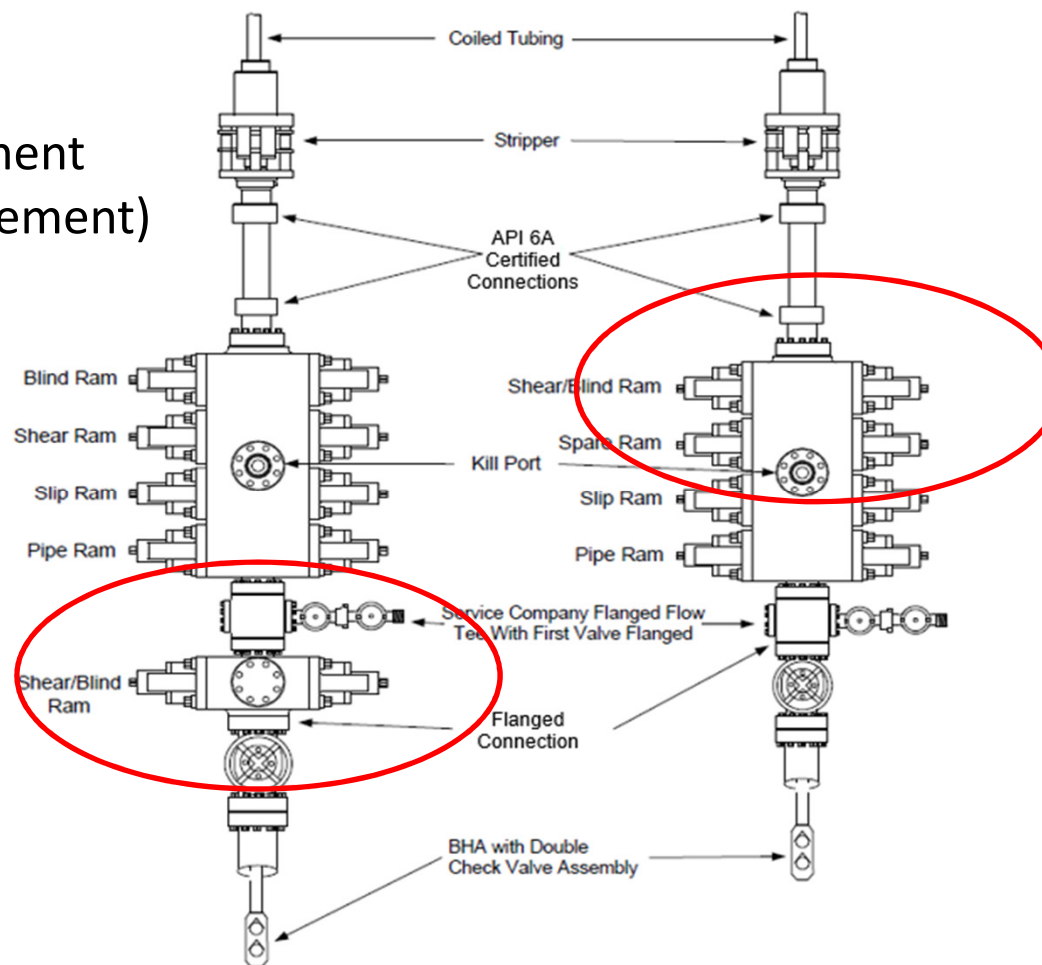
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Category 3, MASP 24.2- 51.7 MPa

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Features

1. Blanking element
(no pipe movement)



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BOP Stack Configurations-*Example drawings*

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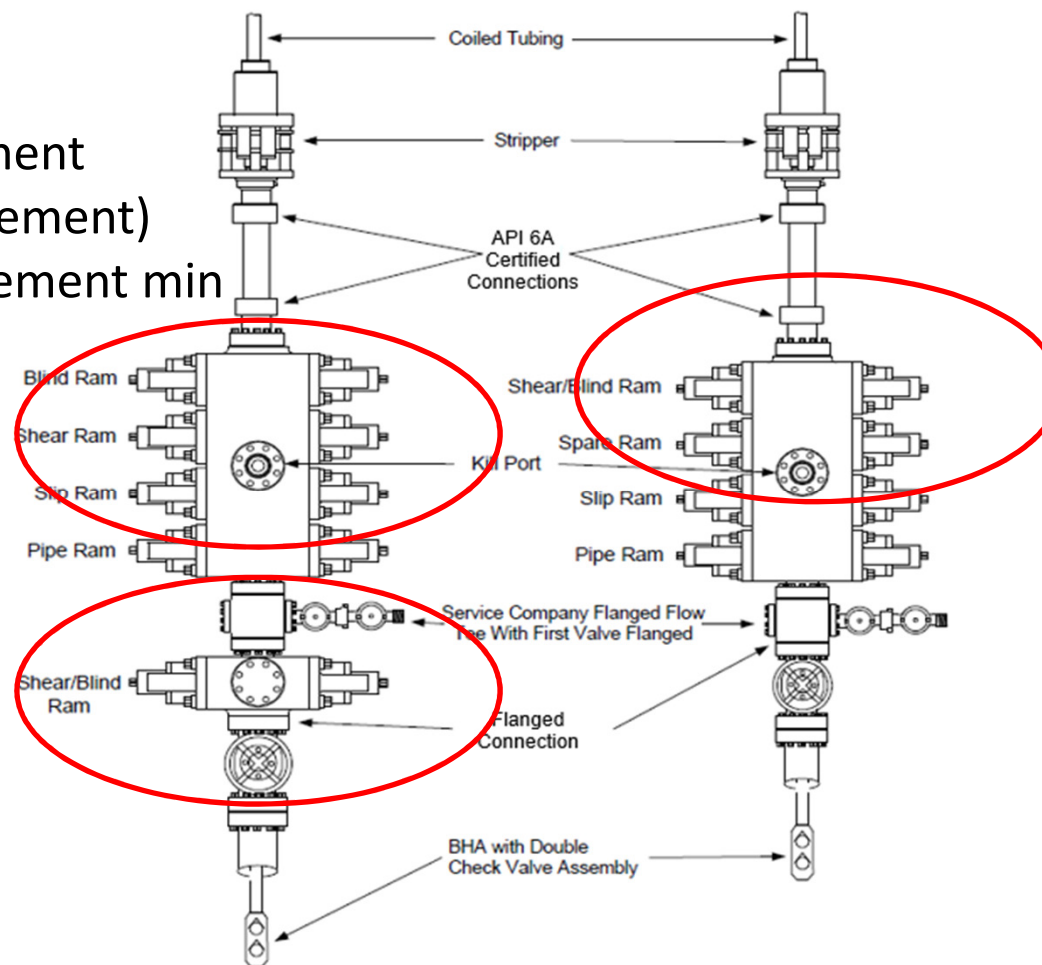
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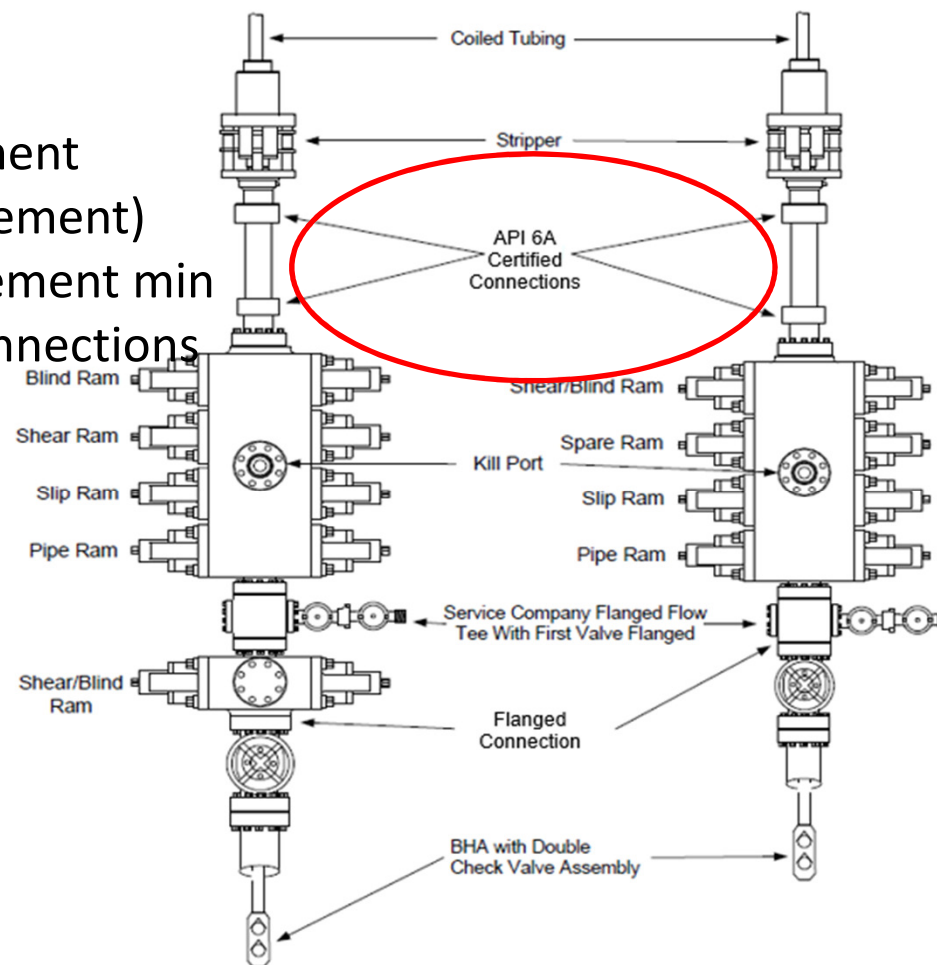
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Features

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3. Lubricator connections



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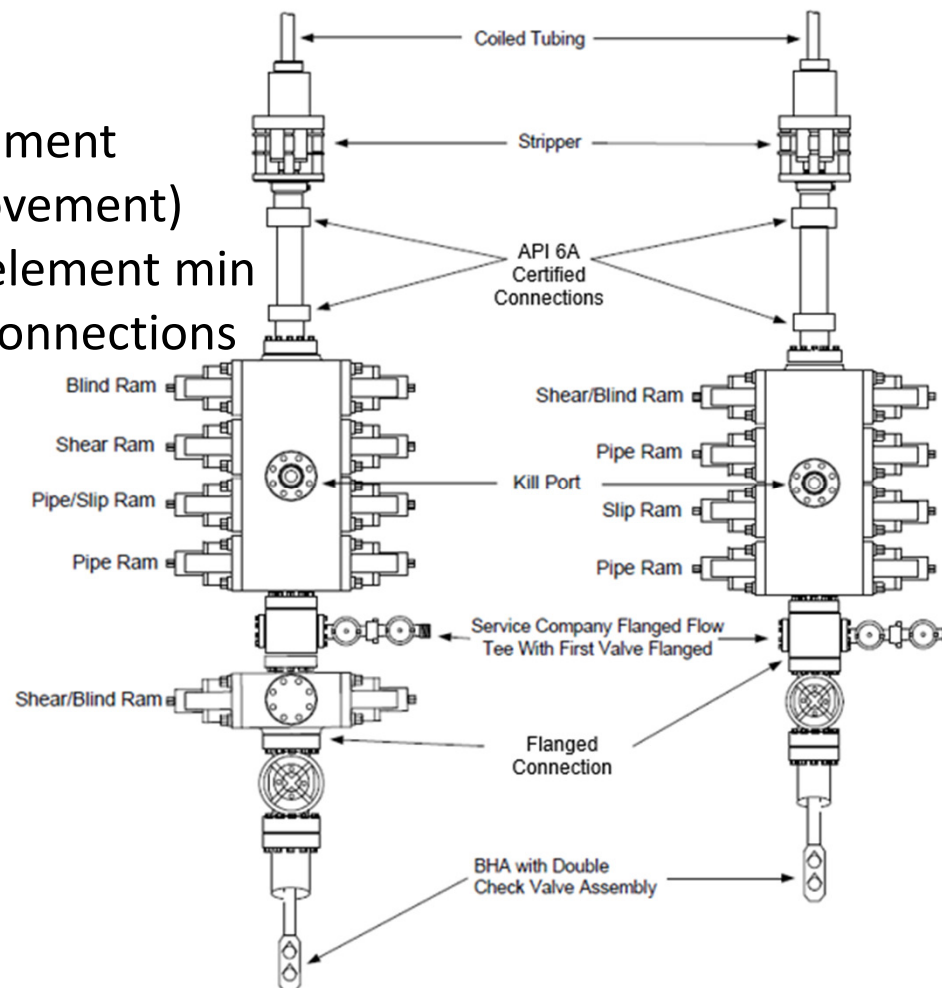
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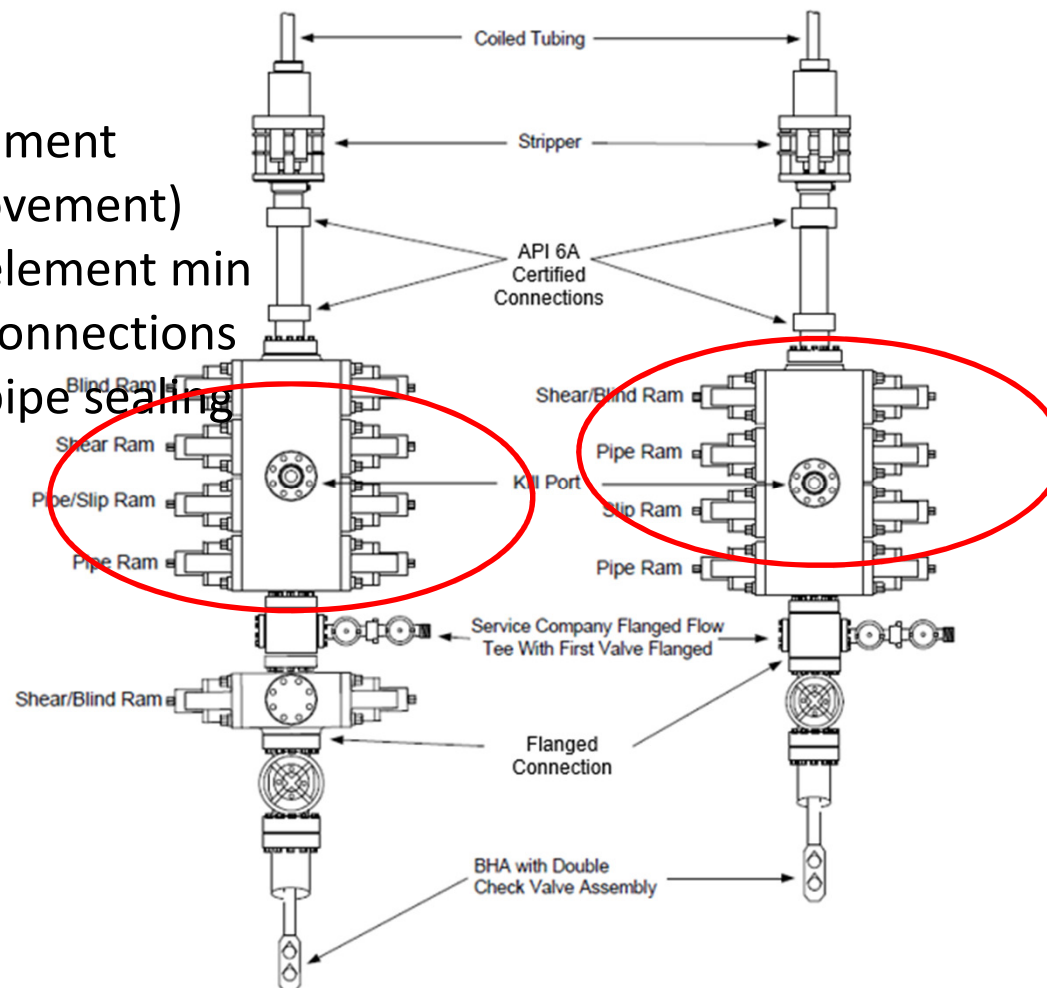
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3. Lubricator connections
4. Additional pipe sealing
element



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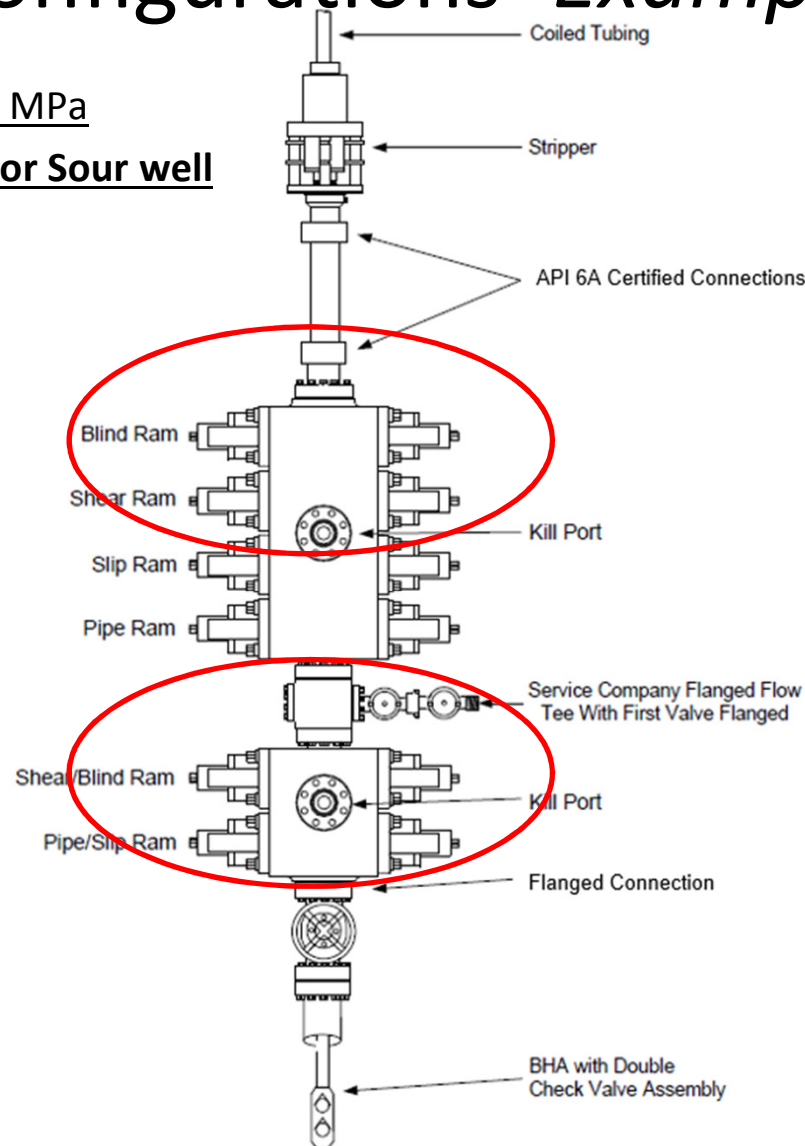
BOP Stack Configurations- *Example drawing*

Category 4, MASP 51.8- 86.2 MPa

103.4 MPa Pressure control, **Sweet or Sour well**

Features

1. 2 Blanking elements



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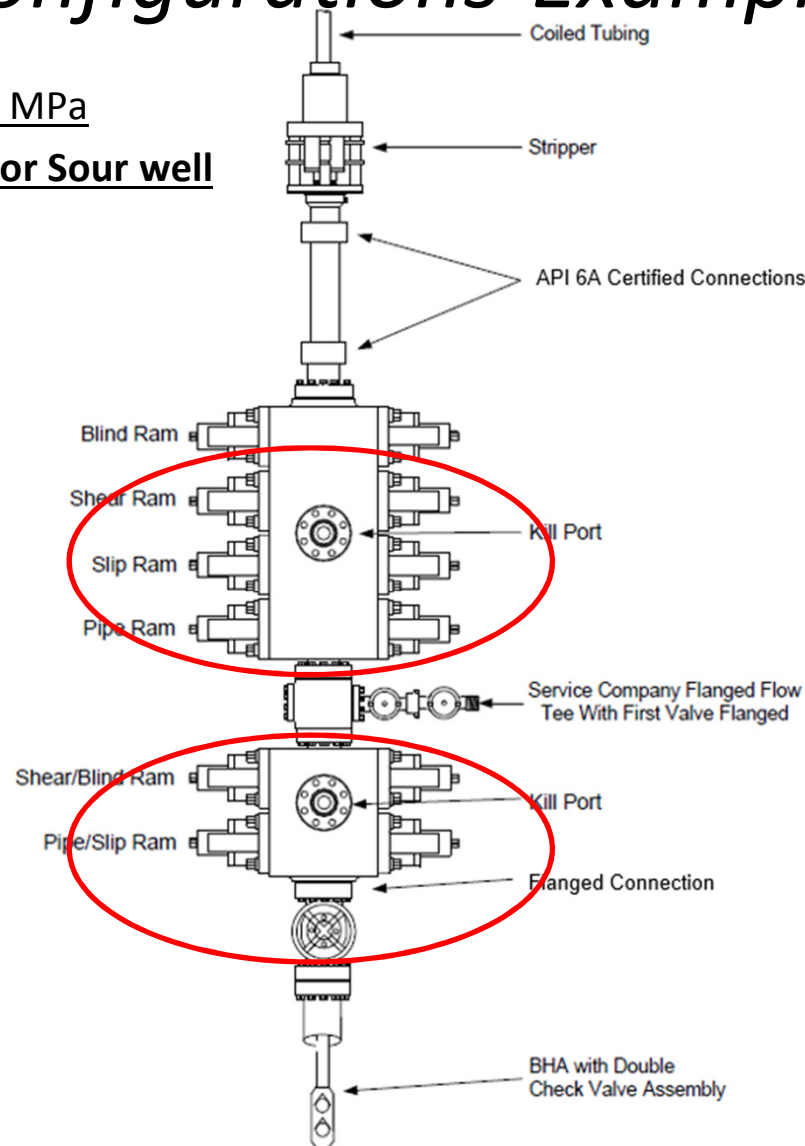
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103.4 MPa Pressure control, **Sweet or Sour well**

Features

1. 2 Blanking elements
2. 2 Slip elements



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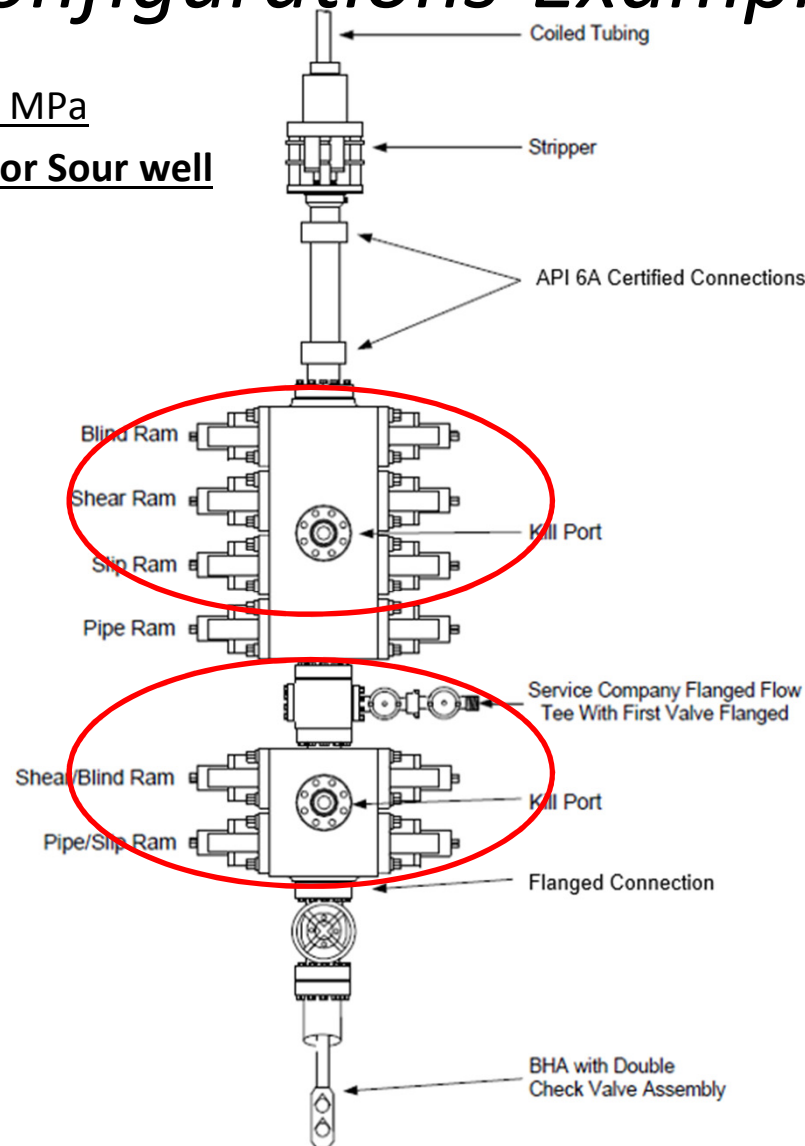
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3. 2 Shear elements



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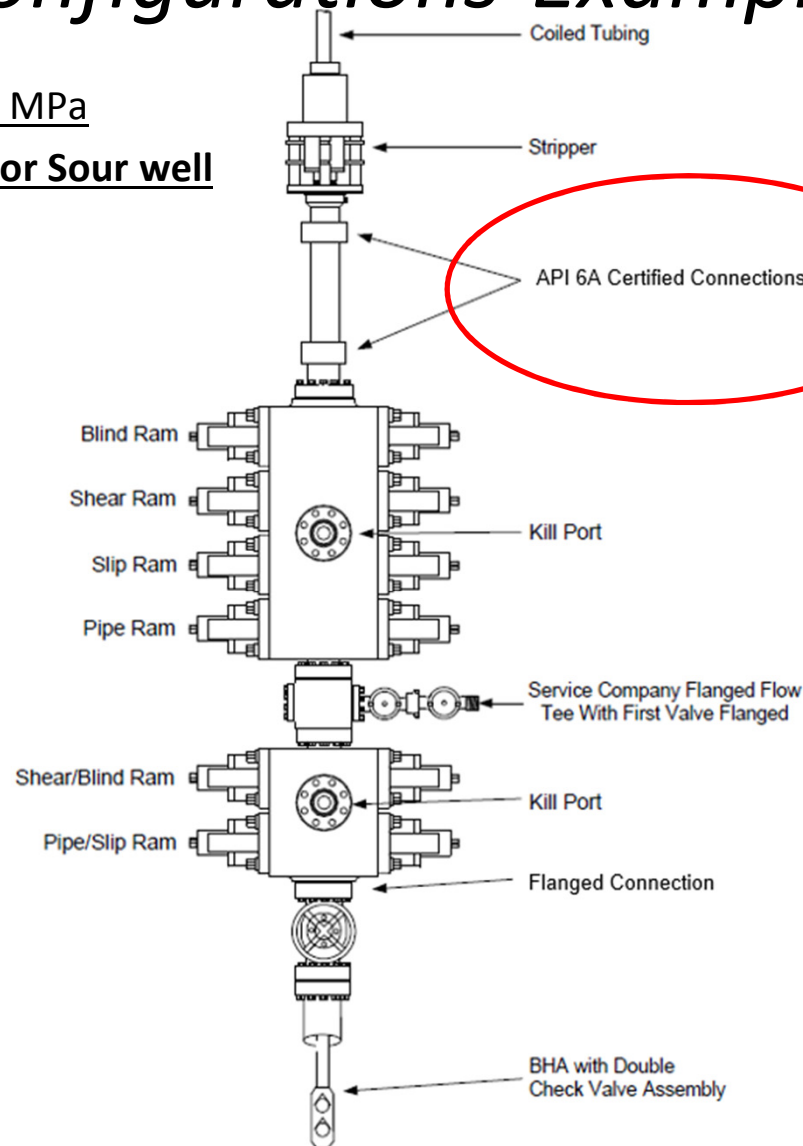
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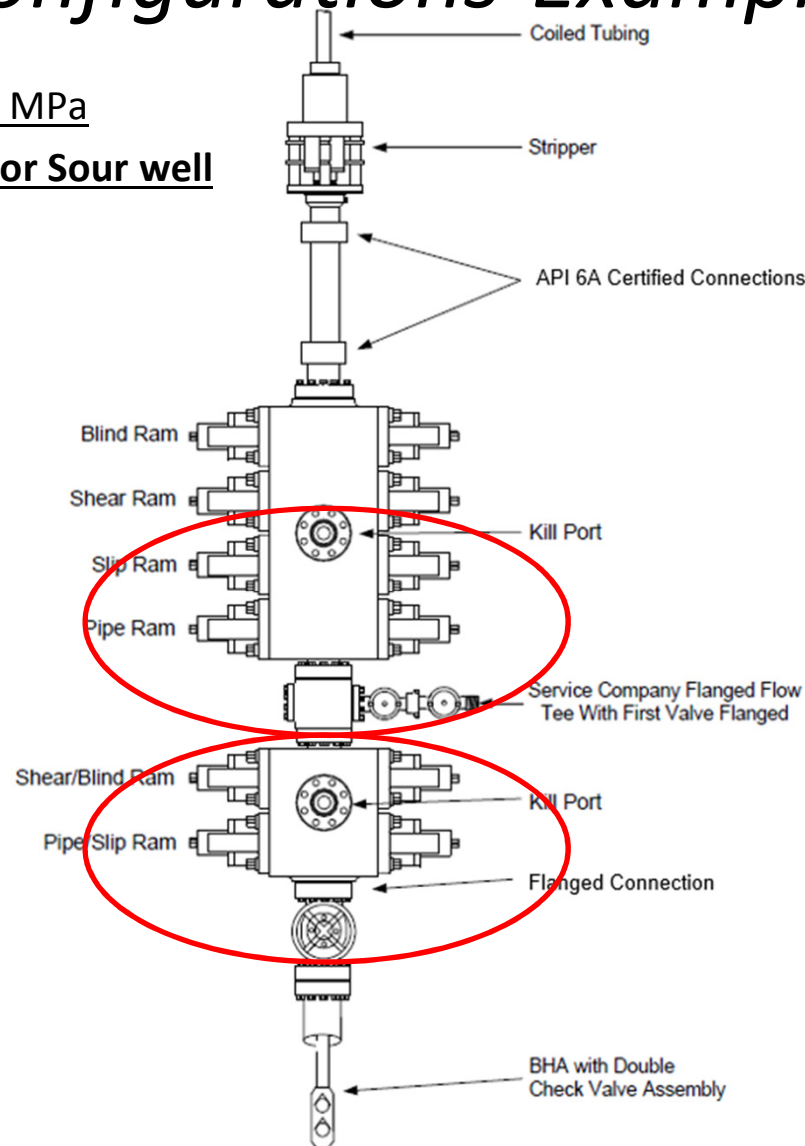
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5. 2 pipe sealing elements in addition to CT stripper



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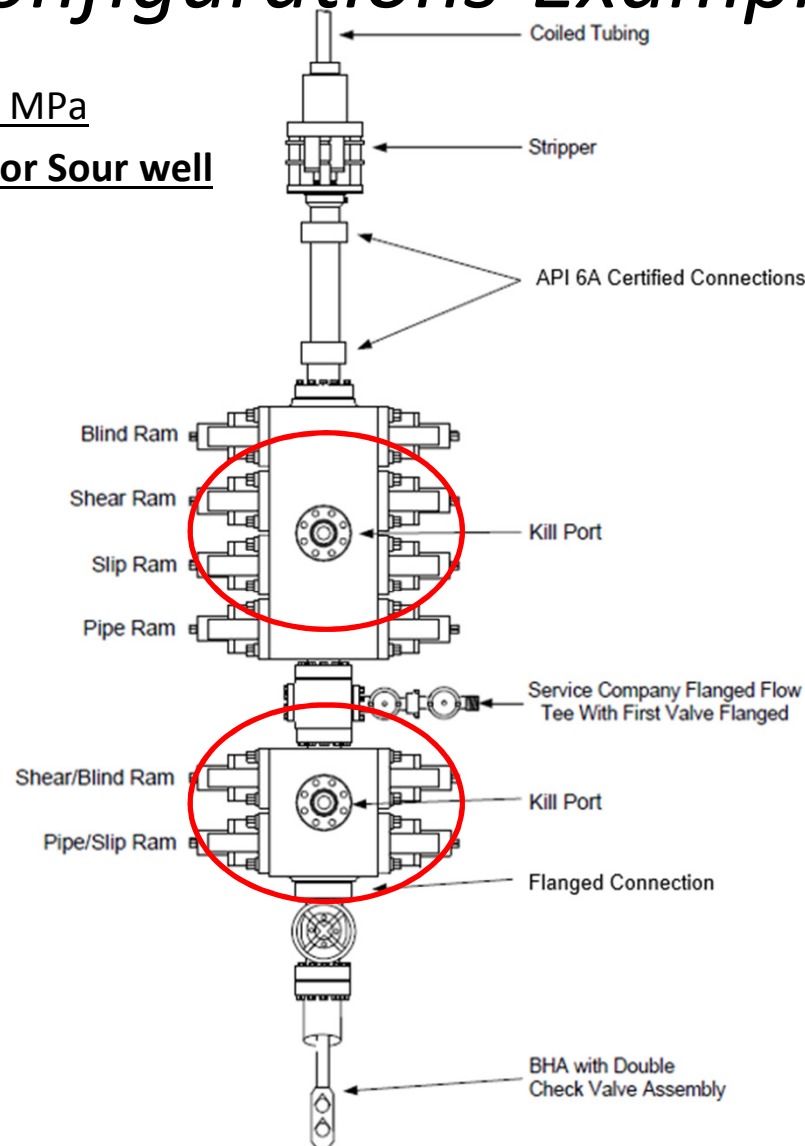
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6. Primary & secondary kill ports



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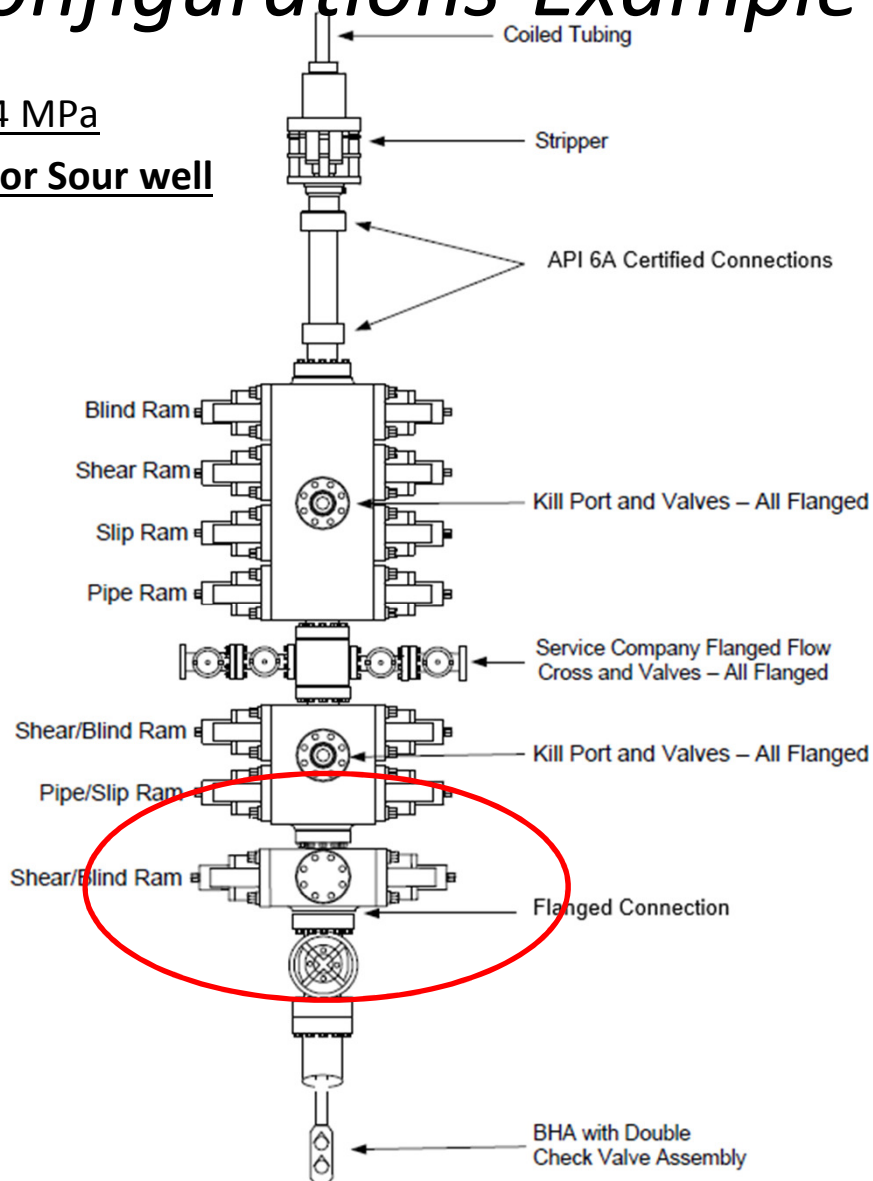
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Category 5, MASP 86.3- 103.4 MPa

137.9 MPa Pressure control, **Sweet or Sour well**

Features

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3. 2 shearing elements
4. Lubricator connections
5. 2 pipe sealing elements in addition to CT stripper
6. Primary & secondary kill ports
7. 1 Shear/ blind element (capable of shearing CT and/or BHA)



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BOP Stack Configurations- *Change summary*

- Category 3
 - Shear/ blind required due to pipe collapse
 - Connections above BOP API 6A certified (Flanged or Hand Unions)
 - Flowing below the BOP with abrasive fluid?
 - Additional shear/blind or pipe ram required!
- Category 4 & up
 - 2 each, blanking, shear, slip, kill ports
 - Connections above BOP API 6A certified (Flanged or Hand Unions)

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Special considerations- *Impact to Industry*

- Increased safety and risk mitigation on high pressure coiled tubing operations
- Consistent job planning and standardized pressure control for industry
- Better operator understanding of pressure control requirements
- Better global transfer of CT equipment and personnel training

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Special considerations- *Impact to Industry*

- Additional rams required depending on flow point? (Capital costs \$\$)
- Accumulator volumes may not be adequate? (Capital costs \$\$)
- Additional BOP's/ rams increase stack height! (Larger cranes, mast unit challenges)

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Items out of Scope- *Future reviews*

- Additional section for fracturing w/ CT stack configurations?
- BOP Accumulator section
- Flow back
 - ESD's, Hydraulic valves, choke manifolds & flow lines
 - Flow back through the tree?
- Coiled tubing drilling review
- Other?

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Summary

- Limited Scope review driven by:
 - increased operating pressures
 - Addresses unique Canadian operations (Annular fracturing)
 - General need to conform to API 16ST standards
- Pressure categories & well control selection requires kill plan/ margin
- Allows for some flexibility in:
 - Flow point
 - Ram configurations
- 30 day industry review to March 3, 2017





Questions?