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Joe Hurt  
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Dear Mr. Hurt:

The only aspect of oil and gas well drilling operations that are covered by 29 CFR 1926 is site preparation. All other aspects are covered by 29 CFR 1910 or applicable industry-recognized standards. The Oil and Gas Well Drilling and Servicing e-tool found at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) identifies common hazards and possible solutions (applicable OSHA regulations) to reduce incidents that could lead to injuries or fatalities.

I trust this answers your question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Lewis".

Jeff Lewis  
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