WellCAP® IADC WELL CONTROL ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

WIRELINE OPERATIONS CORE CURRICULUM AND RELATED JOB SKILLS

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SUPERVISORY LEVEL

The purpose of the core curriculum is to identify a body of knowledge and a set of job skills which can be used to provide well control skills for wireline operations. The curriculum is divided into three course levels: Introductory, Fundamental, and Supervisory.

The suggested target students for each core curriculum level are as follows:

INTRODUCTORY:	New Hires (May also be appropriate for non-technical personnel)
FUNDAMENTAL:	Helpers, Assistants, "Hands" and personnel involved with the operational aspects of the unit
SUPERVISORY:	Supervisors, Superintendents, and Project Foreman

Upon completion of a well control training course based on curriculum guidelines, the student should be able to perform the job skills in italics identified by a "■" mark (e.g., ■ *Identify causes of kicks*).

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I. REASONS FOR WELL SERVICING OPERATIONS

TRAINING TOPICS		JOB	JOB SKILLS	
A. D	efinitions of well-servicing operations		Describe well-servicing operations.	
B. D	efinition of well-servicing unit types		Describe types of well-servicing units.	
C. Reasons for well servicing operations which may include wireline:			Identify reasons for performing well servicing activities or working over a well.	
1.	Completing for production from a new reservoir.		List potential well control problems that could occur	
2.	Completing a well in more than one reservoir.		during well servicing and workover operations.	
3.	Stimulating a completion in a producing reservoir.			
4.	Reworking a producing reservoir to control water and/or gas production.			
5.	Rework to reduce or eliminate water coning.			
6.	Repair mechanical failure.			
7.	Cement repair.			

II. DEFINITIONS AND CALCULATIONS

TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS	
A. Pi	ressure fundamentals	Define the following items:	
1. 2.	 Definition of pressure a. Force b. Area Types of pressure a. Pressure gradient Liquid Gas b. Hydrostatic pressure General Effect of fluid level change c. Total downhole pressure Considering multiple fluid columns with varying densities Considering shut-in surface pressures d. Bottomhole pressure Balanced Underbalanced Overbalanced f. Differential pressure f. Differential pressure Kabab pressure 	 Force Pressure gradient Hydrostatic pressure Bottomhole pressure Differential pressure Total downhole pressure Formation pressure Calculate the above pressures. Calculate effect of surface pressure on downhole pressures. Demonstrate understanding of U-tube concept. Calculate hydrostatic changes due to fluid level changes Calculate fluid column height to generate a specific hydrostatic pressure. Explain causes and effects of swab and surge pressures in the wellbore. Define and calculate equivalent fluid density. Calculate overbalance or underbalance conditions. 	
	i. Surge pressure j. Fracture pressure	Definitions and Calculations continued on next page	

3.	Equivalent static fluid density	
	 a. Definition b. Pressures expressed as an equivalent fluid weight 	
4.	U-tube principles	
B. I	ive Wells and Kicking Wells	Describe routine and non-routine operations.
1.	Routine and non-routine operations a. Operations with wellhead pressure	 Describe difference between routine and non-routine operations for pressured and non-pressure scenarios. Define
	b. Operations without wellhead pressure	Production
2. 3.	Definition of Live Wella.Producingb.Shut inDefinition of Kicking Wella.Undesired productionb.Formation flowc.Pressure below bridge/blockaged.Unwanted swabbing	 Shut in Unwanted flow/production Possible scenarios for well kick
C. F	Force	Define force and buoyancy.
1.	Definition	Calculate net force effects due to pressure against a
2.	Necessary tool string weight to overcome force.	surface and due to differential pressure.
3.	Stripping (considering buoyed wireline/tool weight)	Calculate buoyancy effects.
4.	Packer, plug, etc. (considering differential pressure across packer, plug, etc.)	Calculate string weight (e.g. sinker bars) necessary for a given wellhead pressure.

III. KICK FUNDAMENTALS

TR	AINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
Α.	Definition of a kick	Define a kick.
В.	Causes of kicks (open hole, cased hole and tubing)	Identify causes of a kick and how it can impact wireline
1.	Swabbing the well	operations.
2.	Insufficient fluid density	
3.	Failure to keep hole full	
4.	Loss of circulation	
C.	Kick detection (open hole, cased hole and tubing)	Identify indicators and warning signs of a kick
1.	Kick indicators and warning signs including, but not limited to:	Rank indicators from most reliable to least reliable.
	 a. Increase in surface pressures b. Unwanted flow c. Increase in fluid flow rate d. Gain in pit volume e. Hole not taking proper amount of fluid when pulling pipe or wireline f. Volume displacement change during trip in g. Change in string weight h. Oil or gas shows 	

Kick Fundamentals continued on next page.

TRAINING TOPICS			JOB	SKILLS
 D. Importance of responding to kick indicators in a timely manner 1. Minimize kick volume 			Identify the benefit of timely response to kick indicators.	
		•	Identify or describe potential consequences of improper or untimely response to kick indicators.	
Ζ.	a. b. c. d. e. f.	equences of not responding Kick becomes blowout Possible release of poisonous gases Pollution Potential for fire Loss of life, equipment resources Larger kick and higher shut-in surface pressure		

Kick Fundamentals continued.

IV. GAS CHARACTERISTICS AND BEHAVIOR

TRAINING TOPICS		JOB	JOB SKILLS	
Α.	Pressur	e, volume, relationship (Boyles Law)		Describe pressure and volume relationships for gas.
				Calculate simple pressure-volume gas relationships.
B. Gas expansion and migration relationships			Describe the effects of gas migration (both expanded and	
1.	In the	e wellbore		unexpanded) on surface equipment and downhole pressures.
	a.	Gas density based on pressure		pressures.
	b.	Effect on bottomhole pressure		
	С.	Effect on surface pressure		
	d.	Effect on uncontrolled pressure		

V. FLUIDS

TR	RAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
Α.	Characteristics	Describe desirable properties of fluids.	
1.	Density	Describe undesirable properties and how it may effect	
2.	Viscosity	running/pulling activities	
Β.	Fluid types	Identify various fluid types and their relative densities.	
1.	Oil and oil based fluids	Describe why various fluid types would be used.	
2.	Water and water based fluids		
	a. Brines b. Muds		
3.	Gases		
4.	Packer fluids		
5.	Other types		

VI. SURFACE EQUIPMENT

TR	AINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS		
A. 1. 2. 3.	Types of wireline Slickline Braided line Electric line	 Identify types and describe uses of different types of wireline Describe limitations Describe differences in handling procedures 		
1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Components of wireline units Reel/drum Brakes Wire measuring devices Power pack Sheaves/pulleys Tools Accessories	 Identify and describe components, function and configuration of wireline units Indicate potential failure areas Describe (where applicable) how to field repair or replace failed component 		
 7. Accessories C. Production (Christmas or Xmas) tree 1. Equipment a. Pressure gauges a. Gauge flange or cap b. Swab valve c. Flow or cross tee d. Wing valves e. Master valves f. Surface safety valves 2. Configuration 		 Identify and describe function and configuration of the key Xmas tree components. Master, swab and flow line valves Hanger nipple sealing mechanisms Surface safety valve (SSV) Control line pressure versus tubing pressure Wireline cutting ability 		

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TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
D. General rig and coiled tubing and snubbing units blowout preventer equipment	Identify function and configuration of key BOP stack components.	
 Rig/unit Equipment that may be encountered Annular preventers and strippers Rams Blind Pipe/Multiple string Shear Blind/Shear Variable bore and slip Ram locking mechanisms Sealing elements Safety valves Chokes and manifolds 	 Describe major components and operating principles of BOP closing and locking mechanisms. Identify flow path(s) used in well control operations. 	
 E. Auxiliary well control equipment 2. Kelly valves (kelly cock) 3. Full open safety valve a. Top drive valves b. Floor stabbing valves 4. Inside BOP 5. Floats/back pressure valves 	 Describe function and use of the following rig/unit equipment that may be used during wireline activities: Kelly/top drive system valve Full open safety valve Inside blowout preventer Floats/back pressure valves 	

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TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS
F. V	Vireline BOP/valve and pressure control equipment	Identify components, function and configuration of key
1.	Manual and hydraulic slickline BOPs	BOP stack components.
2.	Braided line BOPs	Distinguish between types of rams for various operations (i.e., blind, shear/cutter, slick line and braided, etc.)
3.	Pressure ratings	Recognize the different types of sealing elements on
4.	Stuffing boxes	schematic drawings and answer questions about proper
5.	Control heads/grease injectors	installation (e.g.; including any lubrication that may be required).
6.	Risers	Recognize critical seals and parts that are exposed to
7.	Lubricators	pressure and/or may fail through wear and be able to
8.	Tool traps	explain requirements for replacing it.
9.	Back pressure (inside blowout preventer) valve	Describe operating principles (i.e. closing and operating sequences, well pressure assistance on the closure, operating pressures, lining up and hydraulic connections, etc.).
		Describe operational limits such as maximum shear capacity. Surface Equipment continued on part page

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TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS	
G .	Lubricator/Stripper/stuffing box assemblies	Describe general functions of lubricators, strippers and stuffing boxes and their use	
2.	Strippers	Recognize the different types of sealing elements and describe proper installation and use.	
3.	Stuffing boxes	Identify potential risks when using lubricators, strippers and stuffing boxes.	
		Determine if a stuffing box would seal if the wire were not present	
		Describe how to regain a seal on the wire following a leak.	
		 Calculate net forces associated with the use of lubricators, strippers and stuffing boxes 	
		Recognize seals that may fail or wear and understand requirements for replacing it.	
Н.	Gas detection and gas handling systems	Describe locations and principles of gas detection	
1.	Gas detectors	equipment.	
I.	Safety systems and Emergency Shutdown Devices (ESDs)	Describe general functions of safety systems applicable to wireline operations.	
1.	Alarm systems	Describe the functions of platform shut down devices and	
2.	ESD	general areas where they are located.	

VII. SUBSURFACE EQUIPMENT

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
A. Workstring and production tubing, and drillstring	Identify tubing ratings (burst and collapse).
components 1. Ratings	Identify or troubleshoot possible tubing failure (washouts, etc.).
a. Burst	Identify IBOP options and safety considerations for each.
b. Collapse	
2. Washouts	
3. Inside BOPs (IBOPs)	
B. Completion equipment	Identify potential well control complications and solutions when running completion equipment.
1. Tubing hanger	Describe the function and positioning of landing nipples
2. Surface controlled subsurface safety valves	Describe the function of tubing hangers:
3. Packers and bridge plugs	Seal off annulus
4. Landing nipples and plugs	Support tubing weight
5. Sliding sleeve	 Provide locking or threaded profile for Tubing Hanger Profile (TBH)
6. Multiple completions	Describe the primary function of the circulation and communication devices (sliding sleeves and ported nipples).
	Describe the primary function of side pocket mandrels, either with a working valve (gas lift, circulation, and chemical injection) or with a dummy valve installed.
	Describe the manipulation of all circulation and communication devices with respect to pressure control.
	Describe the primary function, applications and positioning of sub-surface safety valves.
	Recognize and describe the advantages/disadvantages

of:
 Maximum tool size versus DHSV ID, requirements and possibilities of pulling DHSV's before intervention and use of wear sleeves or lock out devices.
 Sub-surface controlled sub-surface safety valves (differential pressure design or ambient pressure design).
 Surface controlled sub-surface safety valves (wireline retrievable and tubing retrievable).
 Calculate potential pressure differentials across packers, plugs, etc.
Identify proper ram selection for multiple completions.

VIII. PROCEDURES

TR	AINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
A. 1.	Pre-recorded well information Well configuration a. Well measured and true vertical depth b. Hole angle c. Top and bottom of perforations d. Packer/Tool locations e. Tubing dimensions, lengths and strengths f. Problem locations (e.g., junk, collapsed or narrow sections, etc.)	 Demonstrate an ability to document pre-recorded data significant to maintaining safe operations and to well control situations (perforation interval, packer locations, tubing strengths, safe working pressures, etc.). Identify limitation of wireline Describe the purpose for and locations for H₂S and explosive mixture gas sensors.
2.	 Maximum safe casing pressures a. Wellhead rating b. Casing burst rating c. Tubing collapse and burst ratings d. Production zone/perforations Fluid density (ies) in well 	
1. 2. 3. 4.	Reservoir data a. Pore pressure b. Fracture pressure Line limits Others (H ₂ S and flammable/explosive gas sensors)	

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TRAINING TOPICS		TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
В.	Rigging	up and deployment into well	Describe or demonstrate rig up/down procedures for	
1.	Rig u	up/down	pressure related components.	
2.		string deployment	Describe or demonstrate how to deploy tool string in pressured environments	
3.	Flow		Identify signs of a kick via flow checks.	
	a.	Normal flow back	Recognize U-tube effect.	
	b.	Abnormal flow back		
C.	Running	g, shifting and pulling tools		
D. 1.	Shut-in Proc	edure (steps not necessarily in order)	Describe or demonstrate shut-in techniques (and sequence of execution).	
	a. b.	 While on bottom 1) Individual responsibilities 2) Shut-in well 3) Notify supervisor While tripping 1) Individual responsibilities 2) Space out and tool string considerations 3) Shut-in well 4) Notify supervisor 		
	C.	Other operations		

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TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS
E. Verification of shut-in		Identify appropriate valves/BOP equipment that are to be
1.	Annulus a. Through BOP b. At the flow line	closed to effect a proper shut-in.
2.	Workstring a. Pump pressure relief valves b. Standpipe manifold c. Lubricator/wireline BOPs/valves	
3. 4.	Wellhead/BOP/Xmas tree a. Casing valve b. Crown, wing, master valves, etc. Manifold	
	 a. Manifold valves b. Choke(s) (manual and remote) 	
F. 1.	Well monitoring during shut-in Record keeping	Explain or demonstrate recommended procedures to use for well monitoring during well shut-in.
	a. Time of shut-in b. Tubing and casing pressures	Read, record and report well shut-in record keeping parameters.
	 At initial shut-in At regular intervals 	Describe effects of trapped pressure on wellbore pressure.
	 c. Estimate pit gain d. Pressure increase at surface and downhole of to: 	due Demonstrate procedure for relieving trapped pressure without creating underbalanced conditions.
	 Gas migration Gas expansion 	Perform choke manipulation to achieve specific pressure or volume objectives.
	e. Pressure between casing strings	Identify two causes for pressure between strings.

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TRAINING TOPICS G. Tripping		JOB SKILLS	
		Describe methods for filling hole during trips.	
1. 2.	 Procedure for keeping hole full a. Using rig pump b. Using trip tank (gravity fill) c. Using recirculating trip tank (continuous fill) Methods of measuring and recording hole fill volumes (trip sheet) 	 Calculate hole filling requirements when pulling pipe and displacement when running pipe. Describe the use of a trip tank. 	
3. 4.	 Wet trip calculations (non open-ended) a. Return to fluid system b. No return to fluid system c. Hole fill-up volumes Dry trip calculations (open-ended) a. Hole fill-up volumes 		
H. Stripping operations		Describe purpose and procedure for stripping operations	
1.	Line up for bleeding volume to stripping tank	(with and without volumetric control).	
2.	Stripping procedure for BOP	Perform calculations for bleed volumes or pressures, as method requires.	
3.	Measurement of volumes bled from the well	Demonstrate ability to line up to stripping tank.	
4.	Calculations relating volumes and pressure to be bled for a given number of tubing or workstring stands run in the hole	Demonstrate sequence of BOP/rams when stripping.	
5.	Stripping with or without volumetric control		

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
I. Shearing wireline	Identify complications that require shearing and cutting the wireline	
	Describe cutting sequence	
	Describe secondary method of cutting wireline	
	Describe how to obtain pressure seal after wireline is cut	
J. Fishing wireline	Identify tools that may be necessary for fishing operations	
	Describe the differences between fishing with wireline in pressured and non pressured environments	
	Describe procedure for deploying, catching and retrieving fish (include how to fish wire from well).	
K. Well control drills1. Pit drill	Describe wireline crew responsibilities during pit and trip drills, etc.	
2. Trip drill	Describe procedure for pit and trip drills and proper response to each.	

IX. COMPLICATIONS AND SOLUTIONS

TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS	
A. Trapped pressure		Identify sources of potential trapped pressure.	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Wireline plugs (e.g., nipple plug, plug set in tubing, etc.) Subsurface safety valves (storm chokes) Surface controlled subsurface safety valve Bridge plugs Sand bridges Paraffin Hydrates	 Determine potential pressures beneath various downhole plugs, valves, etc. Describe procedure for resolving sources identified at left. 	
8.	Beneath packer		
B. 1 2. 3. 4. 5.	Pressure on casing Hole in tubing Hole in casing Seal or packer leak. Pressure or temperature pulled seals out of seal bore Failed squeeze job or patch	Identify sources of pressure on casing and explain the well control implications.	
C.	Lost circulation	 Identify signs of lost circulation. Describe sticking potential in lost circulation zone List at least two possible remedies to lost circulation. 	
D. (Underground flow	Based on surface parameters, identify underground flow and possible solutions.	

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TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
E. Collapsed tubing	Identify signs of collapsed tubing
	Describe potential complications and solutions as a result thereof.
F. Junk in hole	Identify signs of junk in hole
	Describe potential complications and solutions as a result thereof.
G. Hole in tubing	Identify signs of hole in tubing string
	Describe complications that may arise from a hole in the tubing.
H. Stuck tool string	Identify signs of collapsed tubing
	Describe potential complications and solutions as a result thereof.
I. Fishing under pressure	Describe tools, equipment and precautions that must be used while fishing with wireline under pressure.
	Identify potential complications and list possible solutions.
J. Hole angle	Describe how hole angle affects deployment of wireline tools
	Identify factors allowing or preventing continuation of wireline as hole angle increases

X. ORGANIZING OPERATIONS

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
A. Personnel assignments	Describe personnel assignments and indicate those personnel (if any) not required during a well control operation.	
	List required information that is available prior to a well control event.	
	 Given certain well information, define most likely well control scenarios. 	
	Identify personnel who must coordinate effectively to affect a well kill and name their main responsibilities.	
B. Pre-recorded information	Describe locations of pre-recorded information, collection process, and where supervisor will keep well documentation.	
C. Plan responses to anticipated well control scenarios	Describe procedures for implementing responses to well control scenarios.	
D. Communications responsibilities	Describe chain of command and each individual's responsibility to timely and properly convey pertinent information.	

XI. TESTING

TR	AINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
Α.	Testing of pressure control equipment	Demonstrate the ability to line up piping and valving to
1.	BOPs/wireline valves	perform test.
2.	Surface pressure control accessory equipment	
3.	Packers	
4.	Lubricators	
5.	Xmas trees	
6.	Test trees	
В.	Installation of rings, flanges and connections	Describe proper installation of rings, flanges and connections and their importance to the pressure control.
C.	Pressure and function tests	Identify the maximum safe working pressure for a give
1.	Maximum safe working pressures of well control equipment	set of well control equipment.List two reasons for de-rating the maximum safe working
2.	Reasons for de-rating	pressure of well control equipment.
3.	Areas exposed to both high and low pressures during shut-in and pumping operations	

XII. GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND COMPANY RULES, ORDERS AND POLICIES

TF	RAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
A.	Incorporate by reference	Describe or identify appropriate regional government or
1.	API and ISO recommended practices, standards and bulletins pertaining to well control	company specific regulations pertaining to job being completed.
2.	Regional and/or local regulations where required	
3.	Company/operator specific requirements where required	

XIII. SPECIAL SITUATIONS (OPTIONAL)

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS	
A. H2S considerations	Describe additional procedures, precautions and supplemental safety equipment necessary while operating in an H2S environment.	
	Describe equipment addition, limitations, modification or replacement necessary to work in an H2S environment.	
	Provide documentation of successful completion of a H2S training course.	
B. Subsea considerations	Identify components of a subsea wellhead/production tree.	
	Describe how the subsea wellhead/production tree and/or BOP stack is functioned and the similarities/disparities between surface wireline BOP/valve applications.	
	Identify components and describe running procedure of wireline lubricator/valve assembly and installation onto subsea wellhead/production tree.	
	Describe wireline entry procedures into a subsea wellhead.	
	Describe wireline tool deployment methods.	
	Describe safety controls and limitations while wireline activities are taking place.	
	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations in subsea environments	

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
C. Coiled tubing operations	Identify and describe basic coiled tubing unit components and functions.
	Demonstrate or describe procedures to rig up wireline pressure control equipment while a coiled tubing unit is rigged up on location.
	Describe electric line considerations for coiled tubing delivered wireline.
	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations rigged up on coiled tubing pressure control equipment.
D. Snubbing and HWO operations	Identify and describe basic snubbing unit components and functions.
	Demonstrate or describe procedures to rig up wireline pressure control equipment while a snubbing unit is rigged up on location.
	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations rigged up in a snubbing unit's workbasket and/or pressure control equipment.

TRAINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
E. Small tubing unit	Identify and describe basic small tubing unit components and functions.
	Demonstrate or describe procedures to rig up wireline pressure control equipment while a small tubing unit is rigged up on location.
	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations rigged up on a small tubing unit's pressure control equipment.
F. Drilling operations	Identify and describe basic drilling rig components and functions.
	Demonstrate or describe procedures to rig up wireline pressure control equipment while a drilling rig is rigged up on location.
	Describe open hole wireline and logging well control considerations.
	Demonstrate or describe general rig up procedures of wireline pressure control equipment on the rig's BOP stack.
	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations rigged up on a drilling rig's pressure control equipment.

TRAINING TOPICS		JOB SKILLS	
G. \	Workover operations		Identify and describe basic workover rig components and functions.
		-	Demonstrate or describe procedures to rig up wireline pressure control equipment while a workover unit is rigged up on location.
		-	Describe open hole wireline and logging well control considerations.
		-	Demonstrate or describe general rig up procedures of wireline pressure control equipment on the rig's BOP stack.
		•	Describe the complications and consequences of wireline operations rigged up on a workover rig's pressure control equipment.
	f pump unit is utilized by wireline crew: Techniques for controlling or killing a producing well		Describe a technique for controlling or killing a producing well.
1.	Bullheading		
2.	Lubricate and bleed		
3.	Constant bottomhole pressure (BHP) techniques		
	a. Wait and weight b. Drillers's method		
4.	Reverse circulate		

TR	AINING TOPICS	JOB SKILLS
I.	If pump unit is utilized by wireline crew: No returns pumping technique (e.g., bullheading)	 Demonstrate bullheading technique when applicable. Monitor and record pressure.
1.	Well shut-in will stop influx when BHP equals formation pressure	Select appropriate pump rates.
2.	Determine status of shut-in tubing pressure (SITP), shut- in casing pressure (SICP)	Calculate maximum pressures.Calculate volumes.
3.	Pump rates and pressure limitations	Discuss effect of gas migration vs. kill attempt.
	 a. Maximum pump pressure b. Friction of fluids vs. rate c. Coin in hydrostatic pressure vs. volume pumped 	 Check pressures to verify if well has been successfully killed.
	 c. Gain in hydrostatic pressure vs. volume pumped d. Burst pressure of tubulars e. Collapse pressure of tubulars f. Formation fracture pressure 	Explain barrier concept and give four examples.
4.	Determine volume to be pumped	
	a. Theoretical volume to formationb. Overdisplacement (if any)c. Volume to pump to load surface lines	
5.	Pump rate vs. volume pumped	
6.	Gas migration vs. pumped fluid viscosity	
7.	Determine if well has been successfully killed	
8.	Barrier concept	