

Well Control Committee

Meeting Minutes



26 July 2022

Well Sharp Update – Gerardo

- **Well Sharp Curriculum to continue work on:**
 - Coil tubing
 - Oil and Gas Operator Representative Curriculum is next
 - Next Meeting – August 9
- **Well Sharp Test Question Review**
 - Review efforts in the process of being completed
 - Question inquiries submitted by training providers have been the primary focus of review
 - Top 20 Percent of questions with the most propensity to be answered correctly and incorrectly will be the next focus for the group
- **Well Sharp University**
 - Scheduled for an August launch
 - Same course curriculum for supervisors and drillers provides more flexibility to raise interest in workforce industry pursuits and accreditation

WellSharp/MPD

- A discussion question was raised during this committee meeting as to whether MPD should be integrated into the normal course of instruction – further consideration is pending

Technical Issues – Santo

- **Trip Sheet Usage/Maintenance**
 - Management of Trip Sheets may require a heightened level of oversight due to the well intentioned, but uninformed actions of rig crews where “one off” spreadsheets are being created to record tripping operations. Such “customization” of this record keeping process disables a contractor’s ability to conduct queries and assessments across a rig fleet on scale. A suggestion ensued that this committee might consider a Trip Sheet Standardization effort to encourage consistency and awareness for the importance of maintaining these records at the enterprise level.

Subcommittee Updates – Santo

- **SCRs** - Discussion alignment on best practices
 - Work is in progress to finish proposal for recommended addendums

API Update – Mel Whitby (Shearanything)

- Joint effort to be engaged by OOC and API to respond to the BSEE Well Control Rule addressing new/novel equipment associated with HPHT operations
 - A redefinition of level 1 and level 2 barriers is being considered
 - New/novel equipment considerations appears to be getting comingled with HPHT elements with a means to distinguish certain factors or categories yet to be established
- The following API SC 16 actions and resulting Spec/RP/standards updates were noted:
 - 16 A – 4th Edition due for revision
 - 16 B – Wireline BOP Spec to be finalized
 - 16 RCD – Addendum to be added revise definition (will allow monogram of RCD bodies)
 - 16 ST – Addendum to be published
 - STD 53 – Going into rewrite
 - RP 49 – Question: *Should this document be retired?*
 - RP 59 – Currently undergoing rewrite – NEED MORE PARTICIPATION

Event Sharing – Group Discussion

- Topics discussion:
 - **MPD Well Control Events** - A trend is seemingly emerging where rig crews may be erroneously exercising rig floor operational decisions apart from established on site processes when crews are engaged in MPD operations. The added element of well bore pressure present as a condition of normal operations appears to induce a perception for the need to account for additional variables in a manner not consistent with standing processes. As well bore anomalies may occur, crews may be attempting to exercise conditional assessments apart from predefined procedural elements. This discussion item concluded with agreement that further consideration of such circumstances was necessary. It was suggested that this discussion item be taken up by the Well Sharp advisory panel to further assess the exigency of this issue.
 - **Evolving CoS Well Control Considerations** - Julia Fitzgerald of API's Center for Offshore Safety (CoS) described the current state of CoS' Well Control Committee as being "inactive". Her point to bring this item to the attention of the committee was to highlight a CoS presumption that concerns related to well control considerations rested substantially within the remit of IADC and, consequently, that continuing to maintain a Well Control Committee within CoS has become a less significant priority. Further discussion on this point resulted in the suggestion that Jim and Julia follow up this discussion with a more detailed objective for establishing complimentary expectations where CoS and IADC consider a more active collaborative framework upon which more consistency between operators and contractors may be achieved.
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