

CHALLENGES

- Maintain rate of penetration in high torque conditions
- Control cost of treatment
- Apply below 20°F where many liquid additives become solid

SOLUTION

- ENERLUBE III lubricant additive designed to perform at low concentration
- Apply at 2% v/v in 40 bbl sweeps
- Rated for use at -25°F

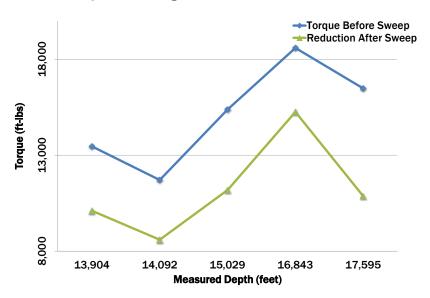
RESULTS

- Torque reduction of 35% much lower than competing products
- Product additions cut by 30%, resulting in significant cost savings
- Improved sliding maintained drilling efficiency

ENERLUBE III[†] lowers torque by 35% using 30% less product in challenging North Dakota horizontal well

ENERLUBE III replaced existing product to address logistical challenges and increase rate of penetration at lower overall concentration.

Torque and Drag Before and After ENERLUBE III



ENERLUBE III added at 2% v/v in sweeps results in a significant reduction in torque after treatment.

Overview

An operator in North Dakota was experiencing reduced rate of penetration associated with excess torque and drag. Lubricant additives provided a torque reduction, but limited performance required concentrations as high as 5% v/v to achieve the desired results. Handling and storage of large lubricant volume was complicated by cold weather conditions below 20°F as the lubricant thickened and did not pour.

AES Drilling Fluids recommended ENERLUBE III to provide the necessary torque reduction at a lower concentration. ENERLUBE III is blended for use in cold weather as low as -25°F.

ENERLUBE III was added in 40 bbl sweeps at 2% v/v. The directional driller immediately noted improved sliding. Overall rate of penetration improved to avoid lost drilling time associated with insufficient weight on bit.



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