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This bulletin is issued to all schools which are accredited or are now in the process of completing an Application for Accreditation.

Curriculum Testing -- Simulator Exercises

The WellCAP review panel has approved changes in the language used in the Handbook for Accreditation (Form WCT-1) to describe certain required simulator tests in order to accommodate the new WellCAP workover/completion curriculum.

These changes should require no revisions to any existing drilling programs. They should be utilized by any programs which have been approved or which are developing WellCAP courses using the WellCAP workover/completion curriculum.

The section listing Fundamental course exercises has been modified to read as shown below. Changes are explained in *italics*.

FUNDAMENTAL COURSES

- Record circulating pressures for slow pump rates. (*The word "circulating" has been added where the word standpipe was previously used*)
- Kick detection and shut-in. (No change)
- Read, record and report drillpipe or tubing and annulus pressures. (the phrase "or tubing" has been added.)

The section listing Supervisory Course exercises was modified to read:

SUPERVISORY COURSES

- Demonstrate bringing pump on and off line while manipulating choke and while maintaining bottom hole pressure. (*No change*)
- Determine correct initial circulating pressure when circulating or killing the well. (*The phrase "circulating or killing the well" replaced "circulating out the kick."*)
- Maintain the correct bottomhole pressure while circulating or killing the well. (*Same as above*)

No changes were made regarding simulator exercises for introductory courses, which remain optional. Also, no changes were made regarding simulator exercises for Supervisor Level courses with subsea instruction (the workover/completion curriculum does not have a subsea component).

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