



U.S. OPERATOR REALIZES BENEFITS OF NEW DST BHA

In August, 2019, Sklar Exploration had a well that was a great candidate for Drill stem Tests, however the industry standard in the U.S. for DST configurations; Compression Packers, was not going to cut it. “The main purpose of this DST was to see how much fluid and gas entered the drill pipe”, says Sklar Geologist Miles McDowell. Fortunately, Northstar’s Inflate Straddle technology was available from our Casper, Wyoming shop, and allowed Sklar to set Packers both above and below the reservoir of interest without the requirement for tailpipe to TD. The use of Inflate Packers also reduced the risk of DST failure since they are more successful at sealing when wash-out’s or unconsolidated wellbore conditions are present.

As an added operational benefit, Sklar did not have to stop drilling in order to conduct the DST and were able to finish drilling the well, log, and then run the DST’s, significantly reducing the amount of rig time utilized per DST.

“We really liked the Inflate Straddle Test. This is big for us, because previously we’d had bad luck with getting successful old school Straddle Packer Test off. We were impressed, good job!”

— GEOLOGIST, SKLAR EXPLORATION

