Halliburton helps Eagle Ford operator increase EUR by 62%

Location: Eagle Ford Shale Formation, Texas

**Overview**

In the Eagle Ford shale play, completion designs are continuously improving to increase stimulated reservoir volume and well productivity. Many of these improvements have been focused around tighter cluster spacing and more proppant per well to create a higher density of fractures along the wellbore. For many operators, this continual improvement has left a large inventory of understimulated wells with vintage completion designs that have a high potential for refracturing. An operator utilized Halliburton’s ACTIVATE<sup>SM</sup> refracturing service to begin a pilot program to evaluate the economic viability of refracturing in the Eagle Ford shale play.

**Solutions**

Through collaboration with Halliburton, the operator was able to assemble a four-well pilot program located in various parts of its acreage. In the candidate selection phase, each well was screened based on reservoir and completion quality. Findings determined that the original completion design on the candidate wells did not effectively stimulate every perforation cluster, so the goal of the refracturing treatment was to create new fractures in understimulated clusters.

In the design phase, the refracturing treatment was tailored for each candidate well to ensure fracture coverage along the lateral. Halliburton’s proprietary Pressure Sink Mitigation process was incorporated into the design to first restore conductivity to old fractures, and then quickly seal them off and build pressure so that new fractures could be generated. In the execution phase, AccessFrac<sup>®</sup> stimulation service was deployed to isolate each proppant cycle and place new fractures along the wellbore, resulting in an effective coverage of the lateral. Figure 1 shows one of the treatment plots where this service was used to successfully place 6.5 MM lb of proppant in 21 cycles.

**DID YOU KNOW**

The ACTIVATE<sup>SM</sup> service involves four steps:

1. **SCREEN** the best candidate wells based on reservoir and completion quality
2. **DESIGN** the optimal refrac treatment to connect existing fractures and place new fractures with the FracInsight<sup>®</sup> service and proprietary Pressure Sink Mitigation process
3. **EXECUTE** the refrac treatment for full lateral coverage with AccessFrac<sup>®</sup> stimulation service
4. **DIAGNOSE** refrac efficacy and optimize refrac design for future pads with the Integrated Sensor Diagnostics service and FiberCoil™ tubing

Predictable refrac wells can enable operators to build a balanced portfolio of new wells, infills, and refracs, and to reduce the cost per BOE breakeven point of their specific acreage. Refracs also allow operators to book incremental reserves.

In basins where we have delivered the ACTIVATE service, operators have seen up to:

- 25% increase in oil recovery factor with balanced portfolio
- 66% reduced cost per BOE compared to new drills

**ACTIVATE<sup>SM</sup> Refracturing Service**

**62% AVERAGE EUR UPLIFT**
CASE STUDY: Refracturing services increase EUR on vintage completions in Eagle Ford shale play

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<td>• Economically create new fractures in an understimulated wellbore</td>
<td>• ACTIVATE\textsuperscript{SM} service, which includes the AccessFrac\textsuperscript{SM} service, to isolate each proppant cycle and place new fractures along the wellbore</td>
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**Refracturing Treatment Plot**

![Refracturing Treatment Plot](image)

Figure 1 shows treatment plot for one of the pilot wells in the four-well refrac program. This design included 6.5 MM lb of proppant pumped in 21 cycles. It also included Halliburton’s Pressure Sink Mitigation process to improve lateral coverage.
**Results**

Results from the pilot program exceeded the operator’s expectations. ACTIVATE service helped the operator achieve an average estimated ultimate recovery (EUR) uplift of 62% from the four pilot wells. All the wells achieved at least 50% of their original initial production (IP), with the best well achieving 82% of its original IP (Figure 2). ACTIVATE service demonstrated huge potential for refracturing in the Eagle Ford shale play, and that it can be done, predictively and repeatedly, for larger field developments.

*Figure 2 shows monthly production for one of the pilot wells in the four-well refrac program. Production rates of over 600 bopd were achieved, and the post-refrac initial production (IP) was 82% of the original IP.*

Contact Halliburton to see how the ACTIVATE service can help you build a balanced portfolio and recover bypassed reserves predictively and repeatedly.