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Introduction

Drilling into shallow-gas-bearing formations is a very delicate and challenging operation. If the drilling operations are seriously complicated by the reduced safety margin available between kick and loss, the situation in case of a gas influx becomes extremely hazardous, due to a combination of the following adverse factors.

- Shallow gas flows are extremely fast-developing events; there is only a short transition time between influx detection and well unloading, resulting in a reduced time for the driller to take the right decision, and leaving little room for error.
- Past blowout reports have disclosed the magnitude of severe dynamic loads applied to surface diverting equipment. One of the associated effects is erosion, which adds a high potential for fire and explosion due to flow impingement on rig facilities which gives the gas flow access to various sources of ignition.
- Many past shallow-gas kicks turned into uncontrolled blowouts due to the failure of former diverter systems installed several decades ago. Failure is seen as a result of the system's complexity, its lack of functional reliability and its inability to cope with the severe dynamic loads.
- Certain drilling supports are exposed to specific threats associated with shallow gas blowouts, e.g. risk of cratering, risk of ship-shaped vessel capsize.
- Unprepared or inadequately trained drilling crews experience a high level of stress when facing a violent shallow gas flow.

In the aftermath of shallow gas blowouts during the last four decades, comprehensive inquiries and reports have been carried out, in particular by the specialists involved in combating these events, and significant findings and conclusions have been published. In the meantime, the manufacturing industry has developed various equipment aimed at significantly improving the safety of shallow-gas drilling operations.

This International Standard has been prepared taking these aspects into consideration.

Petroleum and natural gas industries — Drilling and production equipment — Shallow gas diverter equipment

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for the selection of the diverter equipment for rigs used to drill shallow-gas-bearing formations. It covers both onshore and offshore drilling operations, and considers also the auxiliary equipment associated with floating rigs.

The specified requirements concern the following diverter equipment:

- annular sealing devices;
- vent outlets;
- diverter valves;
- diverter piping.

This International Standard highlights the concerns associated with the selection of a marine floating drilling support. It covers safety issues concerning key rig equipment, and important steps of action required prior to starting the drilling operations.

It provides only general guidelines regarding the response to be given to a shallow-gas flow.

2 Normative references

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API 16D (latest revision), *Specification for Control Systems for Drilling Well Control Equipment and Control Systems for Diverter Equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

actuator

device used to open or close a valve by means of applied manual, hydraulic, pneumatic or electrical energy

3.2

annular packing element

doughnut-shaped rubber/elastomer element that creates a seal in an annular preventer or diverter

Note 1 to entry: The annular packing element is displaced toward the bore centre by the upward movement of an annular piston.

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