Drill Pipe Failure

Severe dogleg. High friction factor. Overload.

Control dogleg severity. Control the mud pH. Inspect drill pipe.

Lost Circulation

Q Fractured or highly permeable formations and high downhole P.

P. Maintain proper downhole P. Perform LOT and FIT. Prepare LCM.

Hole Deviation

Q Heterogeneous formation/ dip angle. Drill pipe and BHA makeup. Bit and WOB.

💡 Use MWD.

Pipe Sticking

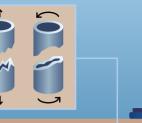
Annular P. exceeds pore P. Pipe is embedded in the filter cake.

Manage the mud properties including lubricity. Utilize OBM/SBM.

Q Causes 💡 Solutions



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Common Drilling Problems Causes and Solutions

Borehole Instability

 Earth stresses. Pore P.
Rock properties. Drilling mud chemistry.

Maintain proper mud weight and ECD. Keep mud compatible with the formation.

Mud Contamination

 Overtreatment. Solid additives or drilled materials.

Monitor mud properties. Schedule pretreatment and treatment.



Formation Damage

Q Solids plugging. Clay swelling. Emulsion blockage. Aqueousfiltrate blockage.

Use drill-in/workover/ completion fluids. Underbalance drilling.

Hole Cleaning

Q Low annular velocity. Hole inclination (45 – 50°). High ROP.

Maintain annular velocity and viscosity. Rotate drill pipe. Use hi-vis sweeps.

