

Course Syllabus

Course: PNGE-312-001 Drilling Fluid Lab

Class schedule: M 8:00 a.m-10:50 a.m.

Prerequisites: PNGE 310: Drilling Engineering (or concurrent)

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Course Description

PNGE 312. Drilling Fluids Laboratory. 1 Hour.

PR or Conc: PNGE 310. Topics include clay hydration, viscosity of water-based fluids, mud weight control, filtration studies, thinning agents, chemical contaminants, lime muds, polymer muds, rheological models, and liquid and solid determination.

Course Objectives

To introduce students with the techniques and procedures to evaluate the properties of drilling fluid used in well drilling operations.

Required Textbook

Drilling Fluid Laboratory Manual by Petroleum Engineering, WVU (will be posted in the E-Campus)

Recommended Textbooks

Applied Drilling Engineering by A.D. Bourgoyne Jr., M.E. Chenvert, K.K. Milheim, and F.S. Young Jr., SPE Textbook Series, Vol. 2, (1986).

Fundamentals of Drilling Engineering by R.F. Mitchell and S.Z. Miska, editors., SPE Textbook Series, Vol.12, (2011).

Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to:

- ✓ *Apply knowledge of math, sciences and engineering to drilling operations.*
- ✓ *Design and conduct experiment, analyze and interpret data as well as adjusting the properties of drilling fluids.*
- ✓ *Identify, formulate, solve engineering problems, and communicate effectively.*

Course Sessions

Session 1 Description: Pre-test, Safety Training, Introduction to course materials

Session 2 Description: Hydration of Clay Minerals

Session 3 Description: Viscosity of Fresh Water

Session 4 Description: Mud Density Control

Session 5 Description: Filtration Studies

Session 6 Description: Thinning Agents

Session 7 Description: Chemical Contaminants

Session 8 Description: Red Lime Muds

Session 9 Description: Polymer Muds

Session 10 Description: Rheological Models for Drilling Fluids

Session 11 Description: Salt Water Base Muds

Session 12 Description: Volume Fraction of Oil, Water, and Solids

Session 13 Description: Final Exam

Grading Procedures

Lab reports	80 %
Final Test	20 %

90 and above	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

Attendance

Students are required to attend all scheduled laboratory sessions as scheduled.

Course Expectations

All lab reports should be typed (pdf format) and contain the following materials:

- Title page that states
 - ✓ *Your name*
 - ✓ *Your instructor's name.*
 - ✓ *The date the report was submitted.*
 - ✓ *Experiment number and title*
- Purpose
- Procedure
- Equipment Drawings(no picture)
- Data and Calculation(sample calculation)
- Results an discussion
- Graphs
- Source of errors
- Conclusion
- References

General Rules for All Labs

- ✓ This class is used to demonstrate various drilling fluids (muds) used in the drilling wells. Material used are various clays. No other chemical and gases are used in this lab. Wear safety glasses and dust mask when measuring out fluids
- ✓ Read MSDS for each “mud” before using
- ✓ Read and follow the safety instructors in manuals for each piece of equipment used
- ✓ Read “general lab rules” enclosed.

Do Not!

- ✓ No eating or drinking in the lab.
- ✓ No sandals or open-toed shoes in lab.
- ✓ No horseplay.
- ✓ Do not smell or taste chemicals.
- ✓ Do not use broken glassware.
- ✓ Do not used contact lenses when working with or around the chemicals.
- ✓ Do not pour chemicals down drain.

Do!

- ✓ Wear safety glasses, lab coats, dust mask, etc. When instructed to do so.
- ✓ Read Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each chemical.
- ✓ Know where eyes station and safety showers located.
- ✓ Know where fire alarms are located.
- ✓ Read materials located in the lab, including.
 - A. Chemical Hygiene plan for this lab
 - B. “Right to know pocket guy”
 - C. Other material provided
- ✓ Clean up your area at the end.
- ✓ Wash hands before leaving lab.

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