

Well Abandonment Workshop: Industry Feedback

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Summary

The Western Regulators Forum (WRF) organized a workshop to engage industry on best practices, methods of enhancing outcomes and emerging technology related to well suspensions and abandonments. The workshop was also intended as a forum for industry to share experiences, learnings and case studies within industry to encourage improved outcomes on well suspensions and abandonments.

Theory and/or Method

Prior to the workshop, the WRF had conducted a regulatory gap analysis, had examined the causes of well failures and the adverse effects of well failures. This work generated a list of preliminary workshop topics.

A series of six pre-workshop meetings were arranged by the WRF to solicit additional content and to help select the topic priorities for the workshop. The workshop and pre-workshop meetings were not restricted to licensees but also included vendors, consultants and other technical people from academia, industry organizations and regulators outside the WRF. In advance of the workshop the top ten topics were selected and content from the small group meetings organized by topic into a 'discussion starter document' for the workshop.

Staff from the Regulators facilitated the individual table discussions for each topic. For each topic, a peer review was conducted with all workshop participants to ensure that all ideas, new technology and best practices were recorded.

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