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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This DEP specifies requirements and gives recommendations for well stimulation design and is applicable to all wells.

The purpose of this DEP is to ensure that HSSE considerations are applied in well stimulation.

Well stimulation can be classified as any intervention required that increases or maintains the connectivity of a reservoir to the wellbore and/or the connectivity of the wellbore to the surface. This could include the following:

- perforating;
- acid/chemical washes;
- matrix acidizing;
- chemical treatments to remove deposits;
- scale squeezes;
- acid fracturing;
- hydraulic fracturing.

This DEP contains mandatory requirements to mitigate process safety risks in accordance with Design Engineering Manual (DEM1) – Application of Technical Standards.

This is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated February 2013; see (1.5) regarding the changes.

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1.3.1 General definitions

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