UNDERBALANCED WELLCAP CURRICULUM

The IADC Underbalanced Operations Committee and the WellCAP Review Panel have released curriculum guidelines for underbalanced operations.

The underbalanced curriculum document is identified as WCT-2UBS. The curriculum guidelines are available for download on the IADC website at http://iadc.org/wellcap. Hard copies will be provided by IADC on request.

WellCAP schools may immediately utilize these guidelines to develop well control training courses on these topics. Course outlines and materials should be submitted for approval by the WellCAP Review Panel as per established procedures. A cross-reference tool is available and should be used to expedite the review process.

Individuals to be used as instructors for underbalanced curriculum should be prepared to demonstrate relevant knowledge and experience in underbalanced operations in accordance with WellCAP instructor approval procedures. To maintain approval, all WellCAP underbalanced instructors will need to have completed a supervisory WellCAP underbalanced course no later than 1 February 2004.

Schools should note that training in conventional well control is a prerequisite for students participating in an underbalanced well control curriculum. The underbalanced curriculum guidelines are not intended to be used in a combination training program for conventional well control or other drilling operations.

For more information, contact IADC.