

THE MOMENTUM KILL

The Momentum Kill is a procedure where two fluids collide and the one with the greater momentum wins. If the greater momentum belongs to the fluid from the blowout, the blowout continues. If the greater momentum belongs to the kill fluid, the well is controlled. The technology of the Momentum Kill procedure is the newest and least understood of well control procedures. However, the technique itself is not new. In the late fifties and early sixties, the air drillers of eastern Oklahoma thought nothing of pulling into the surface pipe to mud up an air-drilled hole in an effort to avoid the hazards associated with the introduction of mud to the Atoka Shale.