

No Mud Enters the Wellbore

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Matched previous pumping data applying a system as follows:

- flow up B-annulus, which is connected to the A-annulus
- flow continues down A-annulus and on drillpipe
- pipe rams seal around drillpipe
- drillpipe is severed, 300 ft remaining
- drillpipe is pumped a seal with an opening of app 2" id

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