Successful Implementation of Separate Layer Steam Injection to Enhance Oil Production from Comingle Layers-FNE-28 Case Study

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Abstract

FNE Oilfield is geographically located in the southwest of Sudan, about 700 km from the capital, Khartoum; structurally located in the northeast of Fula sub-basin of Muglad basin and in the southwest of the Moga Oilfield, and has a long narrow structure from northwest to southeast, the biggest length of northwest-southeast is about 10 km, the average width of northeast-south is about 1.5 Km. The field oil bearing area is around 12 Sq Km. The overall terrain in FNE Field is higher in the southwest and lower in the northeast.

FNE Oilfield exploration began in 1989, the first well FNE-1 has been drilled in 2005, and then immediately the development and research began. The oilfield development Case was completed in May 2008 and concluded to go for thermal enhanced oil recovery, Cyclic Steam Stimulation (CSS) has been implemented in since 2010 currently about 80 wells under CSS, some of the wells reach the 6 cycle.

During steam injection the steam distribute non-uniform because of reservoir heterogeneity and effect of steam gravity segregation, the Productivity of upper zones is better than that of bottom zones and layer with excellent productivity continued to be improved with cycles, while other zones tended to be worse, and the production has been affected by steam distribution and adsorption per layer.

In this paper the well selection, designing, Implementation of Separate Layer Steam Injection/Production from Comingle layers, steam distribution and adsorption as well as production analysis before and after will be studied and analyzed.
The results show that the production performance of FNE-28 has been improved; the cumulative oil production increased almost five times compared to last cycle and the cycle duration been extended for more than two years.

Biography

Husham A. Elbaloula is a Simulation Engineer at Petro-Energy-E&P and PHD Candidate, Lecturer & Researcher in Sudan University of Science and Technology. He has Nine (9+) years of diverse experience in oil and gas field development planning, Performance review, Reservoir Simulation, Reservoir Management and IOR/EOR. He earned BSc and Msc. In Petroleum Engineering from Sudan University of Science and Technology College of Petroleum Engineering & Technology and currently he is Petroleum Engineering PHD candidate in the same College, He has participated in more than 15 local and international Technical workshops, Conferences and symposium in (Sudan, KSA, UAE, India, Bahrain, Morocco and Canada). He has published eight (8) journals and conference papers, Reviewer for SPE & IEOM and participated in five (5) Enhanced Oil Recovery projects in Sudanese Oil fields, and Conduct more than 15 training courses in the area of IOR/EOR for different training centers and companies. He is working as Lecturer and Researcher Sudan University of Science and Technology College of Petroleum Engineering & Technology since 2013 up now. Volunteering in SPE as Young Professional Chairperson – Sudan Section and SPE Ambassador Lecturer & President for IEOM SUST Student Chapter 2017

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