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Introduction

This International Standard, which establishes testing methodologies for drilling fluid materials, is based on API RP 13I, seventh edition/ISO 10416:2002 [2]. This International Standard was developed in response to a demand for more exacting testing methodologies. The tests contained herein were developed over several years by a group of industry experts and were identified as being those which can yield reproducible and accurate results. The tests are anticipated to be performed in a laboratory setting, but can be applicable in a field situation with more rigorous apparatus and conditions than normally found in a drilling fluid field-test kit.

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Petroleum and natural gas industries — Drilling fluids — Laboratory testing

1 Scope

This International Standard provides procedures for the laboratory testing of both drilling fluid materials and drilling fluid physical, chemical and performance properties. It is applicable to both water-based and oil-based drilling fluids, as well as the base or “make-up” fluid.

It is not applicable as a detailed manual on drilling fluid control procedures. Recommendations regarding agitation and testing temperature are presented because the agitation history and temperature have a profound effect on drilling fluid properties.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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ISO 2719, *Determination of flash point — Pensky-Martens closed cup method*

ISO 2977:1997, *Petroleum products and hydrocarbon solvents — Determination of aniline point and mixed aniline point*

ISO 3007, *Petroleum products and crude petroleum — Determination of vapour pressure — Reid method*

ISO 3016, *Petroleum products — Determination of pour point*

ISO 3104, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*

ISO 3405:2000, *Petroleum products — Determination of distillation characteristics at atmospheric pressure*

ISO 3675, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density — Hydrometer method*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 3839, *Petroleum products — Determination of bromine number of distillates and aliphatic olefins — Electrometric method*

ISO 10414-1:2008, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids — Part 1: Water-based fluids*

ISO 10414-2:—¹⁾, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids — Part 2: Oil-based fluids*

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