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Introduction

This document has been developed by oil and gas producing operating companies and is intended for use in the petroleum and natural gas industries worldwide. This document is intended to provide guidance to the well operator on managing well integrity throughout the well life cycle. Furthermore, this document addresses the minimum compliance requirements for the well operator in order to claim conformity with this document.

It is necessary that users of this document are aware that requirements over and above those outlined herein may be needed for individual applications.

This document addresses the process of managing well integrity during each of the well life cycle phases, namely: basis of design; design; construction; operation; intervention (including work-over) and abandonment.

The following terminology, in line with ISO/IEC Directives, is used in this document:

- a) The term “shall” denotes a minimum requirement in order to conform to this document.
- b) The term “should” denotes a recommendation or that which is advised but not required in order to conform to this document.
- c) The term “may” is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of this document.
- d) The term “can” is used to express possibility or capability.

In addition, the term “consider” is used to indicate a suggestion or to advise.

The phases of a well life cycle have separate and distinct requirements for achieving well integrity management objectives, but all phases have common elements and techniques. [Clause 5](#) discusses these common elements and techniques. [Clauses 6](#) to [11](#) discuss each individual phase and its requirements. Additionally, each clause highlights the aspects to be considered within the common elements and techniques as applicable to that phase.

[Figure 1](#) summarizes the elements which are common among phases, and the relation between the phases.

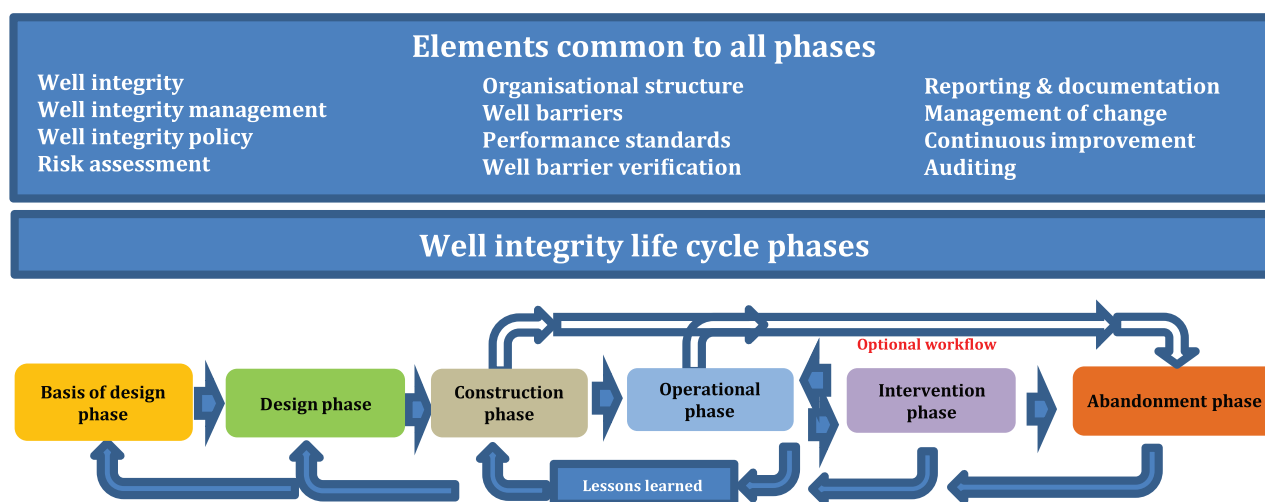


Figure 1 — Elements common to the phases of well integrity management

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Part 1: Life cycle governance

1 Scope

This document is applicable to all wells that are operated by the petroleum and natural gas industry. This document is applicable to any well, or group of wells, regardless of their age, location (including onshore, subsea and offshore wells) or type (e.g. naturally flowing, artificial lift, injection wells).

This document is intended to assist the petroleum and natural gas industry to effectively manage well integrity during the well life cycle by providing:

- minimum requirements to ensure management of well integrity; and
- recommendations and techniques that well operators can apply in a scalable manner based on a well's specific risk characteristics.

Assuring well integrity comprises two main building blocks: the first is to ensure well integrity during well design and construction, and the second is to manage well integrity throughout the remaining well life thereafter.

This document addresses each stage of the well life cycle, as defined by the six phases in a) to f), and describes the deliverables between each phase within a Well Integrity Management system.

- a) The “**Basis of Design Phase**” identifies the probable safety and environmental exposure to surface and subsurface hazards and risks that can be encountered during the well life cycle. Once identified, these hazards and risks are assessed such that control methods of design and operation can be developed in subsequent phases of the well life cycle.
- b) The “**Design Phase**” identifies the controls that are to be incorporated into the well design, such that appropriate barriers can be established to manage the identified safety and environmental hazards. The design addresses the expected, or forecasted, changes during the well life cycle and ensures that the required barriers in the well's design are based on risk exposure to people and the environment.
- c) The “**Construction Phase**” defines the required or recommended elements to be constructed (including rework/repair) and verification tasks to be performed in order to achieve the intended design. It addresses any variations from the design which require a revalidation against the identified hazards and risks.
- d) The “**Operational Phase**” defines the requirements or recommendations and methods for managing well integrity during operation.
- e) The “**Intervention Phase**” (including work-over) defines the minimum requirements or recommendations for assessing well barriers prior to, and after, any well intervention that involves breaking the established well barrier containment system.
- f) The “**Abandonment Phase**” defines the requirements or recommendations for permanently abandoning a well.

The six phases of the well life cycle, as defined in this Scope, and their interrelationships, are illustrated in [Figure 1](#) in the Introduction.