“Delaware Basin Localized High GOR Anomaly”

Abstract
Knowledge and prediction of GOR (and resultant percent oil) is critical in determining wellbore productivity characteristics and economic viability. While we can establish regional GOR trends, localized anomalies exist in the Delaware Basin that can have a significant impact on product stream and resultant economics.

The Vermejo Field in southwest Loving County, Texas is an example of a faulted, deep (18,000’ – 21,000’ TVD) gas structure that appears to have a significant influence on the much shallower overlying Wolfcamp, and 3rd Bone Spring Horizontal producers (10,000’ – 11,000’ TVD).

The Vermejo structure affects approximately 14,000 acres, driving the early-time producing GOR from 3,000:1 SCF/bbl. in the surrounding area to over 12,000:1 SCF/bbl. in the center of the feature.

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