Petrobras P&A - updates and future plans

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Source: Petrobras

Over 100 subsea wells are planned to be plugged & abandoned between 2019 and 2023

THE CHALLENGE SUMMARY

- Petrobras prioritizes Through Tubing and Open Sea operations (no need for Drilling BOP) for subsea well decommissioning
- For mid and long term maximize Through Tubing operations and new materials
- Any solution that maximizes through tubing and open sea operations will be gladly evaluated by Petrobras
- If there is a potential solution on low TRL, be advised that operators established in Brazil have to carry out qualified expenditures of approx. US\$500 MM every year (and soaring) searching for disruptive technologies

Source: Petrobras



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¹ Assuming exchange rate of 1 USD = 5 BRL

Other Decommissioning costs
P&A + Wellhead removal

- Brazil: approx. 30.200 wells, 65% operated by Petrobras;
- No monitoring requirement prior to May/2017;
- New regulation introduced in Nov/2016, requiring:

Temporary Abandonment period shall be limited to a 3 years maximum, non-extendable.

Source: Resolução ANP nº 46/2016 (free translation)

 Significant part of these wells without Operators' interest to exploit



Source: Adapted by the authors, data from ANP website, updated 03/16/2022 https://www.gov.br/anp/pt-br/assuntos/exploracao-e-producao-de-oleo-e-gas/dados-tecnicos/acervo-de-dados

Petrobras - P&A activities & performance



Source: Authors (Petrobras)

Avg P&A Duration is a normalized value comprising all workscopes executed, resulting in expected total PP&A duration per well

- Clusters play a key role on P&A duration reduction;
- Clusters applicable to Phase 1 (TRT) and Phase 2 (BOP);
- Currently campaign stage: mostly Phase 1;
- Phase 2 execution expected to increase in the upcoming years;
- Phase 1 clusters restricted by TRT suppliers (sealing stabs reliability)



Source: authors (Petrobras)





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- TT P&A Applied to aprox. 60% of Petrobras PP&A on 2021;
- Successfully P&A'd in highly deviated wells (up to 85°);
- Successfully P&A'd in complex scenarios, such as in-between 2 packers;

| Well | Water depth | Unit type | P&A duration ¹ |
|--------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Well A | 956 m | DP | 9 days |
| Well B | 961 m | DP | 10 days |
| Well C | 834 m | DP | 14 days |
| Well D | 1852 | DP | 19 days |
| Well E | 397 | Moored | 14 days |

Source: authors (Petrobras)

¹ P&A Duration including transit time and WoW.

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Fluid as WBE for non-monitored Temporary Abandonment

- EAC Table developed for Non-monitored Fluid as WBE;
- EAC to be published on Brazilian Industry Best Practices Guidelines (expected to Apr/2022);
- Fluid shall have the ability to plug potential Sol and sustain sufficient overbalance in case of primary barrier failure;
- Seawater natural supply admited in case of depleted potential Sol for short term TA;
- Ongoing Petrobras R&D to evaluate and develop:
 - Long term filtration ability;
 - Long term settling;
- Currently qualified for 9 months application;
- Aiming 36 months application;





- Mechanical access restriction;
- Enable Temporary Abandonment through FPSO with 2 independent WB (well ready to have the XT removed);
- **Ongoing R&D** to develop pumpable **bentonite pellets for** subsea wells application;
- **Ongoing qualification/tests planning** for Chemically Induced Scale (Xclude);
- Open to other pumpable solutions;



Source: Aubing Group website

Após 24 horas (80C)





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Source: authors (Petrobras)

- Presented as a challenge for subsea wells on previous SPE Aberdeen Decommissioning Symposium;
- Ongoing Petrobras R&D to develop bullheading simulator;
- New specific requirements for workover riser and TRT suppliers;
- Record-breaking duration result to Petrobras PP&A with Moored Unit;

Unconventional P&A (Phase 1) by bullheading a combination of gasified and foamed fluids in a deepwater gas well

_CONCLUSIONS

- Successful and useful modeling for <u>bullheading</u> with multiphase fluids and foamed cement and displacement;
- Successful isolation achieved verified by both negative and pressure tests and pumping parameters;
- Extremely valuable information provided by both XT sensors for the control of pumping parameters;
- Well in safe conditions for phase 2 P&A;
- There is opportunity to develop / improve simulation capabilities for challenging P&A operations.

Source: Petrobras, 2021, SPE Aberdeen Well Decommissioning Symposium



Surface equipment



Subsea equipment



Derogation

- Good engagement with the regulator necessary to avoid unnecessary costs
- Regulation Permanent Well Barrier to isolate cross flow:

| Year | # of derogations required | Potentially Saved P&A days |
|------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2019 | 1 | 15 |
| 2020 | 4 | 41 |
| 2021 | 6* | 84 |

Non naturally connected Formations with Flow Potential shall be isolated by, at least, 1 Permanent WB to avoid cross flow.

Source: Resolução ANP nº 46/2016 (free translation)

Regulation – Well Barrier length

| Year | # of derogations required | Potentially Saved P&A days |
|------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2021 | 1* | Not defined |

Ensure Permanent WBE length and placement are in compliance with industry best practices and relevant standards.

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* Including wells where the non-derogation scenario was not an option. In that case, the *Potentially Saved P&A Days* wasn't estimated.



THRT latched to TH in OWTR operation



Source: authors (Petrobras)

Unseated TH in OWTR operation



Source: authors (Petrobras)

- RFI issued on Feb/2022;
- R&D Project expected to 2022;
- Technology delivery expected to 2024;
- Important alternative to enable TT P&A in Brazil across gauge cables and control lines;
- Important alternative enable TT P&A in case of Tubing x A-Annulus communication on undisired depth.



Control or injection lines and gauge cables shall be removed on the depths where Permanent WBE will be installed.

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- RFI issued on Jun/2021;
- Market technical evaluation on Jan/2022
- R&D Project expected to 2022;
- Enable TT P&A in Brazil across gauge cables and control lines;
- Thermite milling delivery expected to 2024 or sooner;
 - **Cement PWB** still considered, but possibility to apply alternative materials
- TT Thermite P&A delivery expected to 2026 or sooner;
 - Alternative material mandatory
- Self abandonment technology expected to 2030 or sooner;
- Significant potential to reduce average P&A duration and costs/provisions.

P&A sequence with Thermite milling



- Significant R&D investment (1,5 bi USD last 3 years);
- Operators established in Brazil have to carry out qualified expenditures (levy);
- Any solution that maximizes through tubing operations and/or helps surpassing mechanical restriction (i.e collapse) will be gladly evaluated by Petrobras;
- New solutions are always interesting, but also consider grouping already existing solutions (single trip).



Summary

- Increasing P&A activity in Brazil, as predicted;
- Challenge to surpass regulatory requirement on wells monitoring;
- Good costs and duration achieved for subsea wells so far;
- Through tubing P&A and Clusters campaign playing key role on P&A duration reduction;
- Successful TT P&A even in challenging scenarios, but caution is needed;
- Non monitored fluid as WBE: disruptive, although extremely simple;
- Non-cement pumpable WBE: always interesting to have as an option;
- Derogation: motivation to ensure regulation and best practices are continuously improved;
- R&D: great technologies (hopefully) on the way, but we still need more.



Source: Petrobras

THANK YOU

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