



Extend Life of ESP Installations Through Proper Gas Remediation Using Improved BHA

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BACKGROUND

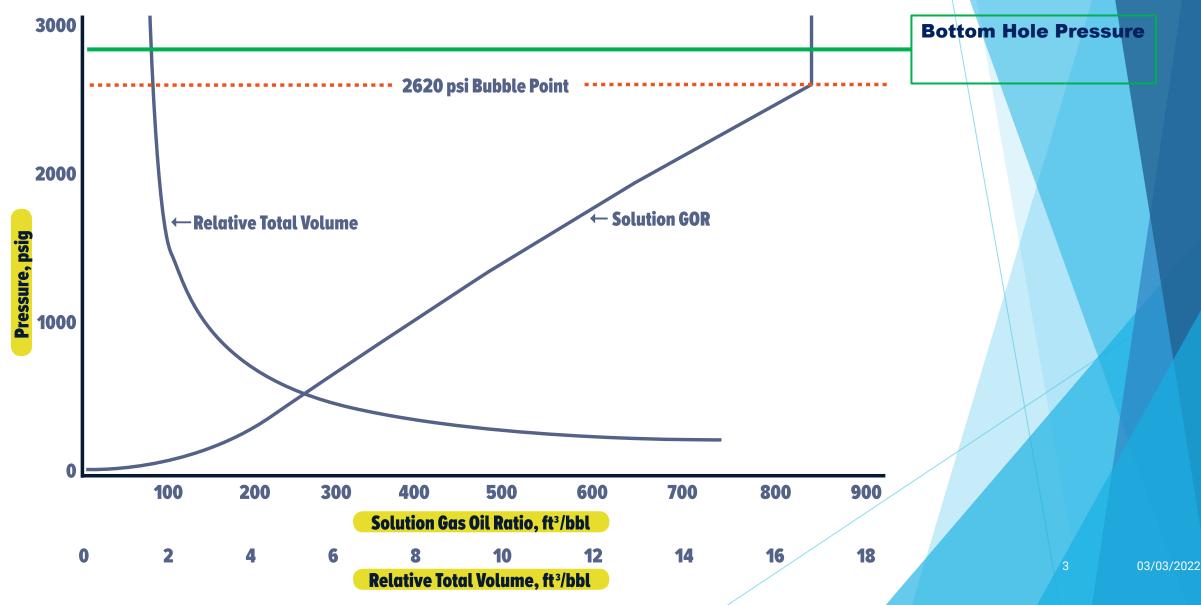
New unconventional wells in the Permian Basin have been very challenging to produce using electric submersible pumps due to high gas to liquid ratio's experienced early in the life of the well.

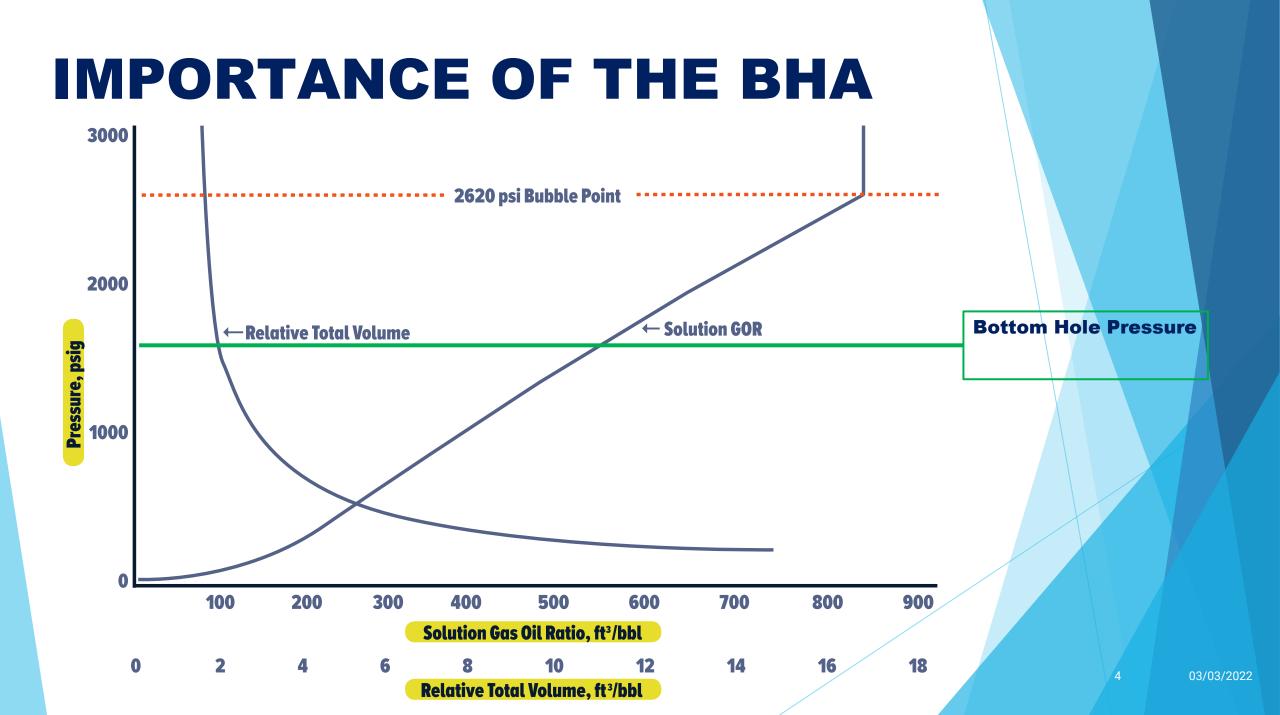
ESP's by nature are designed to pump only liquids and have difficulty handling a large amount of free gas.

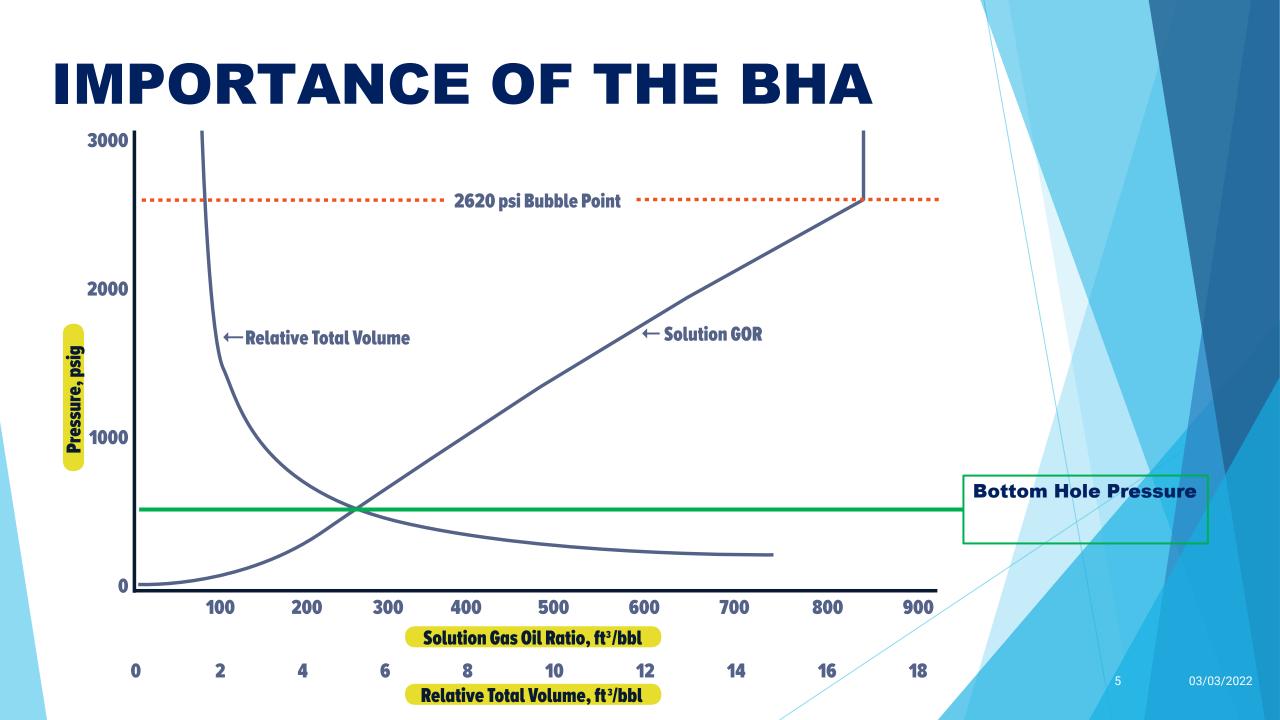
Gas interference in ESP's lead to:

- Decreases in volumetric efficiencies
- Increased motor temperatures due to insufficient cooling
- Erratic run behavior
- Increased operating expense
- Costly well repairs

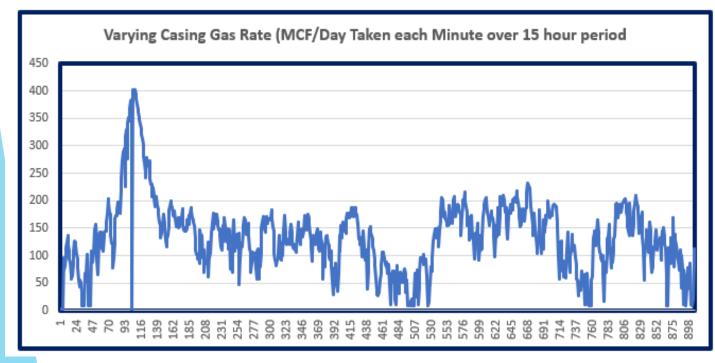
IMPORTANCE OF THE BHA







DYNAMIC ESP CASING GAS RATES CAPTURED VIA MVT



Timestamp	Comparable GS Flow				
	Rates				
5/12/2021 18:19	2.708403457				
5/12/2021 18:20	2.802735753				
5/12/2021 18:21	2.860828042				
5/12/2021 18:22	2.782901488				
5/12/2021 18:23	95.99070311				
5/12/2021 18:24	72.95080662				
5/12/2021 18:25	79.11791325				
5/12/2021 18:26	98.47662807				
5/12/2021 18:27	113.6525345				
5/12/2021 18:28	123.5259819				
5/12/2021 18:29	135.8888519				
5/12/2021 18:30	119.2993891				
5/12/2021 18:31	107.2958171				
5/12/2021 18:32	93.5522747				
5/12/2021 18:33	87.55685627				
5/12/2021 18:34	63.74472499				
5/12/2021 18:35	56.87545896				
5/12/2021 18:36	63.33862245				
5/12/2021 18:37	83.05587888				
5/12/2021 18:38	108.6962628				
5/12/2021 18:39	127.170428				
5/12/2021 18:40	123.4034371				
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5/12/2021 18:50	8.849455789				
5/12/2021 18:51	8.44846487				
5/12/2021 18:52	8.46319221				

Timestamp	Comparable GS Flow Rates
5/12/202120:02	C.20.25(2).55
5/12/2021 20:02	401.7685793
	400.4146671
5/12/2021 20:04 5/12/2021 20:05	399.6475124
	401.1078787
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5/12/2021 20:07	386.820631
5/12/2021 20:08	376.1866808
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5/12/2021 20:10	362.1615171
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5/12/2021 20:18	281.3659143
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5/12/2021 20:35	201.1051226
5/12/2021 20:36	206.5196872
5/12/2021 20:37	191.0044813
5/12/2021 20:38	185.9071469
5/12/2021 20:39	174.5528841
5/12/2021 20:40	161.5864313
5/12/2021 20:41	155,3929317



DESIGN

- **Production Tubing**
- Gas Discharge Port
- ESP Assembly with bypass tubing banded alongside the ESP cable

- Gas Bypass Connection Sub
 Ported Sub
- Dual Cup Packer
- Gas Bypass Port
- Tail Pipe
- Desander/Slotted Sub (45°)
- Mud Joints & Bull Plug

FLUID DISCHARGE

PACKER GAS BYPASS PORT

TAIL PIPE

HELIX INTAKE AT 45 DEGREES

MUD JOINTS/BULL PLUG

03/03/2022

DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

5.5" 20Lb. Casing Scenario

Quantity	Item	Item Length, ft	Total Length, ft	Bottom Depth, ft	OD, in	Weight (#)	
3	06 2-7/8 production tubing*	32.40	9914.40	7,196.01	2.875		
	1 Sub	4.00	4.00	7,200.01	2.875		
	1 Gas Discharge Port	0.49	0.49	7,200.50	4.25		
	5 400 Pump	71.60	71.60	7,272.10	4.00		
	1 Pump Intake	2.50	2.50	7,274.60	4.00		
	1 Gas Handler	2.50	2.50	7,277.10	4.00		
	2 Seal	15.80	15.80	7,292.90	4.00		
	2 375 Motor	20.90	41.80	7,334.70	3.75		
	1 ESP Sensor	1.50	1.50	7,336.20	3.94		
	1 Seat Nipple	0.67	0.67	7,336.87	2.375		
	1 Gas Bypass Connection Sub	0.53	0.53	7,337.40	4.25		
	1 Perforated Sub (Fluid Discharge)	0.70	0.70	7,338.10	3.705		
	1 NR1 Cup Type Packer	1.42	1.42	7,339.51	-		
	1 Gas Bypass Sub (Gas Intake)	0.52	0.52	7,340.03	3.625		
	14 2-3/8" tail pipe*	32.40	453.60	7,793.63	2.375	2131.92	
	1 Lift Sub	4.00	4.00	7,797.63	2.375		
	1 Slotted Sub @ 45 degrees	9.00	9.00	7,806.63	3.75	200.00	
	4 2-7/8" mud joints**	32.40	129.60	7,936.23	2.875	2203.20	
	1 Bull Plug	0.20	0.20	7,936.43	-	5.00	
	Total Length of ESP	135.8				below sensor w/	
	Additional Gas Bypass (8.34				full mud joints	
	Total Estimated Length of Single 1/2"	169.14	includes additiona	al 25' safety factor			

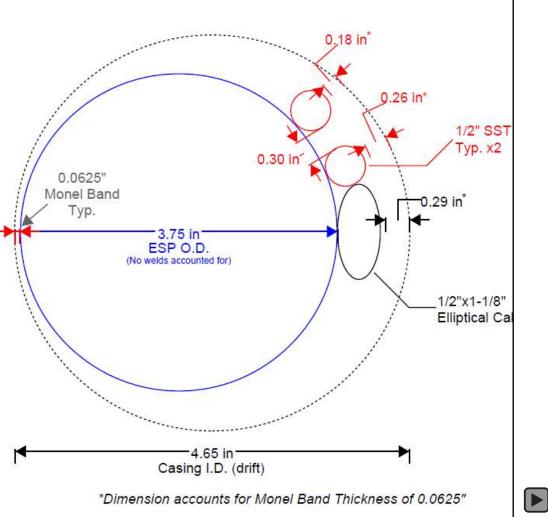
Note: Slotted sub weight is estimated at 150#, remaining 50# accounts for other items below sensor

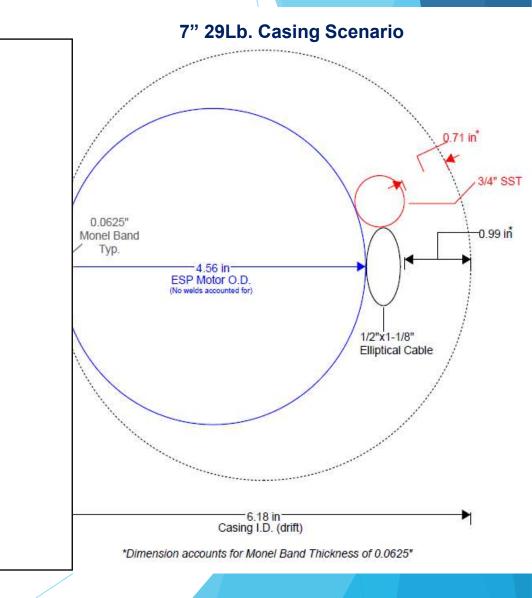
*estimated lengths, will depend on tubing tally

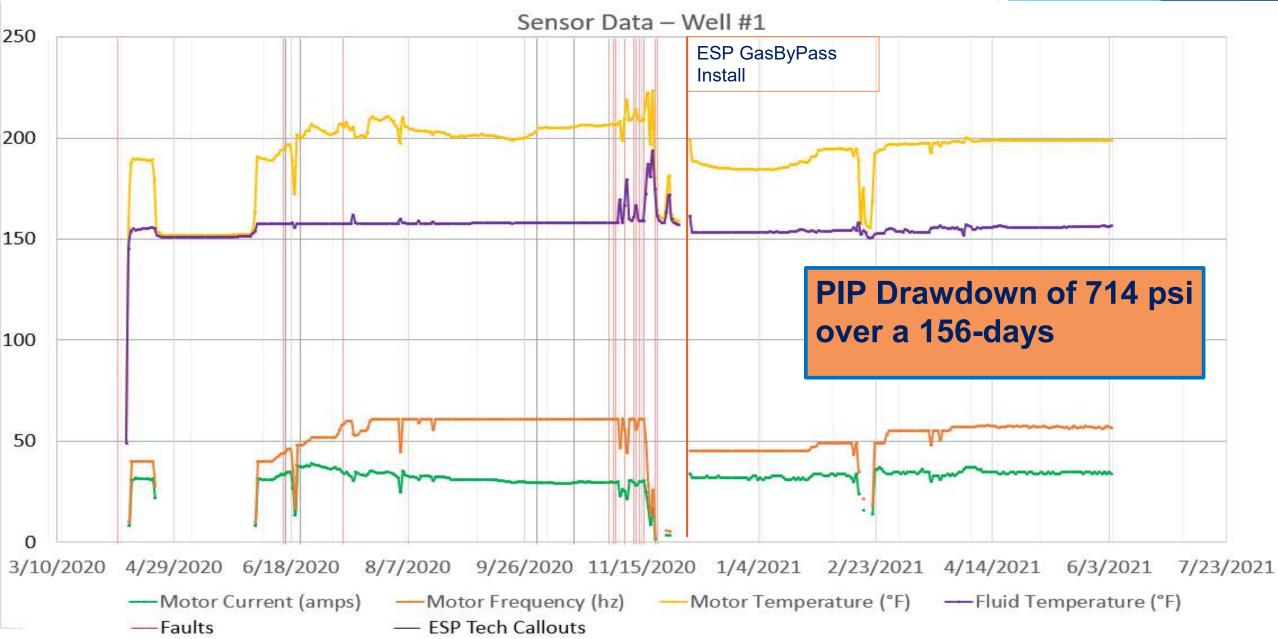
**total mud joint weight is based off of 17#/ft estimated full mud joint weight

SYSTEM CLEARANCES

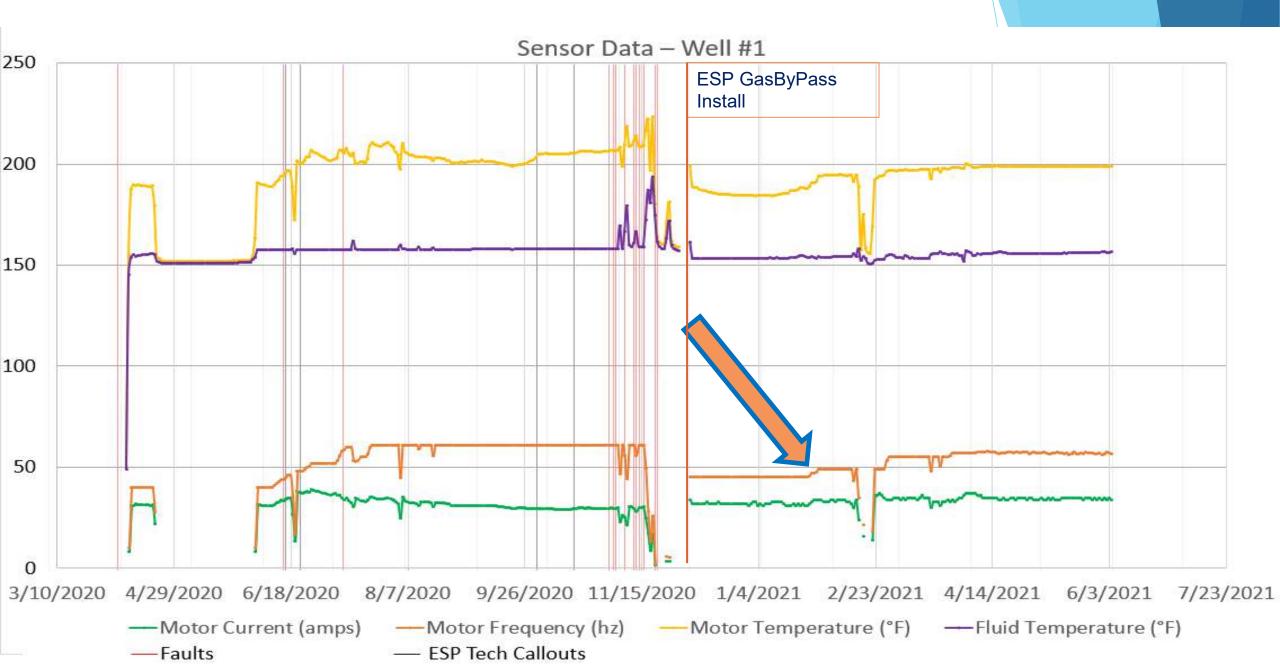
5.5" 20Lb. Casing Scenario



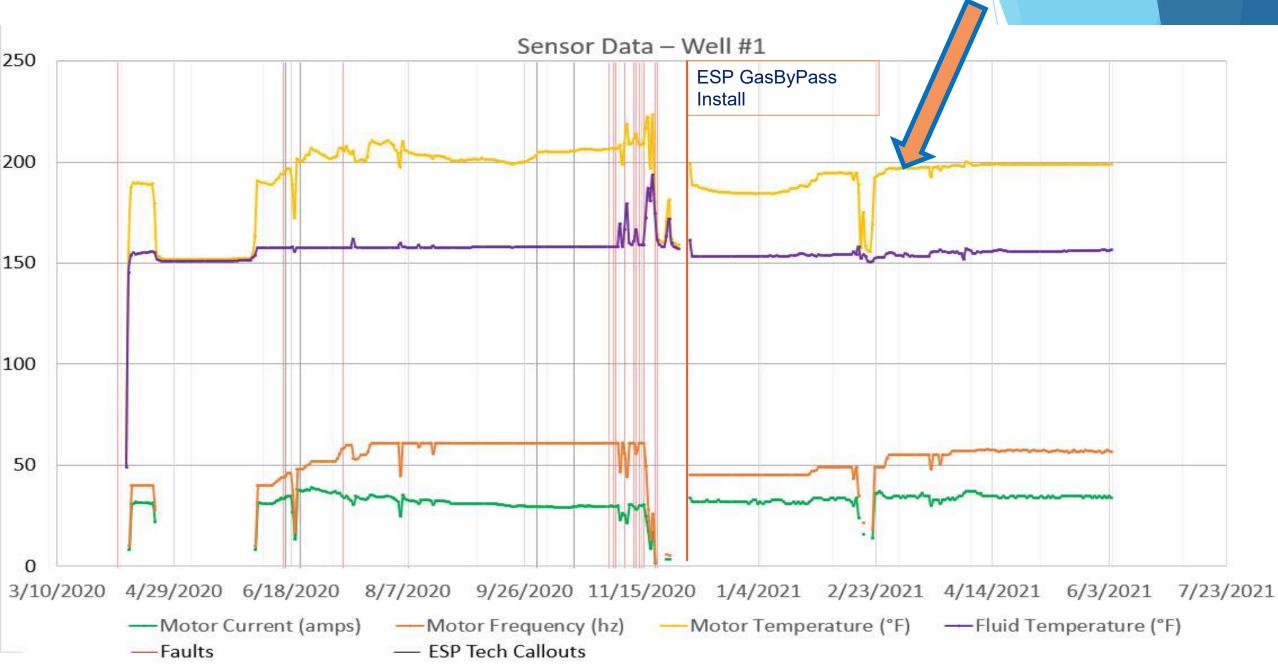




Drive speed increased from 45 Hz – 55 hz



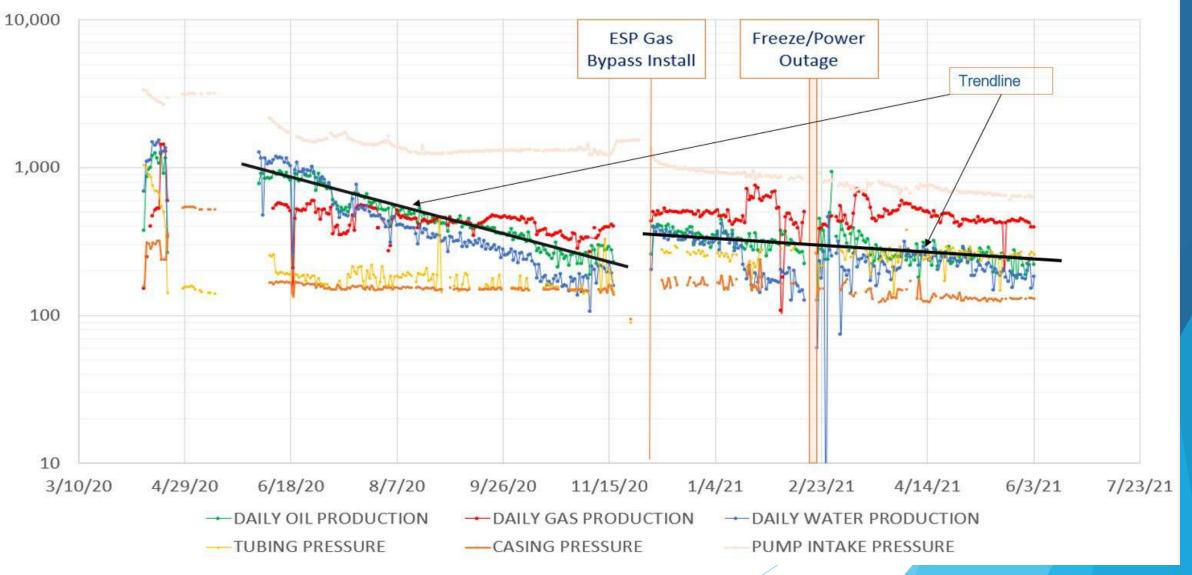
More production, more gas but only 12° F motor temperature increase

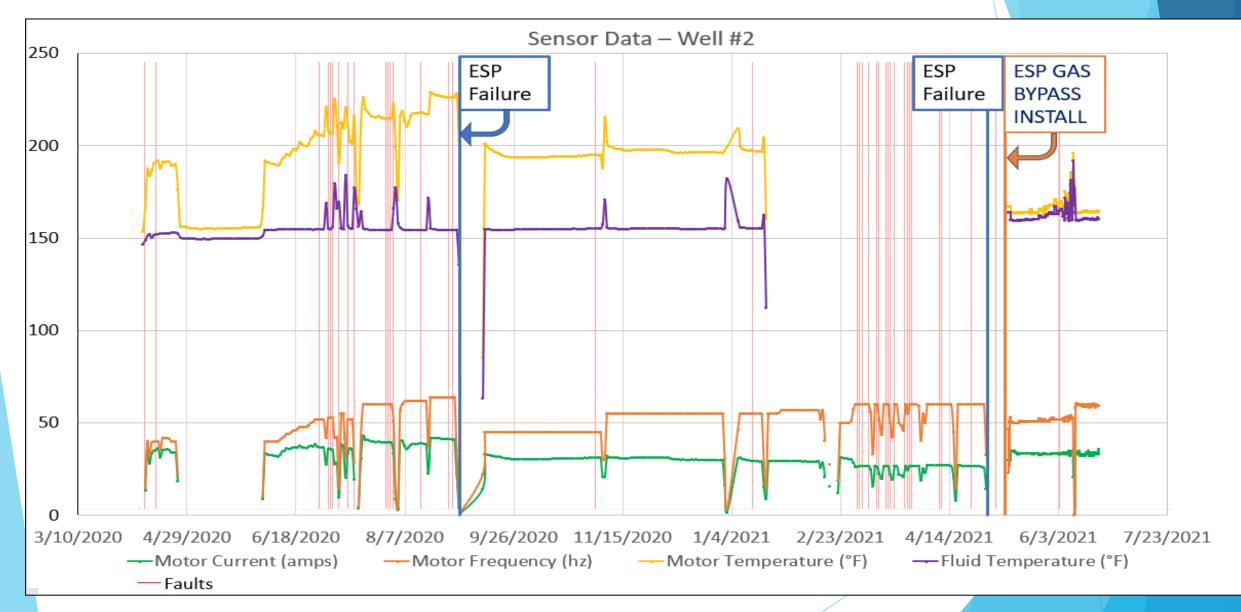


\$10K in service call outs prior to install. None since ESP Gas ByPass was ran

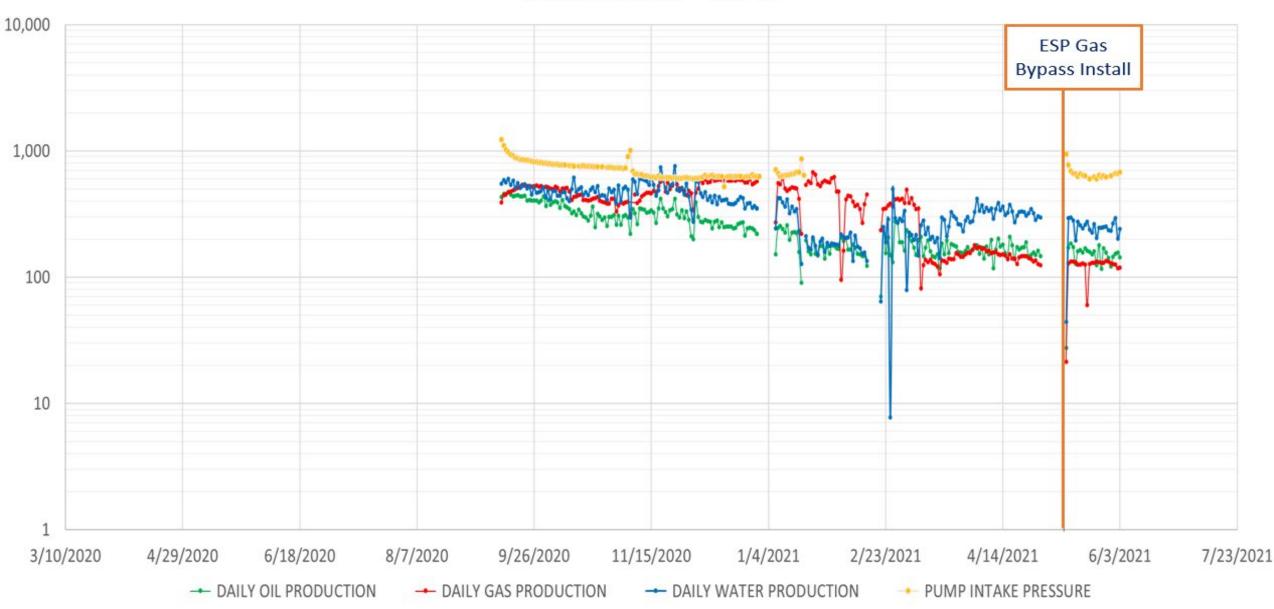


Production Data - Well #1





Production Data - Well #2



CONCLUSION

- Operating conditions can be significantly improved by utilizing the ESP Gas Bypass, an innovative technology, when paired with proper ESP design and operational practices.
- This technology can play a key part in substantially reducing ESP failures, decreasing operating expense, increasing runtimes and production.
- Case studies have shown improved ESP efficiencies, optimized production and stabilized runtimes utilizing the ESP Gas Bypass system.
- Without the utilization of the ESP Gas Bypass system, all free gas that does not naturally bypass the ESP has to be produced through the pump, causing operational issues and ultimately decreases the life of the ESP.

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