

Enhanced Production After Extended Shutin (Soaking) Is the Vaca Muerta a candidate?

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ABSTRACT

The so-called soaking effect has proven to be an effective means of increasing the productivity and the recoverable reserves of unconventional wells. What is the soaking effect, and can it be applied to the Vaca Muerta? It turns out there are some predictive guidelines that can identify which reservoirs will benefit from soaking. We will compare examples from North America with the Vaca Muerta to illustrate the potential for soaking this formation.