

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Due to the overall effectiveness of the Diamond M Epoch operation, it is recommended a semi-submersible be used on future Bass Basin projects.
2. Continue drilling the 26" hole section without using the pin connector and riser in areas with no indication of shallow gas.
3. An evaluation of the log quality obtained from the 17-1/2" hole should be undertaken. If log quality is acceptable, substantial cost savings are possible through continued elimination of the 12-1/4" pilot hole sequence.
4. Continued use of the closed-loop, mud processing system is recommended. Improvements to the current system could be made by replacing the rig supplied Swaco Shale Shakers with more effective equipment.
5. Logging problems due to gumbo shales in the 17-1/2" hole section can be solved with mud weight increases. Future wells should be evaluated for mud weight increases prior to attempting wireline logs.