

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are offered for consideration:

- The presence of overpressured shales can result in costly drilling problems. A better understanding of these sediments before spud could reduce ultimate well costs.
- Future wells drilling within the overpressured M. diversus shales of the Bass Basin could adopt a "lighter" mud system thus reducing drilling costs.
- Compaction studies could aid in understanding why overpressuring has occurred in the Bass Basin.