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Recommended Drilling Fluid Properties (continued)

The basic mud system for this interval is Fresh Water Gel and CMC. Bulk Barite should be used as weighting material. Small amounts of Desco and Super Treat should be used to stabilize rheological and filtration properties. Caustic Soda and OS-12 should be used for corrosion inhibition. Daily treatments with above products will be needed to maintain a quality mud system. We recommend that all solids control equipment possible be used in this interval. The use of a high speed, fine screen shale shaker, a mud cleaner and a centrifuge is recommended. A detailed discussion of this equipment is included later in the program.

Loss of circulation is a possibility in this interval. Detailed recommendations for controlling any losses are included in the discussion of recommendations.