

WHERE IS YOUR BORE GOING

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Guidance system selection – key issues

- What is the nature of the project?
 - Bore characteristics length, depth, profile, geology, etc.
 - Site details entry/exit constraints, impediments, XXXX
 - Contractual issues restrictions, tolerances, permitted systems
- What type of system meets the demands of the project
 - Walkover
 - Magnetic wireline tools
 - Gyro wireline tools
- How best to deliver the required system
 - Buy
 - Rent
 - Contract for services vs in house personnel





Guidance tool selection – Project characteristics

- Bore length
- Bore depth
- Bore profile
- Site limitations
- Contract requirements
- Site obstructions

- Entry and exit conditions
- Magnetic interference
- Existing pipeline infrastructure
- Hand experience
- Availability of service providers





Guidance system options

Walkover systems

 Handheld system used in conjunction with a sonde



Magnetic Wireline

 Wireline tool composed of accelerometers and magnetometers

Gyro Wireline

 Wireline tool using gyroscopes for locating





Walkover Systems

Benefits

- Relatively low cost
- Ease of use
- Ease to deploy
- Readily available
- Short training period

Considerations

- Depth limitations
- Magnetic interference
- Not suitable for complex bore profiles
- Obstructions hard to navigate



Magnetic Wireline Systems

Benefits

- Long track record of use
- Secondary means of locating
- Highly accurate
- Can be purchased if desired
- Can be contracted for use through multiple guidance service companies
- Specialty features available (pressure, beacon, intersect, ABIA, etc).

Considerations

- Impacted by magnetic interference
- Requires surface coil to achieve full system benefits
- Higher cost vs. walkover
- Longer training time



Gyro Wireline Systems

Benefits

- Highly accurate
- Not affected by magnetic interference
- Feasible option for jobs with large "blind" sections
- Short set up time

Considerations

- Highest cost alternative
- Not available for sale
- Limited number of service providers
- Inclination bias
- No secondary means of locating
- Relatively new to HDD market



Purchase a guidance system if...

- You plan to use the system on a regular basis 100 days over a 3-5 year time period
- You are comfortable dedicating the time and personnel to learn a system, or
- You are planning to hire an engineer on an as needed basis
- Want the financial benefits of owning vs. renting



Questions?