

How To Stretch Your Day

Does this sound like you? Last minute rushed to meet deadlines, days that seem to slip unproductively by, crises that seem to surface out of nowhere. If so, you are probably one of millions of people who have trouble effectively managing your most valuable and undervalued resource: time.

Unlearning bad habits isn't as hard as you may think.

The first step is keeping a journal, making note of time spent at each activity. After about a week, look over it thoroughly and identify time wasters. The most common are social: telephone calls, conversations around the coffee machine, etc. Others may include simply putting off important tasks by finding distractions that are less important or unproductive.

Management of time is made simple by breaking it down:

Check specifications—making sure you know exactly what is expected saves time.

Break the time down—this way you can estimate the time needed for each task.

Monitor progress—schedule reviews of your progress (after each sub-task) so that you can respond quickly to difficulties.

These steps won't solve your problems, but it will reveal them and provide a structure to implement and monitor solutions. It enables you to take control of your own time—how you use it is up to you.

SELECTING THE RIGHT FLUID LOSS ADDITIVE FOR YOU

There is almost nothing as important as selecting the right fluid loss additive for your particular oil mud system. A wide variety of synthetic oils that offer lower environmental impact have entered the market, making the products available even more vast.

Subtle differences in the base mud components and other additives such as emulsifiers or wetting agents used in the oil mud system can significantly increase or decrease the solubility of the fluid loss additive. Therefore, it is integral to know which one is right for your particular mud system.

Fluid Loss Additives:

Asphalts: some controversy still exists in using asphalts as fluid loss additives because of its status as a toxin in some areas.

Gilsonite based products: generally more effective as fluid loss additives in mineral oil based systems than in diesel based systems because gilsonite usually has a lower solubility at a given temperature in mineral oil and some synthetic oils than in diesel oils.

Oil soluble polymers: introduced as fluid loss additives and viscosifiers in the 1980's. Currently, they are not being widely used, but development work still exists at a number of companies.

Amine treated lignites: widely used because they provide excellent fluid loss properties in a variety of base oils without some of the problems associated with asphalt such as high viscosity, environmental problems, etc.

The amine lignites are generally less soluble in mineral and synthetic oils than in diesel, so care must be taken to select the proper solubility product to obtain optimum performance. The amine lignite fluid loss additives also provide some secondary emulsification and dispersant properties.

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Venture Chemicals, Inc. has been a key supplier of amine treated lignites for 25 years. A number of process, application and material composition patents on oil dispersible lignite derivatives have been issued to the company. A new class of "non-amine" based lignites were introduced in 1986 and as a result, the terminology to describe oil dispersible lignites was broadened to "organolignites." Research and development work has broadened the methods of producing these oil dispersible colloids. Solubility, dispersibility and performance can be varied over a wide range of conditions.

A line of standard organolignites is available to meet most of the cost/performance demands of current oil mud systems. Our products include **VEN-CHEM™ 208**, **VEN-CHEM™ 215** and **VEN-CHEM™ 222**. If you're looking for a quality fluid loss additive for your oil mud system, give us a call and discover what our 25 years of expertise can do for you.

PRODUCT CORNER

VEN-CHEM™ 208...a fluid loss additive designed specifically for mineral oil systems

If you're looking for a low cost, high quality oil dispersible lignite, you don't have to look any further.

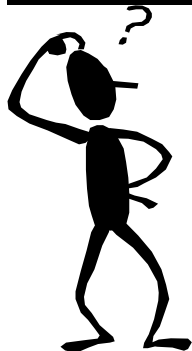
Using 4-8 lb/bbl of **VEN-CHEM 208** in most oil systems will reduce the high temperature filtrate of the base mud by 50% or more.

Unlike a lot of other oil soluble, polymeric fluid loss additives, **VEN-CHEM™ 208** generally has little effect on the rheological properties or emulsion stability of the oil mud system.

Another plus with **VEN-CHEM™ 208** is that it is a readily dispersible solid—no drums or containers to dispose of when you're done.

For additional information about **VEN-CHEM™ 208** or any other Venture product, contact us at: TEL: (337) 232-1977
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THOUGHT TICKLERS



"It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them."

- Alfred Adler

"The saddest summary of life contains three descriptions: could have, might have and should have."

- Louis E. Boone

"Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously!"

- Friedrich Nietzsche

"I was so naïve as a kid I used to sneak behind the barn and do nothing."

- Johnny Carson

"Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory."

- Albert Schweitzer

"The enemy came. He was beaten. I am tired. Goodnight."

- Vicomte Turenne, message sent after the Battle of Dunen, 658

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VEN-BRIEFS

A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

A chip that will automatically create hundreds of cloned embryos at a time is being developed by a Californian biotech company.

The chip would make cloning cheap and easy enough for companies to mass-produce identical copies of the best milk or meat producing animals for farmers. It could even potentially be used for cloning human embryos.

The chip automates the laborious process of nuclear transfer, the key step in cloning.

- *New Scientist*, Jan. 2002

AS FIT AS A . . . PIG??

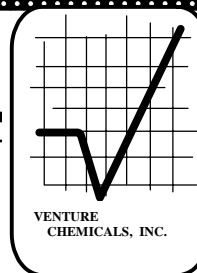
Pigs implanted with spinach genes have been created by Japanese scientists. The pigs contain 20% less saturated fat than normal pigs.

The pigs have a gene which converts the saturated fat into an unsaturated fat called linoleic acid.

The lab who conducted the research now plan on publishing their findings since they have concluded the genetic modification is passed down through offspring.

- yahoo.com

CHARTS-N-TABLES



Ever need to convert a temperature on the spot? Cut out this handy chart and you'll never have to wonder again.

Centigrade/ Fahrenheit	Centigrade/ Fahrenheit	Centigrade/ Fahrenheit
-30 = -22.0	12 = 53.6	34 = 93.2
-25 = -13.0	13 = 55.4	35 = 95.0
-20 = -4.0	14 = 57.2	36 = 96.8
-15 = 5.0	15 = 59.0	37 = 98.6
-10 = 14.0	16 = 60.8	38 = 100.4
-5 = 23.0	17 = 62.6	39 = 102.2
-4 = 24.8	18 = 64.4	40 = 104.0
-3 = 26.6	19 = 66.2	41 = 105.8
-2 = 28.4	20 = 68.0	42 = 107.6
-1 = 30.2	21 = 69.8	43 = 109.4
0 = 32.0	22 = 71.6	44 = 111.2
1 = 33.8	23 = 73.4	45 = 113.0
2 = 35.6	24 = 75.2	50 = 122.0
3 = 37.4	25 = 77.0	55 = 131.0
4 = 39.2	26 = 78.8	60 = 140.0
5 = 41.0	27 = 80.6	65 = 149.0
6 = 42.8	28 = 82.4	70 = 158.0
7 = 44.6	29 = 84.2	75 = 167.0
8 = 46.4	30 = 86.0	80 = 176.0
9 = 48.2	31 = 87.8	85 = 185.0
10 = 50.0	32 = 89.6	90 = 194.0
11 = 51.8	33 = 91.4	95 = 203.0
		100 = 212.0

NOTE: To convert Centigrade to Fahrenheit, multiply by 9/5 and add 32°; to convert Fahrenheit to Centigrade, subtract 32° and multiply by 5/9.

Three friends died in a car accident. When they arrived in heaven, St. Peter met them at the Pearly Gates.



Before allowing them to enter heaven, he asked what they had done in their lives to earn admittance.

The first said: "I was a doctor and delivered many babies and saved many lives." St. Peter acknowledged his fine work and let him in.

The second said: "I was a teacher and taught many children who became outstanding citizens." St. Peter let him in as well.

The third said: "I was head of an HMO whose health services saved many people." St. Peter replied: "Fine work, you may go into heaven, but you can only stay three days."

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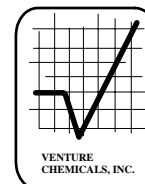
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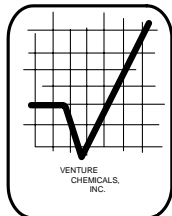
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- shale control additives
- lost circulation products
- emulsifiers
- oil based products
- wetting agents
- flocculants
- dispersants
- lubricants
- spotting fluids/additives

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FLUID LOSS ADDITIVES?**



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