Extending the Life of Unconventional Assets: Diverting Agents as Unique as Your Well

What STEP-PLEX can do for you:

- Increase number of near wellbore fracture initiation points
- Increase fracture network complexity
- Block depleted fractures before refracturing
- Reduce offset wellbore frac hits

Conventional methods of fracturing rely on rock stresses to indicate where the rock breaks. This can lead to over stimulation of a single fracture and leaving trapped hydrocarbons behind. Diverting agents are used to isolate dominate flow areas of the wellbore and redirect the proppant and fracture fluids to new sections of the reservoir. This method of fracturing new completions and existing wells increases fracture complexity resulting in improved production performance.

STEP-PLEX is a unique multi-modal diverting technology that has been developed for refracturing, intra stage diversion, far field diversion, wellbore rescues, and temporary wellbore integrity remediation. It combines a number of environmentally friendly, slow degrading solids used as temporary blocking agents for fluid loss prevention, bridging, loss circulation prevention, conductivity improvement and fracture fluid diverting. STEP-PLEX is uniquely customized depending on the desired application, time and temperature. The rate of degradation can be controlled from hours to weeks depending on the product, particulate size and down-hole conditions.

Based on a thorough investigation of the completion history, reservoir characteristics and field samples, STEP’s expert engineering team can customize a fracturing treatment schedule to increase stimulated rock volume with far-field or near wellbore diverting material.