



Jack Wright – Drilling Consultant

Jack Wright is a Drilling Consultant with a large independent oil company based in Houston, TX. He is 56 years old and has been in the oil industry for more than 35 years. He doesn't have a lot of formal education, but makes up for it with hands-on industry experience. Jack started working on oil rigs right out of high school, and has worked his way up to drilling consultant through experience. He has been working as a drilling consultant in the Midwest for 10 years. He considers the drilling consultant position a natural progression in his career. He working with the crew onsite at the rig, and utilizing his field experience to solve problems and help train new workers.

As a drilling consultant, Jack works onsite at a rig during the drilling process. His major activities are coordinating and supervising the drilling process, and reporting progress back to the field office. When drilling is underway, Jack lives in a trailer onsite at the rig, and works through the night as needed. The job can get a bit stressful at times, with all the long hours required. Jack works on multiple wells at a time, typically staying in one location for 1-4 months at a time.

Jack is very much a hands-on person. He loves working on a rig, and he takes pride in doing his job well. He is goal-directed and adaptive. He values people with experience, and sees technology as a tool that can be used well but only with the right experience. He is very methodical and knows the most practical way to get the job done. He has learned how to effectively train and manage the workers on his rigs through years of experience.

Jack uses OpenWells to record information on the drilling process for each well he works on. He doesn't spend much time working on the computer, as most of his time is spent supervising the drilling process. Often when he enters information into OpenWells, he has had little or no sleep in 24 hours due to long shifts on the rig. He is convinced that problems in the software can be overcome with the right experience, and considers it part of his job to learn how to use the software as needed.

Jack's Goals

Ensure that wells are drilled quickly and correctly. Jack likes coordinating the drilling process at each well and works hard to ensure that the workers complete everything safely and correctly. Jack values people who work hard at their job and give their best.

Report drilling progress accurately to the field office. Jack gathers information from his workers as needed, and strives to have error free daily reports submitted to the field office every morning, even when he has had little or no sleep.