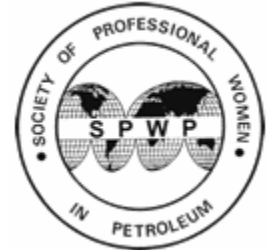




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## VAM Presented Dope Free Technology at SPWP/AADE Meeting in Houston

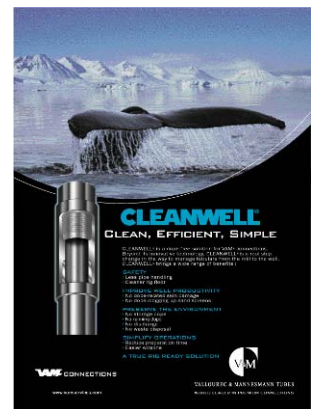


On August 10<sup>th</sup>, VAM USA took part in the SPWP (Society of Professional Women in Petroleum) / AADE (American Association of Drilling Engineers) joint meeting which was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Houston.

The meeting seeks to emphasize the development of new technologies and innovative applications in challenging environments. In line with the theme of this conference, VAM USA participated with its presentation of Dope Free Technology for Premium Connections and featuring its **CLEANWELL® SOLUTION**.

Environmental concerns have led to moving away from heavy metal thread compounds to environmentally friendly thread compounds. Some manufacturers have developed thread compounds that are even biodegradable. These advancements have been well received but eliminating the thread compounds altogether brings even greater benefits to our users.

**CLEANWELL®** premium metal sealing connections are the current state of the art in **VAM®** Premium Connection design. Environmentally friendly thread compounds exist for Premium Connections but do not address many of the issues such as safety, application related connection problems, and the consequences of excess compounds in the well bore. **VAM® Premium Connections with CLEANWELL® option** provide a single "mill to storage to rig" solution with full storage, anti-galling, and sealing performance, and offer significant advantages over conventional doped connections.



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