



Laboratory Experiment

**Distribution Lines can:**

- plug
- reduce flow
- corrode

**Plugging causes:**

- higher energy costs
- scale build up in pipes
- lower efficiency
- greater operating costs

**CB-4 Surfactant**

- can destroy plugs
- can kill bacteria
- more effective when hot



Clusters of spherical (wax-like) structures. (Magnification 40x)

Recommended BARTs for Oil & Gas wells are:

- SRB-BARTs
- APB-BARTs



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**BART™**

Biological  
Activity  
Reaction  
Tests

A simple yet effective method for monitoring the population size and/or activity of specific groups of bacteria.



Oil and Gas  
Wells



## **Corrosion** Oil & Gas Wells Microbial Fouling

One of the major concerns in the oil and gas sector is **CORROSION**.

2 bacteria groups cause corrosion:

**SRB**: sulfate reducing bacteria

**APB**: acid producing bacteria

Corrosion occurs when **water** is present in oil or gas.

SRB-APB-BARTs can detect corrosive activity associated with SRB (as hydrogen sulfide induced corrosion) and APB (as acid induced corrosion).



### **SRB**

Detects SRB growing under reductive and oxidative conditions. Electrolytic Corrosion Risk relates to the aggressivity of the SRB

- **EASY TO READ**
- **CAN DO THE TESTS IN THE FIELD**
- **GIVES BACTERIAL AGGRESSIVITY**

### **APB**

Detects the bacteria that can generate acids under reductive conditions. Acidolytic Corrosion Risk relates to the Aggressivity of the APB.



## **Plugging** Oil & Gas Wells Microbial Fouling

Common Experiences:

- lost production capacity
- extensive **biofilm** growth
- formation of plugs



Bacteria can:

- “**mine**” water out of oil even if only 0.1% water is present in oil.
- use paraffins and anthracenes from oil to coat growths.