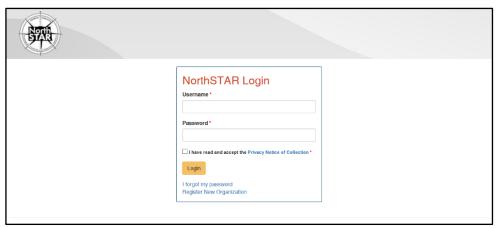
Guide to Creating Plugging Procedures in NorthSTAR

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How to Get Started

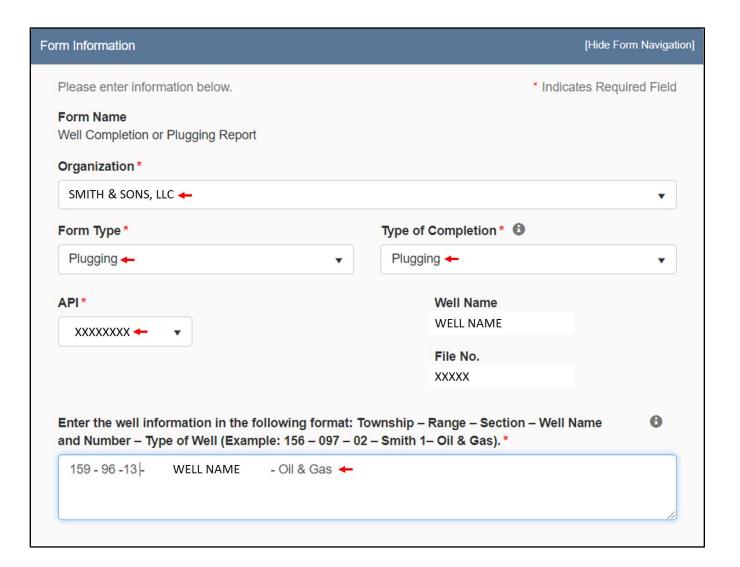
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To begin a sundry for the intent to plug & abandon a well:

- Select [Forms] and [Online Forms] from the options at the top of the page.
- Select [Well Completion or Plugging Report].
- Select your organization from the *Organization* list.
- Select [Plugging] for both Form Type and Type of Completion.
- Select the [API Number] for the well that was plugged. Check to make sure the well name & file no. that populate are correct.



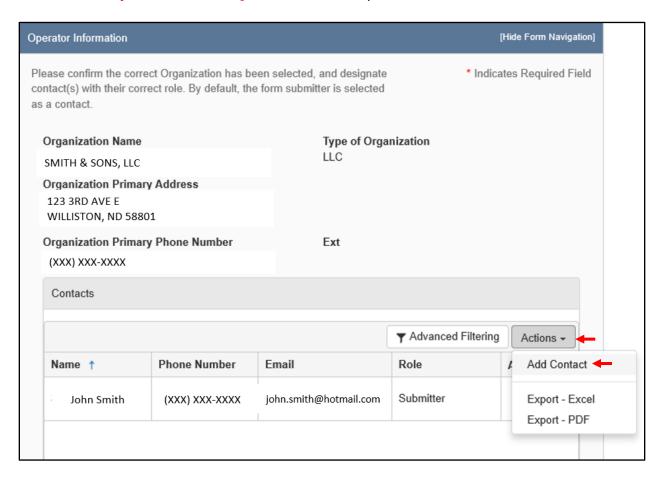


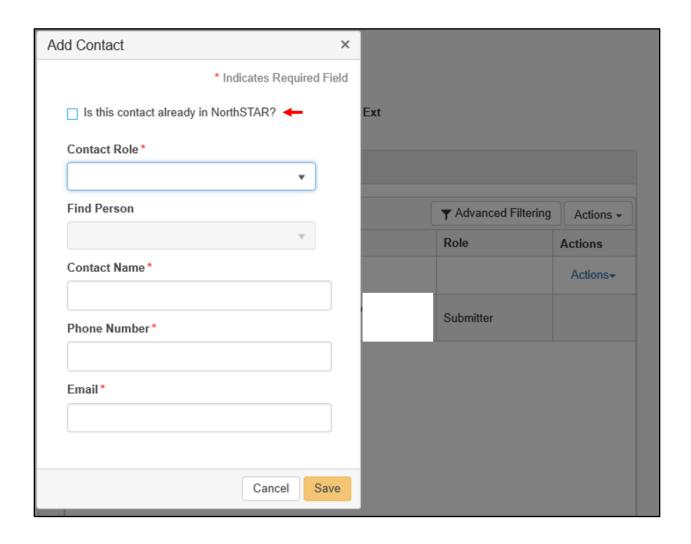
Operator Information

Contacts added to the form will be alerted by email when the status of the form changes.

Users may add a contact by selecting [Actions] and [Add Contact].

- To add a contact that is already in the NorthSTAR system, find their Contact Role and name in the drop down menus.
- To add a contact that is not in the NorthSTAR system, uncheck the box titled [Is this contact already in NorthSTAR?] and fill out all required fields.

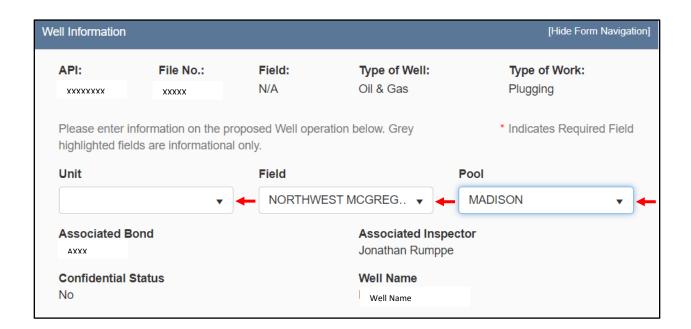


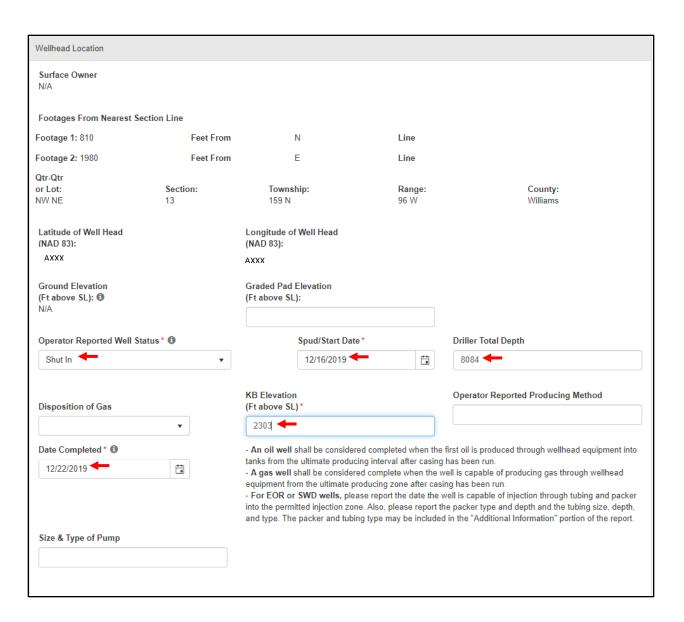


Well Information

Users must fill out all applicable fields.

- If the well is currently part of a unitized field, select the *Unit* from the list.
- Select the Field from the list.
- Select the 'active' production / injection pool for the well from the list.
- For a plugged well, the Operator Reported Status will be [Shut In].
- The Spud / Start Date is the date the plug & abandon work began.
- The Date Completed is the date the plug & abandon work was completed.
- The KB Elevation (Ft Above SL) is the reference elevation above sea level used for logging.

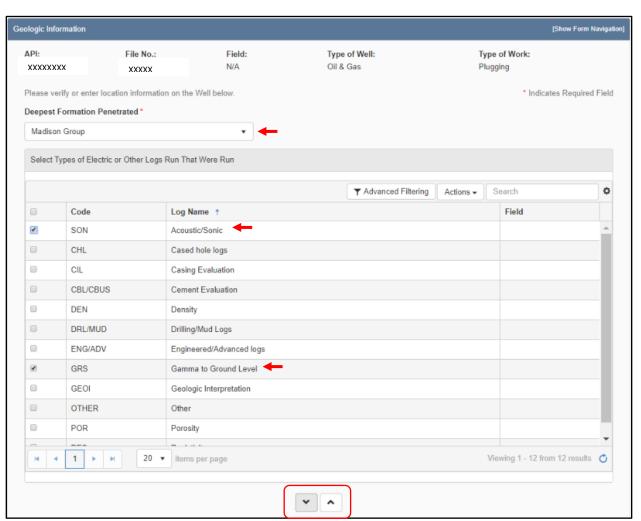




Geological Information

Users must select all logs that were run on the well prior to or during plugging & abandon operations.

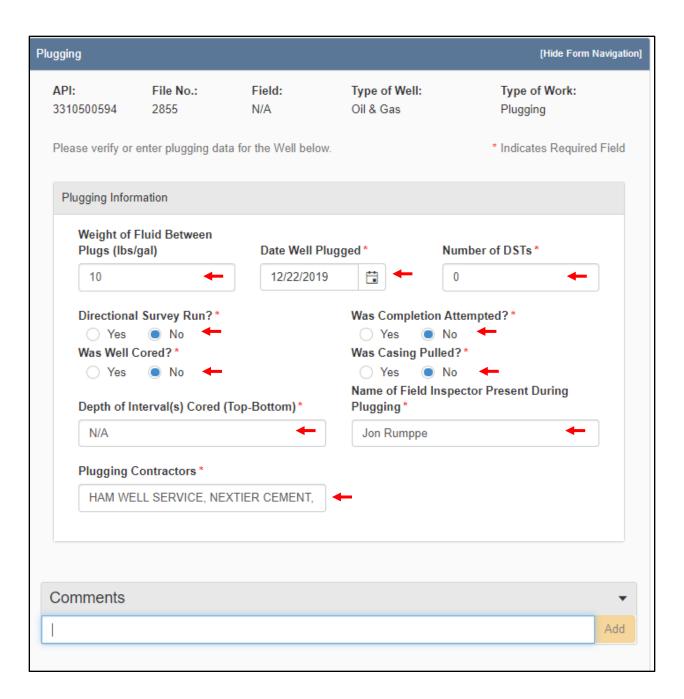
- Deepest Formation Penetrated is the deepest formation reached <u>while drilling</u> the well. This may not be related to the deepest casing string or the current production interval.
- Select the logs from the table provided near the top of the screen by marking the check box in the left-hand column.
- Press the [v] button to move the log types that were marked into the table below.
- To add additional logs of the same type (e.g. two separate cement bond logs), repeat the instructions above for that specific log type until the correct number show up in the table below.
- If a log was mistakenly added to the list, select the log using the checkbox and press the [^] to remove it from the list.
- Specify any other logs that were not found in the list under the Other Logs section



Plugging

Users must fill out all applicable fields on this form.

- Weight of Fluid Between Plugs is, in general, the weight of fluid that was
 circulated in the wellbore prior to cementing. This field must contain a single
 numeric value. If different fluids were circulated in the wellbore during P&A
 operations, note the first weight in this field and all subsequent weights under
 Comments below.
- Date Well Plugged is the date P&A operations were completed.
- *Number of DSTs* is the total number of drill stem tests run on the well (during initial drilling or recompletion).
- *Directional Survey Run?* indicates whether there are one of more sets of surveys for the well (e.g. MWD, GYRO, etc).
- Was Completion Attempted? indicates whether a well was fully or partially completed (e.g. hydraulic fracturing, formation acid treatment, etc).
- Was the Well Cored? Indicates whether core samples were taken from the well.
- Was Casing Pulled? Indicates whether one or more casing strings have been completely of partially pulled throughout the lifespan of the well.
- Depth of Interval(s) Cored (Top-Bottom) are the depths at which core samples
 were retrieved. Type [N/A] if no coring was done. Type each interval starting with
 the depth of the top of core, and separate core sample intervals with a comma
 (e.g. 7600-7645ft, 8235-8280ft), the core section on the geology information
 section will also need to be filled out.
- Name of Inspector Present During Plugging is the name of the ND DMR or BLM field inspector that witnessed cement work during P&A operations.
- List all pertinent *Plugging Contractors*. At a minimum include the workover company, cement company, and wireline company.
- Any additional information can be added to the comment box. Features in the wellbore, cement plug information, and procedures will be added in subsequent sections.



Features & Cement - The Basics

Some information about the wellbore will already be populated in the tables. If a piece of information appears to be inaccurate, please review the well file prior to making any changes. If changes are made to an item, all required fields must a completed.

Table Descriptions:

- <u>Wellbore Information</u> lists the openhole record of the wellbore. Missing or inaccurate records will require additional paperwork to update.
- <u>Wellbore Construction Feature</u> itemizes the objects inside the wellbore. **Features** may also be proposed on the sundry. Missing **Features** may be added here.
- <u>Cement Segment</u> is a description of the cement inside and behind casing.
 <u>Cement segments</u> may also be proposed on the sundry. <u>Cement Segments</u> must have an <u>Associated Feature</u>. Missing <u>Cement Segments</u> may be added here.
- <u>Cement Class</u> is a description of the cement from the **Cement Segments** table.
 The cement class must have an associated **Cement Segment**. Missing **Cement Class** information may be added here.

The tables may be formatted to a better size using the [Hide Form Navigation] button.

Information may be added to each table by clicking on [Actions] at the top of the table and selecting [Add New].

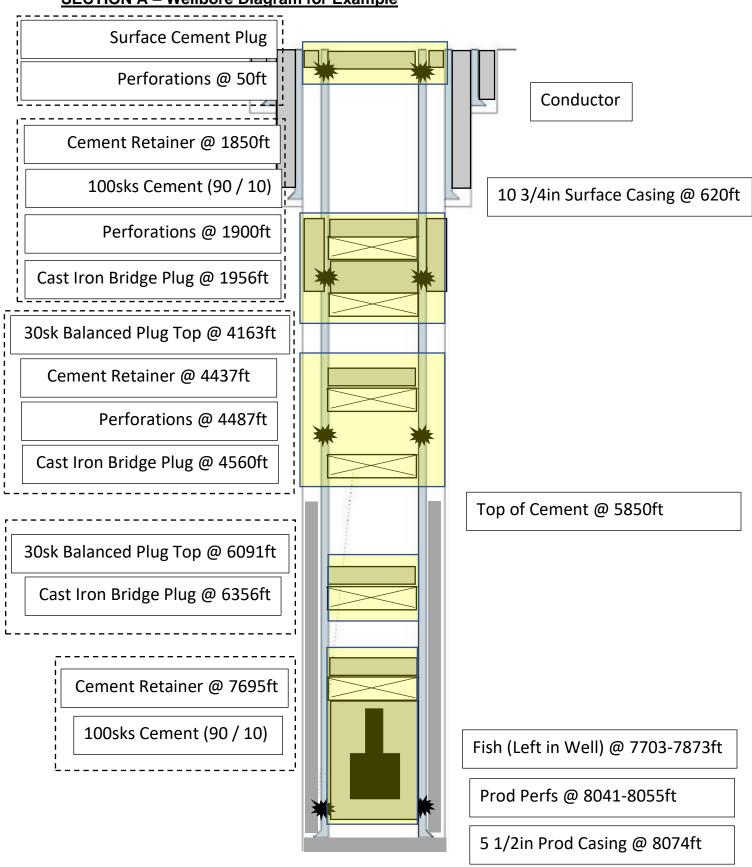
Information regarding a *Feature*, *Cement Segment*, *Cement Class*, *Completion Interval*, or *Completion Open Hole or Perforations* may be edited by clicking [*Actions*] for the specific item and [*Edit Record*].

Items added by the user on this sundry will have a **New Record Status**. These items may also be deleted by the user by clicking on [Actions] for the specific item and selecting [Delete Record].

IF THE FEATURES FOR THE P&A WERE ALREADY PROPOSED IN NORTHSTAR, SKIP TO SECTION B.

IF THE FEATURES FOR THE P&A ARE NOT IN NORTHSTAR, FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN SECTION A.

SECTION A – Wellbore Diagram for Example



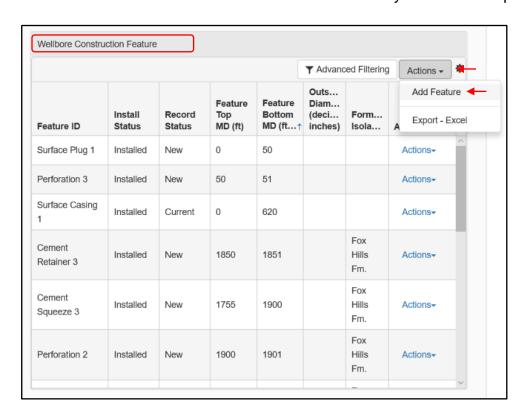
Features & Cement – Adding a Cement Squeeze for Existing Perforations

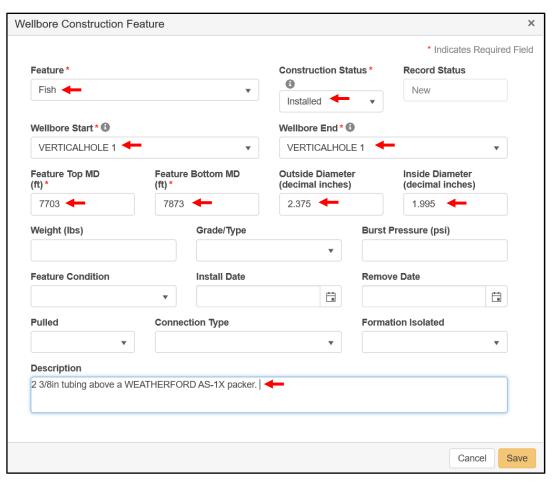
In this example, a cement retainer was set above a fish in the wellbore. A cement squeeze was performed on the production perforations below the fish.

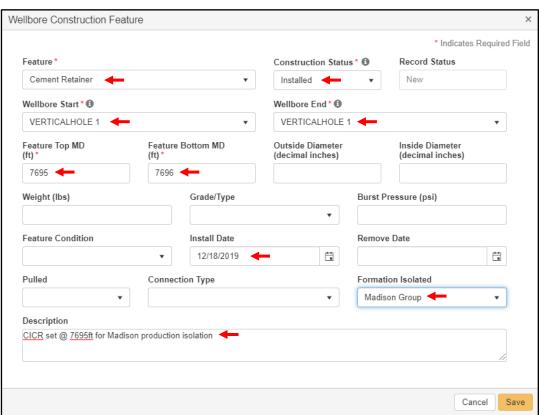
Features for a cement squeeze may include: Cast Iron Bridge Plug, Perforations, Cement Squeeze, Cement Retainer.

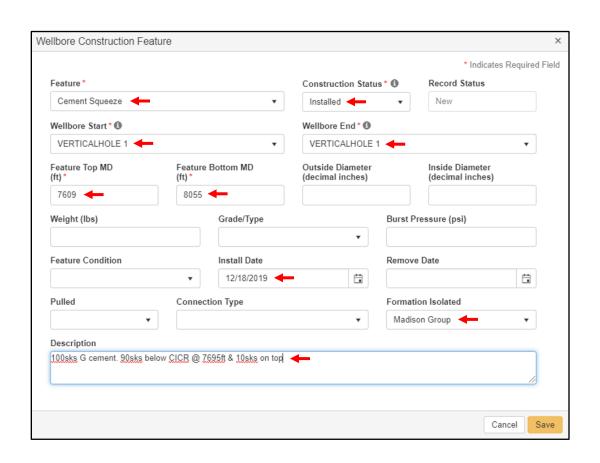
In order to add a cement squeeze, select [Actions] and [Add Feature]:

- Add [Fish], [Cement Retainer], and [Cement Squeeze] Features.
- Construction Status will be [Installed].
- **Wellbore Start** and **Wellbore End** will be **[VerticalHole1]** if the item is inside the vertical section of the wellbore below the **SurfaceHole1** depth.
- Feature Bottom MD (ft) will be bottom of tool for the Cement Retainer and lowest perforation depth for the Cement Squeeze.
- Feature Top MD (ft) will be the proposed top of tool for the Cement Retainer and top of cement for the Cement Squeeze. 10sks cement left 86ft of cement on top of the Cement Retainer.
- Install Date is the date the tool was set or cement work was completed.
- Formation Isolated is the formation that was isolated by the cement squeeze.









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Feature ID	Install Status	Record Status	Feature Top MD (ft) ↑	Feature Bottom MD (ft)	Outside Diameter (decimal inches)	Formation Isolated	Actions	
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Cement Retainer 2	Installed	New	4437	4438		Dakota Group	Actions▼	
Perforation 1	Installed	New	4487	4488		Dakota Group	Actions-	
Cast Iron Bridge Plug 2	Installed	New	4560	4561		Dakota Group	Actions▼	
Cement Squeeze 1	Installed	Current	5120	5150			Actions▼	
Balanced Cement Plug 1	Installed	New	6091	6356			Actions▼	
Cast Iron Bridge Plug 1	Installed	New	6356	6357		Spearfish Fm.	Actions▼	
Cement Squeeze 2	Installed	New	7609	8055		Madison Group	Actions→	
Cement Retainer 1	Installed	New	7695	7696		Madison	Actions▼	

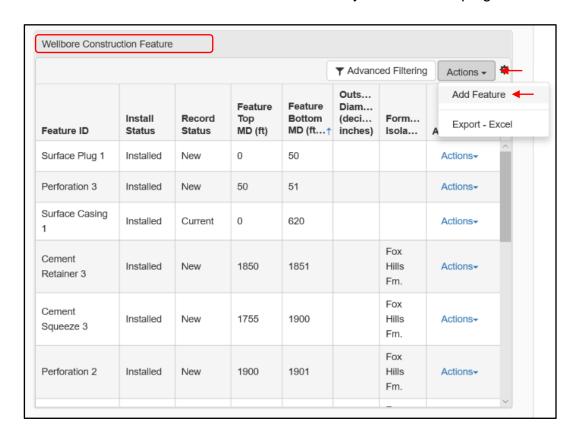
Features & Cement - Adding a Cast Iron Bridge Plug and Balanced Plug

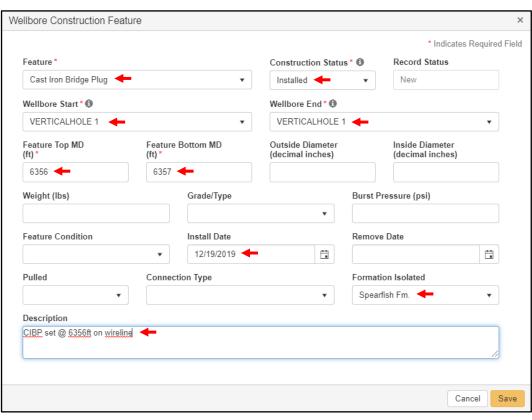
In this example, a cast iron bridge plug was set, and a cement balanced plug was pumped on top of the plug.

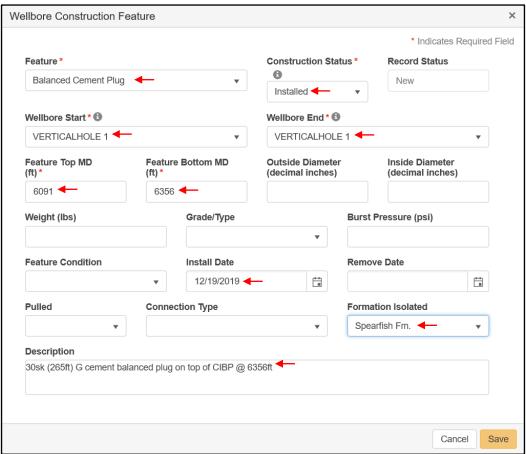
Features for balanced plugs may include: Cast Iron Bridge Plug, Cement Retainer & Balanced Plug.

In order to add the balanced plug features, for each feature select [Actions] and [Add Feature]:

- Add [Cast Iron Bridge Plug] and [Balanced Plug] Features.
- Construction Status will be [Installed].
- **Wellbore Start** and **Wellbore End** will be **[VerticalHole1]** if the item is inside the vertical section of the wellbore below the **SurfaceHole1** depth.
- Feature Bottom MD (ft) will be:
 - o The depth of the bottom of tool for the Cast Iron Bridge Plug.
 - The end of tubing for the Balanced Plug.
- Feature Top MD (ft) will be:
 - The top of tool for the Cast Iron Bridge Plug
 - The calculated cement top for the Balanced Plug. If the height of the Balanced Plug was verified (e.g. by tagging), the top of the plug is the depth that was verified.
- *Install Date* is the date the tool was set or cement work was completed.
- Formation Isolated is the formation isolated by the balanced plug.







Wellbore Construction Feature									
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Cast Iron Bridge Plug 2	Installed	New	4560	4561		Dakota Group	Actions -		
Cement Squeeze 1	Installed	Current	5120	5150			Actions▼		
Balanced Cement Plug 1	Installed	New	6091	6356		Spearfish Fm.	Actions▼		
Cast Iron Bridge Plug 1	Installed	New	6356	6357		Spearfish Fm.	Actions -		
Cement Retainer 1	Installed	New	7695	7696		Madison Group	Actions→		
Cement Squeeze 2	Installed	New	7609	8055		Madison Group	Actions-		
Production Casing 1	Installed	Current	0	8074			Actions▼	~	

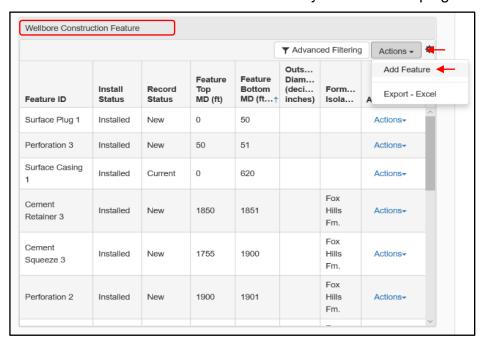
Features & Cement - Adding a Failed Cement Squeeze Attempt

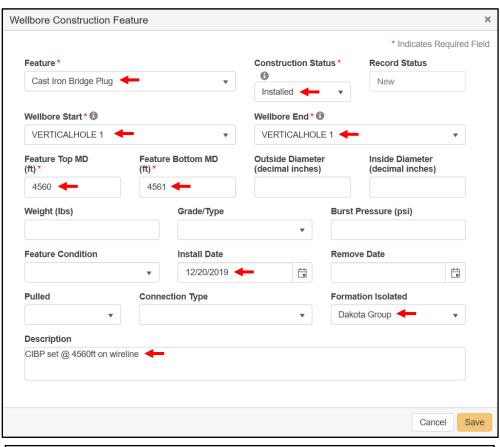
In this example, the cement squeeze was unable to be performed. A cast iron bridge plug was set, the casing was perforated, a cement retainer was set, and a cement balanced plug was placed on top of the cement retainer.

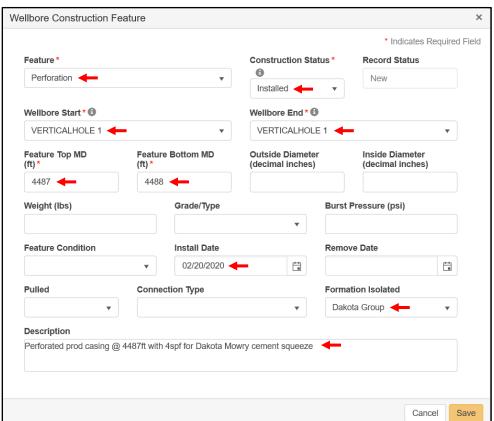
Features for cement squeezes may include: Cast Iron Bridge Plug, Cement Retainer, Cement Squeeze, and Perforations. A

In order to add cement squeeze and balanced plug features, for each feature select [Actions] for the table and [Add Feature]:

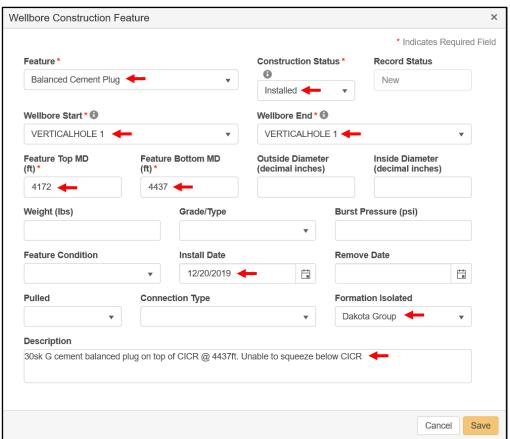
- Add [Cast Iron Bridge Plug], [Perforations], [Cement Retainer], and [Balanced Plug] Features.
- **Wellbore Start** and **Wellbore End** will be [VerticalHole1] if the item is inside the vertical section of the wellbore below the **SurfaceHole1** depth.
- Feature Bottom MD (ft) will be:
 - The depth of the bottom of tools for the Cast Iron Bridge Plug & Cement Retainer
 - The bottom of the perforated interval for Perforations
 - The end of tubing for the Balanced Plug.
- Feature Top MD (ft) will be:
 - The top of tool for the Cast Iron Bridge Plug & Cement Retainer
 - The top of the perforated interval for Perforations
 - The calculated cement top for the Balanced Plug. If the height of the Balanced Plug was verified (e.g. by tagging), the top of the plug is the depth that was verified.
- Install Date is the date the tool was set or cement work was completed.
- Formation Isolated is the formation isolated by the balanced plug.











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Feature ID	Install Status	Record Status	Feature Top MD (ft)	Feature Bottom MD (ft) ↑	Outside Diameter (decimal inches)	Formation Isolated	Actions	
Perforation 2	Installed	New	1900	1901		Fox Hills Fm.	Actions▼	^
Cast Iron Bridge Plug 3	Installed	New	1956	1957		Fox Hills Fm.	Actions▼	
Balanced Cement Plug 2	Installed	New	4172	4437		Dakota Group	Actions→	
Cement Retainer 2	Installed	New	4437	4438		Dakota Group	Actions →	
Perforation 1	Installed	New	4487	4488		Dakota Group	Actions+	
Cast Iron Bridge Plug 2	Installed	New	4560	4561		Dakota Group	Actions▼	
Cement Squeeze 1	Installed	Current	5120	5150			Actions→	
Balanced Cement Plug 1	Installed	New	6091	6356		Spearfish	Actions▼	

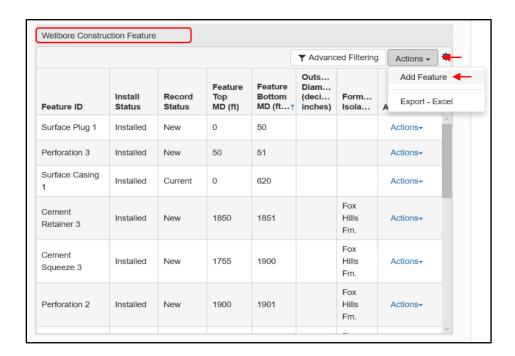
<u>Features & Cement – Adding a Cement Squeeze Performed Due to Insufficient Top of Cement</u>

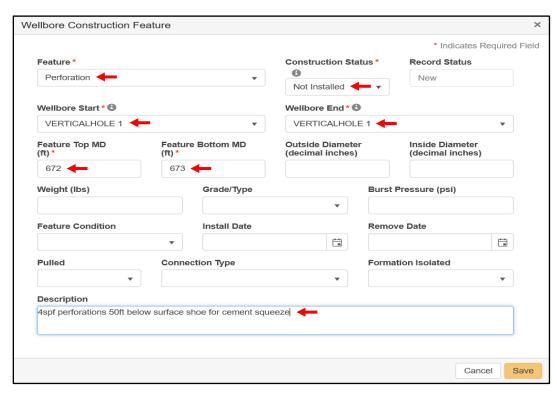
In this example a cement squeeze is performed below the surface shoe. A cast iron bridge plug was set, the casing was perforated, a cement retainer was set, and a cement squeeze was performed.

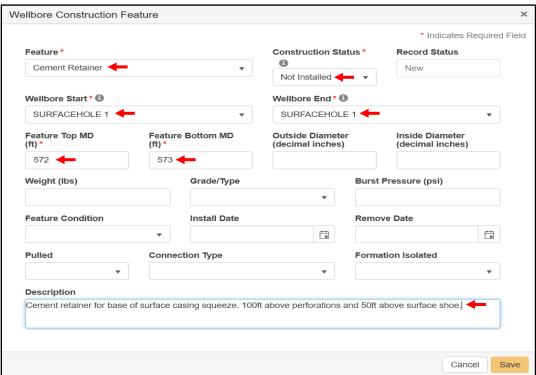
Features for cement squeezes may include: Cast Iron Bridge Plug, Cement Retainer, Cement Squeeze, and Perforations.

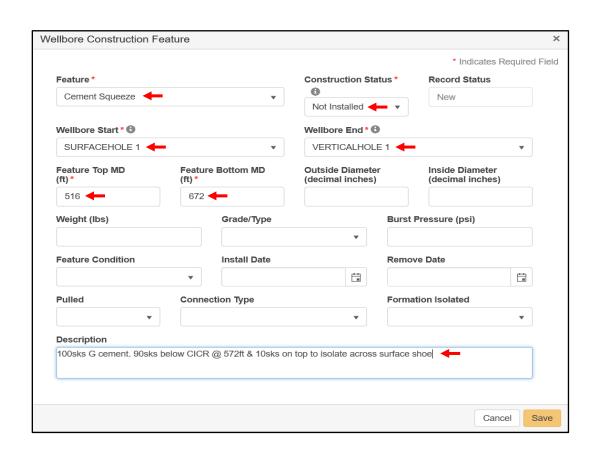
In order to add proposed cement squeeze features, for each feature select [Actions] for the table and [Add Feature]:

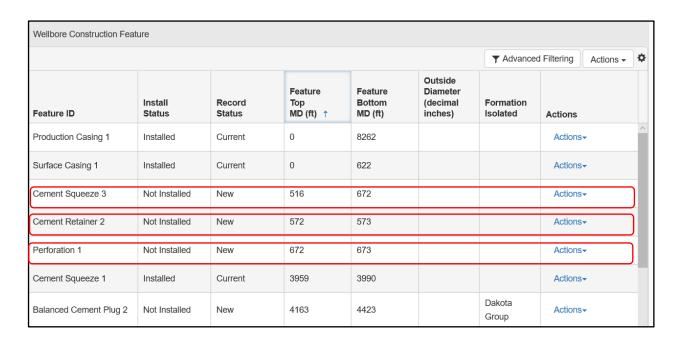
- Add [Cast Iron Bridge Plug], [Perforations], [Cement Retainer], and [Cement Squeeze] Features.
- Construction Status will be [Not Installed].
- Wellbore Start and Wellbore End will be [VerticalHole1] or [SurfaceHole1] depending on whether the Feature starts or ends above or below the SurfaceHole1 depth.
- Feature Bottom MD (ft) and Feature Top MD (ft) will be the proposed bottom and top of the Feature.
- Install Date is the date the tool was set or cement work was completed.
- Formation Isolated is the formation isolated by the balanced plug.









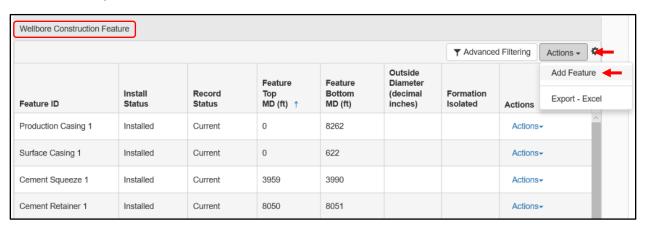


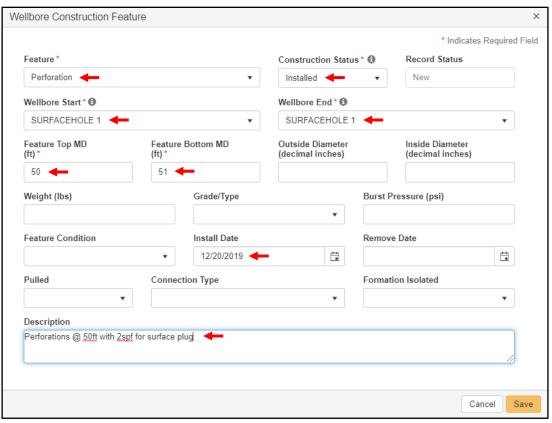
Features & Cement - Adding a Surface Plug

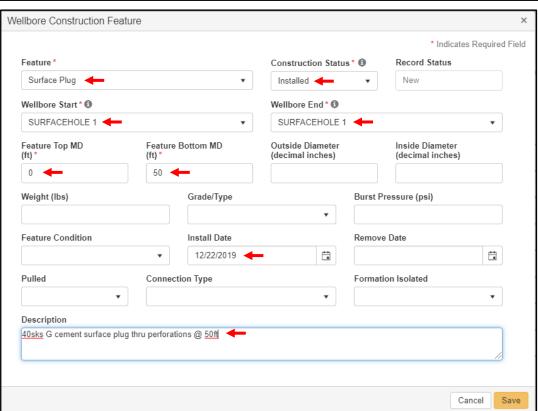
Features for surface plugs may include: Perforation, Cut, Cut and Pull, and Surface Plug.

In order to add the surface plug features, for each *Feature* select [*Actions*] and [*Add Feature*]:

- Add [Perforation] and [Surface Plug] Features.
- Construction Status will be [Installed].
- Wellbore Start and Wellbore End will be [SurfaceHole1] because the items are above the SurfaceHole1 depth.
- Feature Bottom MD (ft) and Feature Top MD (ft) will be the proposed bottom and top of the Feature.







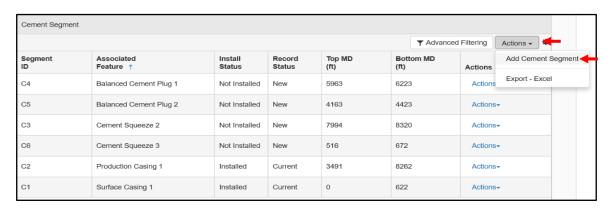
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Feature ID	Install Status	Record Status	Feature Top MD (ft↑	Feature Bottom MD (ft)		Form	Actions	
Production Casing 1	Installed	Current	0	8074			Actions▼	
Surface Casing 1	Installed	Current	0	620			Actions▼	
Surface Plug 1	Installed	New	0	51			Actions▼	
Perforation 1	Installed	New	50	51			Actions▼)
Cement Squeeze 1	Installed	Current	5120	5150			Actions▼	

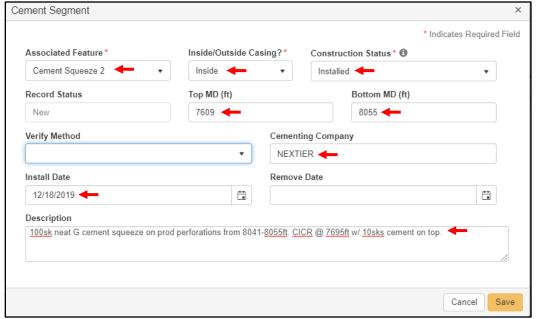
Features & Cement - Adding Cement Segments

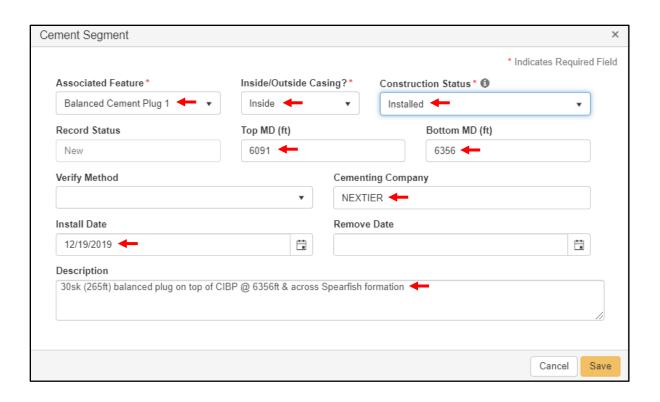
Cement Segments must have an associated **Feature** from the **Wellbore Construction Feature** table.

To add **Cement Segments**, for each **Segment** select [Actions] and [Add Cement Segment]:

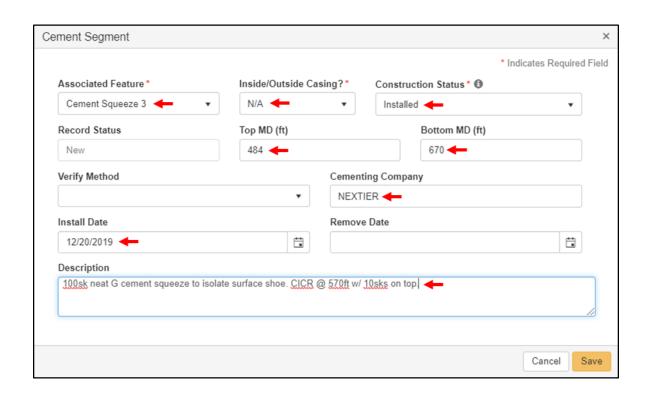
- For cement squeezes on production / injection intervals or balanced plugs, select [Inside] for Inside / Outside Casing?
- For cement squeezes due to inadequate casing cement (where cement was squeezed inside and behind casing), select [N/A] for Inside / Outside Casing?
- The Top and Bottom of the Cement Segment will be the same depths as the Associated Features.
- Details about a multi-stage cement job can be accounted for in the Cement Classes section.

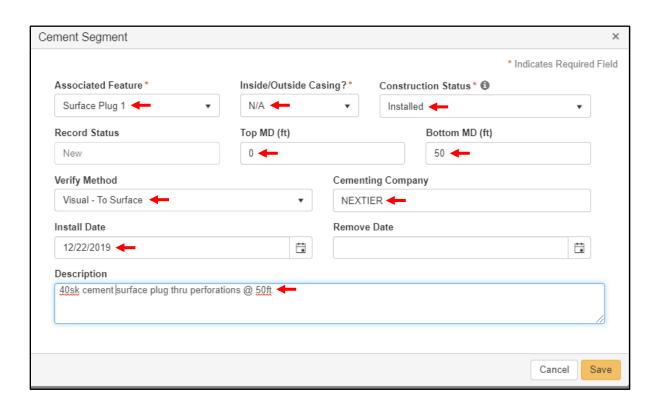










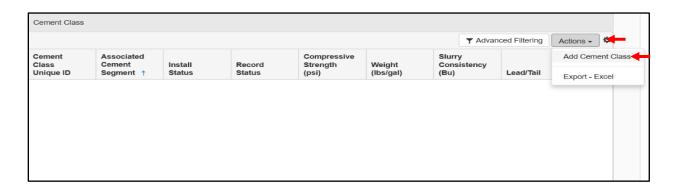


Features & Cement - Adding Cement Classes

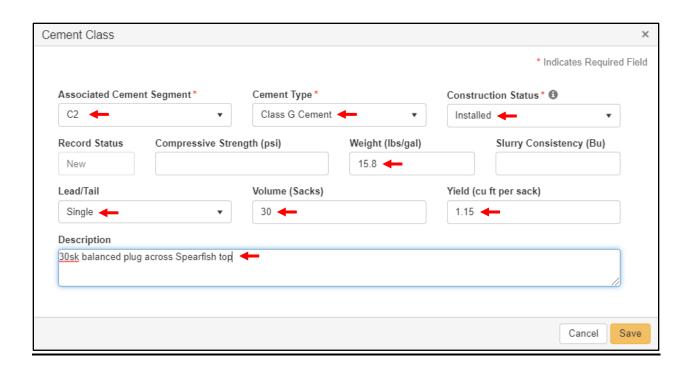
Cement Classes must have an associated **Cement Segment** from the **Cement Segment** table.

To add **Cement Classes** select [Actions] and [Add Cement Segment]:

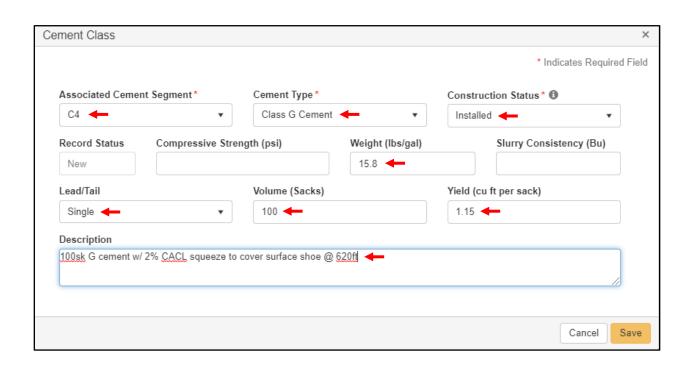
- Select the [Associated Cement Segment] from the list.
- Select the [Cement Type] from the list.
- Add all other pertinent information about the *Cement Segment* in the spaces provided.
- Multiple Cement Classes (e.g. stages) can be associated with a single Cement Segment. An example of this is choosing a lead and tail Cement Class for a single Cement Segment.













SECTION B

Editing Proposed Wellbore Features, Cement Segments, and Cement Classes

If all of the Features, Cement Segments, and Cement Classes were proposed on the sundry for the intent to plug & abandon the wellbore, the information will be populated in the plugging report.

Items may be added by selecting [Actions] and [Add...] from the appropriate table.

To edit an existing item, select [Actions] and [Edit...] for the item.

- All Construction Statuses for items that were installed need to changed to [Installed].
- All **Construction Statuses** for items that were not installed should remain as [Not Installed].
- Any wellbore features added or discovered while conducting work should be added. These may include: fish, collapsed casing, fill, hole, internal casing patch, milled casing, other damage, oval damage, parted casing, split casing, and tight spot in casing.

Use the examples in Section A to fill out all required items and information.

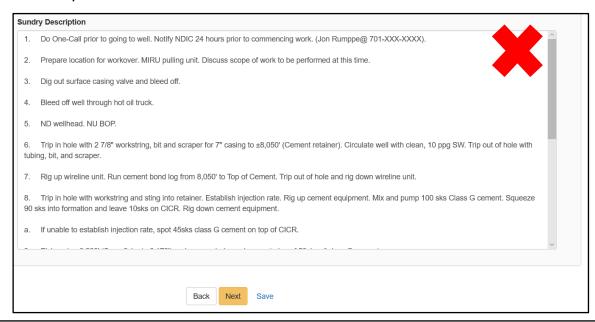
Lists from the following dropdowns are provided in the Appendix (these options may be subject to change):

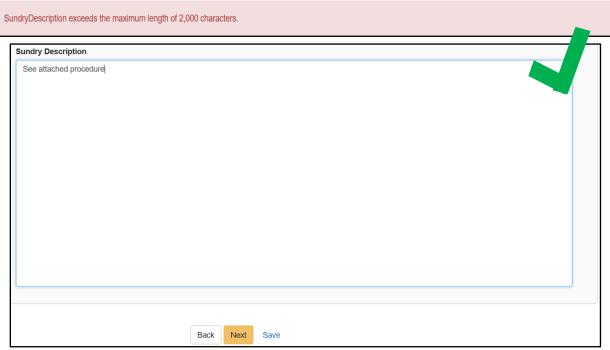
- Wellbore Information: Wellbore Type
- Wellbore Construction Feature: Feature
- Cement Class: Cement Type

Data being entered in NorthSTAR has a similar layout to the Form 7 – Plugging Reports.

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• Procedures may be copied from another document and pasted into the *Sundry Description* area.





Document Upload

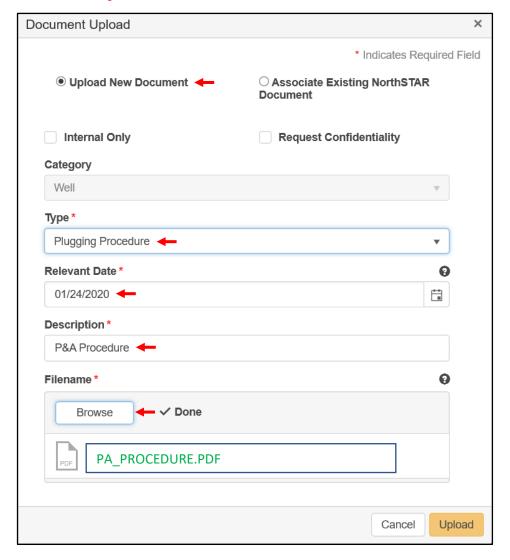
Documents related to the sundry should be uploaded here. Documents will be available for download by any users that have permission to review the sundry.

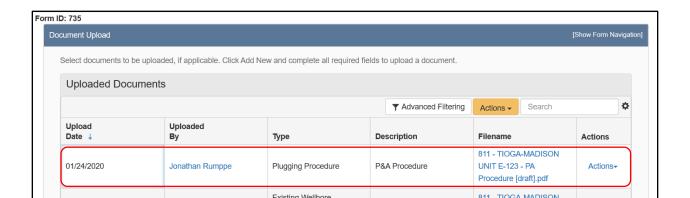
Typical documents to include are a P&A procedure and current wellbore schematic (both required under NDAC 43-02-03-33).

To upload a document, select [Actions] and [Add New]:

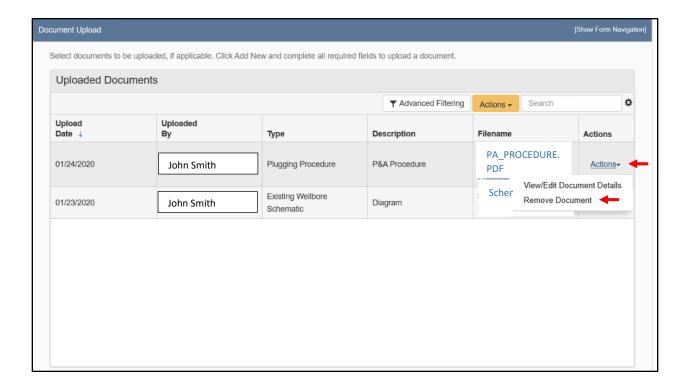
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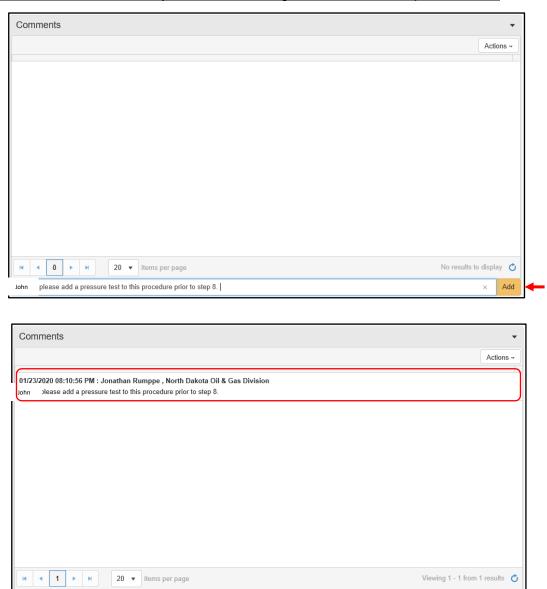
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