

## Dan A. Hughes spuds 10,400-ft wildcat in Alabama's Conecuh County

Dan A. Hughes Co is making a second attempt to possibly extend a quickly growing Alabama oil field to the north.

In eastern Conecuh County, WT Drilling's Rig #16 started drilling the 1 Whittle "10-7" (API 01-035-20279) on December 2 from a site in the nw sw ne of section 10-5n-12e. Proposed total depth is 10,400 ft, with an apparent objective in the Smackover. The Alabama city of Evergreen is five miles to the west.

In section 15 to the south, Dan A. Hughes abandoned its 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "15-2" (API 01-035-20278) in November. It was drilled by the same WT Drilling rig to a depth of 10,292 ft. Proposed total depth was 10,400 ft.

A little less than one mile further to the south is Pema Oil's 1 Pema Oil Co "22-1," which was abandoned in 1993 at a depth of 10,575 ft in the Norphlet.

About six miles south and southeast of Dan A. Hughes' drillsite are dozens of Smackover oil wells in Little Cedar Creek field, with the bulk of the wells operated by Sklar Exploration and Pruet Production. Since 1994, field output totals nearly 16 million bbls of crude and 16.6 billion cu ft of gas. In recent years, field production has come from more than 70 wells. Wells in the field produce through perforations at 10,100-11,900 ft.

