Steve Wilke

Senior Lease Operator

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SUMMARY

Lease operator since 1979, with more than 24 years in oil and gas production. Has run more than 70 horizontal and conventional wells at a time, along with tank batteries, LACT units, gas lift, ESP and compression. Trains and mentors field crews and works to lockout and tagout, hazmat and site safety standards. Open to full-time roles and contract or consulting work.

EXPERIENCE

Special Operations Jan 2025 to Aug 2026

ExxonMobil, Midland, TX

- Coordinated preventive maintenance and repairs on wellhead equipment and pumps.
- Found and fixed equipment issues early to reduce downtime.
- Ran risk assessments before field work and enforced site safety rules, including lockout and tagout.
- Worked with other departments to keep projects on schedule.

Senior Lease Operator Apr 2022 to Jan 2025

XTO Energy, Midland, TX

- Trained, mentored and led the site team.
- Troubleshot and repaired electrical, gas-powered and hydraulic equipment.
- Ran routine inspections, logged official production numbers and tracked trends.

Senior Lead Operator, Well Technician Oct 2021 to Apr 2022

Wadi Exploration and Production

- Monitored gauges, flowmeters, tank levels, temperatures and pressures and reported problems.
- Handled day-to-day repairs and inspected facilities for safety and environmental compliance.

Senior Lead Lease Operator Dec 2017 to Sep 2021

Diamondback Energy

- Ran more than 70 horizontal and conventional wells, tank batteries and LACT units, including proving.
- Tested wells for production rates, found problems and carried out fixes.
- Trained and mentored the site team.

Senior Lease Operator Aug 2016 to Jul 2018

Parsley Energy

- Ran horizontal gas lift, ESP and conventional production.
- Maintained AXIP (CAT) 750, 1200, 3306, 3405, 3506 and 3600 compressors and dehydrators.
- Managed tank batteries, LACT units and proving, and the SWD system for water flood injection.
- Built and managed tank batteries, satellite systems and VRUs, and trained new hires on site.

Pumper Jan 2013 to Jul 2016

Endeavor Energy Resources

- Managed 56 producing wells and 18 tank batteries, including SAM pump-off controllers.
- Gauged, thieved and called in oil and water hauls, and oversaw roustabout crews and hot oilers.

Owner 1985 to present

S&A Restyling

- Window tint and accessories business serving car dealerships across Texas and New Mexico.
- Managed large commercial re-tint projects, including Sul Ross University and MCM Elegante Hotels.

Pumper Jan 1979 to Jan 1988

Bass Enterprises Production

- Managed 72 wells, tank batteries, a LACT unit and proving.
- Ran compressors for gas injection and the SWD system for water flood injection wells.

SKILLS

Production
Horizontal and conventional wells, gas lift, ESP, plunger lift, rod pump controllers, well testing

Compression
AXIP (CAT) 750 to 3600 series compressors, dehydrators, gas injection

Facilities
Tank batteries, LACT units and proving, SWD and water flood, VRUs, satellite systems, gauging and thieving

Leadership and safety
Training and mentoring, roustabout crews, lockout and tagout, risk assessments, hazmat

CERTIFICATIONS

Hazmat and safety training, 2015 to present
Microsoft Office certification, 2017
Map surveying certification, 1979

EDUCATION

High school diploma
F. J. Reitz High School, Evansville, IN

REFERENCES

Available on request.