



## ENGINEERING CALCULATIONS

### Mass Balance

Calculations provide initial liquid fractions and concentrations of inert weighting materials (in pounds per final barrel) to achieve a final barrel of a predetermined density.

$$[(350 - X) \cdot (W_1 \div 8.33)] + (sg \cdot X) = 350 \cdot (W_2 \div 8.33)$$

Where:

- $W_1$  = initial weight (lb/gal)
- $W_2$  = desired weight (lb/gal)
- sg = specific gravity of weighting agent
- X = volume gain (ml/350 ml lab bbl)

Solve for X, then:

- a)  $(350 - X) \div 350$  = initial liquid fraction
- b)  $sg \cdot X$  = required concentration of weighting material in lb/bbl