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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation in part of United States Application No. 12/420,630, entitled "Cement Compositions Having Cement Kiln Dust and/or Pumicite and Methods of Use," filed on April 8, 2009, which is a continuation in part of United States Application No. 12/349,676, entitled "Extended Settable Compositions Comprising Cement Kiln Dust and Associated Methods," filed on January 7, 2009, which is a divisional of United States Application No. 12/034,886 entitled "Extended Settable Compositions Comprising Cement Kiln Dust and Associated Methods, filed on February 21, 2008, which is a continuation in part of United States Application No. 11/223,669 entitled "Settable Compositions Comprising Cement Kiln Dust and Additive(s)," filed September 9, 2005, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

[0002] The present invention relates to cementing operations and, more particularly, in certain embodiments, to methods of cementing in subterranean formations using cement kiln dust ("CKD") in compositions having reduced Portland cement content.

[0003] In cementing methods, such as well construction and remedial cementing, sealant compositions are commonly utilized. As used herein, the term "sealant composition" refers to a composition(s) that hydraulically sets or otherwise develops compressive strength suitable for use in subterranean applications. While a hydraulic composition is one type of sealant composition that may be used in cementing methods, other non-hydraulic sealant compositions also may be employed. By way of example, polymeric sealant compositions also may be used.

[0004] Sealant compositions may be used in primary cementing operations whereby pipe strings, such as casing and liners, are cemented in well bores. In performing primary cementing, a sealant composition may be pumped into an annulus between a subterranean formation and the pipe string disposed in the subterranean formation. The sealant composition should set in the annulus, thereby forming an annular sheath of hardened cement

(*e.g.*, a cement sheath) that supports and positions the pipe string in the well bore and bonds the exterior surface of the pipe string to the walls of the well bore.

[0005] Sealant compositions also may be used in remedial cementing operations, such as sealing voids in a pipe string or a cement sheath. As used herein the term “void” refers to any type of space, including fractures, holes, cracks, channels, spaces, and the like. Such voids may include: holes or cracks in the pipe strings; holes, cracks, spaces, or channels in the cement sheath; and very small spaces (commonly referred to as “microannuli”) between the cement sheath and the exterior surface of the well casing or formation. Sealing such voids may prevent the undesired flow of fluids (*e.g.*, oil, gas, water, etc.) and/or fine solids into, or from, the well bore. The sealing of such voids, whether or not made deliberately, has been attempted by introducing a sealant composition into the void and permitting it to remain therein to seal the void. If the substance does not fit into the void, a bridge, patch, or sheath may be formed over the void to possibly produce a termination of the undesired fluid flow. Hydraulic pressure may be employed to force the sealant composition into the void. Once placed into the void, the sealant composition may be permitted to harden.

[0006] Remedial cementing operations also may be used to seal portions of subterranean formations or portions of gravel packs. The portions of the subterranean formation may include permeable portions of a formation, fractures (natural or otherwise) in the formation, and other portions of the formation that may allow the undesired flow of fluid into, or from, the well bore. The portions of the gravel pack include those portions of the gravel pack, wherein it is desired to prevent the undesired flow of fluids into, or from, the well bore. A “gravel pack” is a term commonly used to refer to a volume of particulate materials (such as sand) placed into a well bore to at least partially reduce the migration of unconsolidated formation particulates into the well bore. While screenless gravel packing operations are becoming more common, gravel packing operations commonly involve placing a gravel pack screen in the well bore neighboring a desired portion of the subterranean formation and packing the surrounding annulus between the screen and the well bore with particulate materials that are sized to prevent and inhibit the passage of formation solids through the gravel pack with produced fluids. Among other things, this method may allow sealing of the portion of the gravel pack to prevent the undesired flow of fluids without requiring the gravel pack’s removal.

[0007] Sealant compositions also may be used during the drilling of the well bore in a subterranean formation. For example, in the drilling of a well bore, it may be desirable, in some instances, to change the direction of the well bore. In some instances, sealant compositions may be used to facilitate this change of direction, for example, by drilling a pilot hole in a hardened mass of cement, commonly referred to as a “kickoff plug,” placed in the well bore. Certain formations may cause the drill bit to drill in a particular direction. For example, in a vertical well, this may result in an undesirable well bore deviation from vertical. In a directional well (which is drilled at an angle from vertical), after drilling an initial portion of the well bore vertically, the direction induced by the formation may make following the desired path difficult. In those and other instances, special directional drilling tools may be used, such as a whipstock, a bent sub-downhole motorized drill combination, and the like. Generally, the directional drilling tool or tools used may be orientated so that a pilot hole is produced at the desired angle to the previous well bore in a desired direction. When the pilot hole has been drilled for a short distance, the special tool or tools are removed, if required, and drilling along the new path may be resumed. To help ensure that the subsequent drilling follows the pilot hole, it may be necessary to drill the pilot hole in a kickoff plug, placed in the well bore. In those instances, prior to drilling the pilot hole, a sealant composition may be introduced into the well bore and allowed to set to form a kickoff plug therein. The pilot hole then may be drilled in the kickoff plug, and the high strength of the kickoff plug helps ensure that the subsequent drilling proceeds in the direction of the pilot hole.

[0008] Sealant compositions (*e.g.*, hydraulic compositions) used heretofore may comprise Portland cement. Portland cement generally is a major component of the cost for the sealant compositions. To reduce the cost of such sealant compositions, other components may be included in the sealant composition in addition to, or in place of, the Portland cement. Such components may include fly ash, slag cement, shale, metakaolin, zeolite, and the like. “Fly ash,” as that term is used herein, refers to the residue from the combustion of powdered or ground coal, wherein the fly ash carried by the flue gases may be recovered, for example, by electrostatic precipitation. “Slag,” as that term is used herein, refers to a granulated, blast furnace by-product formed in the production of cast iron and generally comprises the oxidized impurities found in iron ore. Slag cement generally comprises slag and a base, for example, such as sodium hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, or lime, to produce a hydraulic composition that, when combined with water, may set to form a hardened mass.

[0009] During the manufacture of cement, a waste material commonly referred to as cement kiln dust ("CKD") is generated. CKD, as that term is used herein, refers to a partially calcined kiln feed which is removed from the gas stream and collected, for example, in a dust collector during the manufacture of cement. Usually, large quantities of CKD are collected in the production of cement that are commonly disposed of as waste. Disposal of the waste CKD can add undesirable costs to the manufacture of the cement, as well as the environmental concerns associated with its disposal. The chemical analysis of CKD from various cement manufactures varies depending on a number of factors, including the particular kiln feed, the efficiencies of the cement production operation, and the associated dust collection systems. CKD generally may comprise a variety of oxides, such as SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , CaO , MgO , SO_3 , Na_2O , and K_2O .

SUMMARY

[0010] The present invention relates to cementing operations and, more particularly, in certain embodiments, to methods of cementing in subterranean formations using CKD in compositions having reduced Portland cement content.

[0011] According to one aspect of the invention there is provided a method that comprises placing a sealant composition that comprises CKD and is essentially free of Portland cement in a subterranean formation; and allowing the sealant composition to set.

[0012] According to another aspect of the invention there is provided a method that comprises placing a hydraulic sealant composition that comprises CKD and water and is essentially free of Portland cement in a subterranean formation; and allowing the hydraulic sealant composition to set.

[0013] According to another aspect of the invention there is provided a method that comprises placing a hydraulic sealant composition in a subterranean formation, wherein the hydraulic sealant composition consists essentially of: pumicite, lime, CKD, water, and an additive selected from the group consisting of a strength-retrogression additive, a set accelerator, a set retarder, a weighting agent, a lightweight additive, a gas-generating additive, a mechanical property enhancing additive, a lost-circulation material, a filtration-control additive, a dispersant, a fluid loss control additive, a defoaming agent, a foaming agent, an oil-swellable particle, a water-swellable particle, a thixotropic additive, a gas, and any combination thereof; and allowing the hydraulic cement composition to set.

[0014] The features and advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art. While numerous changes may be made by those skilled in the art, such changes are within the scope of the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0015] The present invention relates to cementing operations and, more particularly, in certain embodiments, to methods of cementing in subterranean formations using CKD in compositions having reduced Portland cement content. There may be several potential advantages to the methods and compositions of the present invention, only some of which may be alluded to herein. One of the many potential advantages of the methods and compositions of the present invention is that the inclusion of the CKD and/or natural pozzolan in the sealant composition may reduce the amount of, or potentially eliminate, a higher cost additive, such as Portland cement, resulting in a more economical sealant composition.

[0016] Embodiments of the sealant compositions of the present invention may comprise CKD and be essentially free of Portland cement. While a variety of different sealant compositions capable of gaining sufficient compressive strength for use in subterranean applications may be suitable for use, one example of a particularly suitable sealant composition is a hydraulic composition. By way of example, a suitable sealant composition is a hydraulic composition that may comprise CKD, a natural pozzolan (*e.g.*, pumicite), lime, and water and also be essentially free of a Portland cement. Other optional additives may also be included in embodiments of the sealant compositions of the present invention as desired, including, but not limited to, fly ash, slag cement, metakaolin, shale, zeolite, combinations thereof, and the like. As described in more detail herein, embodiments of the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed and/or extended as desired by those of ordinary skill in the art.

[0017] The sealant compositions of the present invention should have a density suitable for a particular application as desired by those of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure. In some embodiments, the sealant compositions of the present invention may have a density in the range of about 8 pounds per gallon (“ppg”) to about 16 ppg. In the foamed embodiments, the foamed sealant compositions of the present invention may have a density in the range of about 8 ppg to about 13 ppg.

[0018] It should be understood that the sealant compositions may be essentially free of Portland cement in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. As used herein,

the term “essentially free” means less than about 1% by weight of cementitious components. Cementitious components include those components or combinations of components of the sealant compositions that hydraulically set, or otherwise harden, to develop compressive strength, including, for example, CKD, fly ash, natural pozzolans (*e.g.*, pumicite), slag, lime, resins, shale, and the like. In certain embodiments, the sealant composition may contain Portland cement in an amount less than about 0.1 % by weight of cementitious components and, alternatively, less than about 0.01% by weight of cementitious components. By way of example, the sealant composition, in certain embodiments, may be free of Portland cement, in that the sealant composition contains no Portland cement. In certain embodiments, the sealant compositions may be essentially free of Portland cements classified as Classes A, C, G, and H cements according to American Petroleum Institute, API Specification for Materials and Testing for Well Cements, API Specification 10, Fifth Ed., July 1, 1990. By way of further example, the sealant compositions may be essentially free of Portland cements classified as ASTM Type I, II, or III.

[0019] Embodiments of the sealant compositions generally may comprise CKD. The CKD generally may exhibit cementitious properties, in that it may set and harden in the presence of water. The CKD may be used, among other things, to replace higher cost cementitious components, such as Portland cement, in embodiments of the sealant compositions, resulting in more economical sealant compositions. The CKD may be included in the sealant compositions in an amount sufficient to provide the desired compressive strength, density, and/or cost reduction. In some embodiments, the CKD may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 1% to about 99% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the CKD may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 99% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the CKD may be present in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 80% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the CKD may be present in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 50% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of CKD to include for a chosen application.

[0020] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise a natural pozzolan. Natural pozzolans are generally present on the Earth's surface and set and harden

in the presence of hydrated lime and water. Examples of natural pozzolans include pumicite, diatomaceous earth, volcanic ash, opaline shale, tuff, and combinations thereof. Generally, pumicite is a volcanic rock that exhibits cementitious properties, in that it may set and harden in the presence of hydrated lime and water. Hydrated lime may be used in combination with the pumicite, for example, to provide sufficient calcium ions for pumicite to set. The natural pozzolan may be used, among other things, to replace higher cost cementitious components, such as Portland cement, in embodiments of the sealant compositions, resulting in more economical sealant compositions. Where present, the natural pozzolan may be included in an amount in the range of from about 0.1% to about 50% by weight of cementitious components, for example. In some embodiments, the natural pozzolan may be present in an amount in the range of from about 25% to about 50% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the natural pozzolan to include for a chosen application.

[0021] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise lime. In certain embodiments, the lime may be hydrated lime. The lime may be included in embodiments of the sealant compositions, for example to, form a hydraulic composition with other components of the sealant compositions, such as the pumicite, fly ash, slag, and/or shale. Where present, the lime may be included in the sealant compositions in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 40% by weight of cementitious components, for example. In some embodiments, the lime may be present in an amount in the range of from about 5% to about 20% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the lime to include for a chosen application.

[0022] In an embodiment, sealant compositions of the present invention may comprise a natural pozzolan (*e.g.*, pumicite) and CKD in a weight ratio of from about 1/99 to about 99/1 with lime present in an amount of about 5% to about 15% by the combined weight of the natural pozzolan and the CKD. In another embodiment, sealant compositions of the present invention may comprise a natural pozzolan (*e.g.*, pumicite) and CKD in a weight ratio of from about 65/35 to about 80/20 with lime present in an amount of about 5% to about 15% by the combined weight of the natural pozzolan and the CKD. In general, it should be understood that as the amount of the CKD is decreased the amount of the natural pozzolan may be increased, in accordance with embodiments of the present invention.

[0023] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise fly ash. A variety of fly ashes may be suitable, including fly ash classified as Class C and Class F fly ash according to American Petroleum Institute, API Specification for Materials and Testing for Well Cements, API Specification 10, Fifth Ed., July 1, 1990. Class C fly ash comprises both silica and lime so that, when mixed with water, it should set to form a hardened mass. Class F fly ash generally does not contain sufficient lime, so an additional source of calcium ions is required for the Class F fly ash to form a hydraulic composition. In some embodiments, lime may be mixed with Class F fly ash in an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 25% by weight of the fly ash. In some instances, the lime may be hydrated lime. Suitable examples of fly ash include, but are not limited to, POZMIX[®] A cement additive, commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, Oklahoma.

[0024] Where present, the fly ash generally may be included in the sealant compositions in an amount sufficient to provide the desired compressive strength, density, and/or cost. In some embodiments, the fly ash may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 75% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the fly ash may be present in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 60% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the fly ash to include for a chosen application.

[0025] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise a slag cement. In some embodiments, a slag cement that may be suitable for use may comprise slag. Slag generally does not contain sufficient basic material, so slag cement further may comprise a base to produce a hydraulic composition that may react with water to set to form a hardened mass. Examples of suitable sources of bases include, but are not limited to, sodium hydroxide, sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, lime, and combinations thereof.

[0026] Where present, the slag cement generally may be included in the sealant compositions in an amount sufficient to provide the desired compressive strength, density, and/or cost. In some embodiments, the slag cement may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 99% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the slag cement may be present in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 75% by weight of cementitious

components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the slag cement to include for a chosen application.

[0027] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise metakaolin. Generally, metakaolin is a white pozzolan that may be prepared by heating kaolin clay, for example, to temperatures in the range of about 600°C to about 800°C. In some embodiments, the metakaolin may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 95% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the metakaolin may be present in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 50% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the metakaolin to include for a chosen application.

[0028] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise shale. Among other things, shale included in the sealant compositions may react with excess lime to form a suitable cementing material, for example, calcium silicate hydrate. A variety of shales may be suitable, including those comprising silicon, aluminum, calcium, and/or magnesium. An example of a suitable shale comprises vitrified shale. Suitable examples of vitrified shale include, but are not limited to, PRESSUR-SEAL FINE LCM material and PRESSUR-SEAL COARSE LCM material, which are commercially available from TXI Energy Services, Inc., Houston, Texas. Generally, the shale may have any particle size distribution as desired for a particular application. In certain embodiments, the shale may have a particle size distribution in the range of about 37 micrometers to about 4,750 micrometers.

[0029] Where present, the shale may be included in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount sufficient to provide the desired compressive strength, density, and/or cost. In some embodiments, the shale may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 75% by weight of cementitious components. In some embodiments, the shale may be present in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 35% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the shale to include for a chosen application.

[0030] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise zeolite. Zeolites generally are porous alumino-silicate minerals that may be either a natural or synthetic material. Synthetic zeolites are based on the same type of structural cell as natural

zeolites, and may comprise aluminosilicate hydrates. As used herein, the term “zeolite” refers to all natural and synthetic forms of zeolite. Examples of suitable zeolites are described in more detail in U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/10056475 A1. An example of a suitable source of zeolite is available from the C2C Zeolite Corporation of Calgary, Canada. In some embodiments, the zeolite may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 5% to about 65% by weight of cementitious components. In certain embodiments, the zeolite may be present in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 40% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the zeolite to include for a chosen application.

[0031] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise a set retarding additive. As used herein, the term “set retarding additive” refers to an additive that retards the setting of the sealant compositions of the present invention. Examples of suitable set retarding additives include, but are not limited to, ammonium, alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, metal salts of sulfoalkylated lignins, organic acids (*e.g.*, hydroxycarboxy acids), copolymers that comprise acrylic acid or maleic acid, and combinations thereof. One example of a suitable sulfoalkylate lignin comprises a sulfomethylated lignin. Suitable set retarding additives are disclosed in more detail in United States Patent No. Re. 31,190, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Suitable set retarding additives are commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. under the trademarks HR[®] 4, HR[®] 5, HR[®] 7, HR[®] 12, HR[®] 15, HR[®] 25, HR[®] 601, SCR[™] 100, and SCR[™] 500 retarders. Generally, where used, the set retarding additive may be included in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount sufficient to provide the desired set retardation. In some embodiments, the set retarding additive may be present in the sealant compositions of the present invention an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the set retarding additive to include for a chosen application.

[0032] Embodiments of the sealant compositions further may comprise water. The water used in embodiments of the sealant compositions may include, for example, freshwater, saltwater (*e.g.*, water containing one or more salts dissolved therein), brine (*e.g.*, saturated saltwater produced from subterranean formations), seawater, or combinations thereof.

Generally, the water may be from any source, provided that the water does not contain an excess of compounds that may undesirably affect other components in the sealant composition. In some embodiments, the water may be included in an amount sufficient to form a pumpable slurry. In some embodiments, the water may be included in the sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 40% to about 200% by weight of dry components. In some embodiments, the water may be included in an amount in the range of about 40% to about 150% by weight of dry components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of water to include for a chosen application.

[0033] Optionally, other additional additives may be added to the sealant compositions of the present invention as deemed appropriate by one skilled in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure. Examples of such additives include, but are not limited to, strength-retrogression additives, set accelerators, weighting agents, lightweight additives, gas-generating additives, mechanical property enhancing additives, lost-circulation materials, filtration-control additives, dispersants, fluid loss control additives, defoaming agents, foaming agents, oil-swellable particles, water-swellable particles, thixotropic additives, and combinations thereof. Specific examples of these, and other, additives include crystalline silica, amorphous silica, fumed silica, salts, fibers, hydratable clays, microspheres, rice husk ash, elastomers, elastomeric particles, resins, latex, combinations thereof, and the like. A person having ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will readily be able to determine the type and amount of additive useful for a particular application and desired result.

[0034] As mentioned above, the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed, for example, further comprising a gas and a surfactant, in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. A foamed sealant composition may be used, for example, where it is desired for the sealant composition to be lightweight. For example, a foamed sealant composition of the present invention may comprise CKD, a gas, a surfactant and water and be essentially free of Portland cement. By way of further example, a foamed sealant composition of the present invention may comprise CKD, a natural pozzolan, lime, a gas, a surfactant, and water and be essentially free of Portland cement. Other suitable additives, such as those discussed previously, also may be included in the foamed sealant

compositions of the present invention as desired by those of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure.

[0035] The gas used in the foamed sealant compositions of the present invention may be any gas suitable for foaming a sealant composition, including, but not limited to, air, nitrogen, or combinations thereof. Generally, the gas should be present in the foamed sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount sufficient to form the desired foam. In certain embodiments, the gas may be present in a foamed sealant composition of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 10% to about 80% by volume of the composition. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of gas to include for a chosen application.

[0036] Where foamed, embodiments of the sealant compositions of the present invention further comprise a surfactant. In some embodiments, the surfactant comprises a foaming and stabilizing surfactant composition. As used herein, a “foaming and stabilizing surfactant composition” refers to a composition that comprises one or more surfactants and, among other things, may be used to facilitate the foaming of a sealant composition and also may stabilize the resultant foamed sealant composition formed therewith. Any suitable foaming and stabilizing surfactant composition may be used in the sealant compositions of the present invention. Suitable foaming and stabilizing surfactant compositions may include, but are not limited to: mixtures of an ammonium salt of an alkyl ether sulfate, a cocoamidopropyl betaine surfactant, a cocoamidopropyl dimethylamine oxide surfactant, sodium chloride, and water; mixtures of an ammonium salt of an alkyl ether sulfate surfactant, a cocoamidopropyl hydroxysultaine surfactant, a cocoamidopropyl dimethylamine oxide surfactant, sodium chloride, and water; hydrolyzed keratin; mixtures of an ethoxylated alcohol ether sulfate surfactant, an alkyl or alkene amidopropyl betaine surfactant, and an alkyl or alkene dimethylamine oxide surfactant; aqueous solutions of an alpha-olefinic sulfonate surfactant and a betaine surfactant; and combinations thereof. In one certain embodiment, the foaming and stabilizing surfactant composition comprises a mixture of an ammonium salt of an alkyl ether sulfate, a cocoamidopropyl betaine surfactant, a cocoamidopropyl dimethylamine oxide surfactant, sodium chloride, and water. A suitable example of such a mixture is ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive, commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Suitable foaming and stabilizing surfactant compositions are described in

United States Patent Nos. 6,797,054, 6,547,871, 6,367,550, 6,063,738, and 5,897,699, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0037] Generally, the surfactant may be present in the foamed sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount sufficient to provide a suitable foam. In some embodiments, the surfactant may be present in the foamed sealant compositions of the present invention an amount in the range of about 0.8% and about 5% by volume of the water ("bvow"). One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the surfactant to include for a chosen application.

[0038] As mentioned above, the sealant compositions may be extended in accordance with embodiments of the present invention, in that the present invention provides extended sealant compositions that are capable of remaining in a pumpable fluid state for an extended period of time. For example, the extended sealant compositions may be capable of remaining in a pumpable fluid state for at least about 1 day or longer (*e.g.*, at least about 5 days). When desired for use, the extended sealant composition may be activated (*e.g.*, by addition of a cement set accelerator) to thereby set into a hardened mass. By way of example, the extended sealant composition, after activation, may set to a compressive strength (as determined using the procedure set forth in API Recommended Practice 10B) at 140°F of at least 100 psi in 72 hours, alternatively at least 500 psi. Among other things, the extended sealant compositions of the present invention may be suitable for use in well bore applications, for example, where it is desired to prepare the cement composition in advance. By way of example, the extended sealant compositions may facilitate preparation of the sealant composition at a convenient location and then transport to the job site for use in the cementing operation.

[0039] An example of a suitable extended sealant composition of the present invention comprises CKD, a set retarding additive, and water and is essentially free of Portland cement. By way of further example, a suitable extended composition comprises CKD, a natural pozzolan, lime, a set retarding additive, and water and is essentially free of Portland cement. Optionally, a suspending agent may be included in the extended sealant composition as desired. Other suitable additives, such as those discussed previously, also may be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention as desired by those of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure.

[0040] Set retarding additives are included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention, in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. Examples of

suitable set retarding additives for extending the sealant compositions include, but are not limited to, organic acids, lignosulfonates, synthetic retarders and combinations thereof. It has been discovered that certain set retarding additives, such as phosphonated compounds, may not be desirable in certain applications because the sealant composition may become over retarded such that the composition does not activate and develop reasonable compressive strength. Examples of organic acids that may be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention include, but are not limited to, tartaric acid, gluconic acid, carboxylic acids (*e.g.*, citric acid), hydroxy carboxy acids, and combinations thereof. One example of a suitable tartaric acid is HR[®]-25 cement retarder available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Examples of lignosulfonates that may be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention include, but are not limited to, a sulfomethylated lignin, calcium lignosulfonates, sodium lignosulfonates, and combinations thereof. Examples of suitable lignosulfonates include HR[®]-4, HR[®]-5, and HR[®]-7 cement retarders available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Examples of synthetic retarders that may be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention include, but are not limited to, copolymers of acrylic acid and acrylamido-methylpropane sulfonate polymer and copolymers of maleic anhydride and acrylamido-methyl-propane sulfonate polymer. Examples of suitable synthetic retarders include SCR[™]-100 and SCR[™]-500 cement retarders available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. Examples of suitable synthetic retarders are described in U.S. Patent No. 4,941,536, 5,049,288, 5,472,051, and 5,536,311, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0041] The set retarding additive should be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount sufficient for the sealant composition to remain in a pumpable fluid state for an extended period of time (*e.g.*, at least about 1 day). In certain embodiments, the set retarding additive may be included in the extended sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 5% by weight of cementitious components. In certain embodiments, the set retarding additive may be included in an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 1.5% by weight of cementitious components. Where the set retarding additive comprises tartaric acid, the tartaric acid may be included, for example, in the extended sealant composition in an amount in the range of about 0.2% to about 0.35% by weight of cementitious components, for example. Where the set retarding additive comprises a sulfomethylated lignin, the sulfomethylated lignin may be

included, for example, in the extended sealant composition in an amount in the range of about 0.2% to about 1% by weight of cementitious components. Those of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, should be able to determine an appropriate set retarding additive and amount thereof for a particular application.

[0042] As previously mentioned, at a desired time for use, the extended sealant composition may be activated, for example, by addition of a cement set accelerator. Examples of suitable cement set accelerators include, but are not limited to, calcium chloride, triethanolamine, sodium silicate, zinc formate, calcium acetate, and combinations thereof. An example of a suitable sodium silicate is ECONOLITE™ additive, available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. The cement set accelerator should be added to the extended sealant composition in an amount sufficient to activate the extended sealant composition to set into a hardened mass. In certain embodiments, the cement set accelerator may be added to the extended sealant compositions of the present invention in an amount in the range of about 0.1% to about 4% by weight of cementitious components. One of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, will recognize the appropriate amount of the cement set accelerator to include for a chosen application.

[0043] As will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art, embodiments of the sealant compositions of the present invention may be used for forming a seal in a variety of subterranean applications. By way of example, embodiments of the sealant compositions may be used in cementing methods, including primary and remedial cementing.

[0044] An example of a method of the present invention comprises placing a sealant composition in a subterranean formation, and allowing the sealant composition to set. In some embodiments, the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed. As desired by one of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, the sealant compositions of the present invention useful in this method may comprise any of the above-listed additives, as well any of a variety of other additives suitable for use in subterranean applications.

[0045] Another example of a method of the present invention includes a method of cementing a conduit (e.g., pipe string, casing, expandable casing, liners, etc.) disposed in a well bore. An example of such a method may comprise placing a sealant composition into the annulus between the conduit and the subterranean formation, allowing the sealant composition to set in the annulus. Generally, in most instances, the sealant composition

should fix the conduit in the well bore. In some embodiments, the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed or extended. As desired by one of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, the sealant compositions of the present invention useful in this method may comprise any of the above-listed additives, as well any of a variety of other additives suitable for use in subterranean application.

[0046] Another example of a method of the present invention includes a method of sealing a portion of a gravel pack or a portion of a subterranean formation. An example of such a method may comprise placing a sealant composition into the portion of the gravel pack or the portion of the subterranean formation, and allowing the sealant composition to set. The portions of the subterranean formation may include, for example, permeable portions of the formation and fractures (natural or otherwise) in the formation and other portions of the formation that may allow the undesired flow of fluid into, or from, the well bore. The portions of the gravel pack may include, for example, those portions of the gravel pack, wherein it is desired to prevent the undesired flow of fluids into, or from, the well bore. Among other things, this method may allow the sealing of the portion of the gravel pack to prevent the undesired flow of fluids without requiring the gravel pack's removal. In some embodiments, the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed or extended. As desired by one of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, the sealant compositions of the present invention useful in this method may comprise any of the above-listed additives, as well any of a variety of other additives suitable for use in subterranean applications.

[0047] Another example of a method of the present invention includes a method of sealing voids located in a conduit (*e.g.*, pipe string, casing, expandable casings, liners, etc.) or in a cement sheath. Generally, the conduit will be disposed in a well bore, and the cement sheath may be located in the annulus between the conduit disposed in the well bore and the subterranean formation. An example of such a method may comprise placing the sealant composition into the void, and allowing the sealant composition to set in the void. In some embodiments, the sealant compositions of the present invention may be foamed or extended. As desired by one of ordinary skill in the art, with the benefit of this disclosure, the sealant compositions of the present invention useful in this method may comprise any of the above-listed additives, as well any of a variety of other additives suitable for use in subterranean applications.

[0048] When sealing a void in a conduit, methods of the present invention, in some embodiments, further may comprise locating the void in the conduit, and isolating the void by defining a space within the conduit in communication with the void; wherein the sealant composition may be introduced into the void from the space. The void may be isolated using any suitable technique and/or apparatus, including bridge plugs, packers, and the like. The void in the conduit may be located using any suitable technique. When sealing a void in the cement sheath, the methods of the present invention, in some embodiments, further may comprise locating the void in the cement sheath, producing a perforation in the conduit that intersects the void, and isolating the void by defining a space within the conduit in communication with the void via the perforation, wherein the sealant composition is introduced into the void via the perforation. The void in the cement sheath may be located using any suitable technique. The perforation may be created in the conduit using any suitable technique, for example, perforating guns. The void may be isolated using any suitable technique and/or apparatus, including bridge plugs, packers, and the like.

[0049] To facilitate a better understanding of the present invention, the following examples of certain aspects of some embodiments are given. In no way should the following examples be read to limit, or define, the scope of the invention.

EXAMPLE 1

[0050] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 48-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, Class A CKD, and Class A Portland cement.

[0051] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 1
Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class A Cement and Class A CKD

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	48-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
1	14	0	100	228
2	15.15	25	75	701
3	14.84	50	50	1,189
4	15.62	75	25	3,360
5	15.6	100	0	2,350

EXAMPLE 2

[0052] Additional sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to thickening time and fluid loss tests at 140°F and 240°F, respectively, in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0053] Sample 6 comprised water, Class A Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class A CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.25% by weight). In this Example, the percent by weight is based on the amount of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples. Accordingly, Sample 6 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of about 50:50. This Sample had a density of 14.84 ppg. HALAD[®] 23 additive is a cellulose-based fluid loss control additive that is commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, Oklahoma. HR[®]-5 retarder is a lignosulfonate set retarder that is commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, Oklahoma.

[0054] Sample 7 comprised water, Class A Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class A CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 413 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and HR[®]-12 set retarder (0.3% by weight). Accordingly, Sample 7 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of 50:50. This Sample had a density of 14.84 ppg. HALAD[®] 413 additive is a grafted copolymer fluid loss control additive that is commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, Oklahoma. HR[®]-12 retarder is a mixture of a lignosulfonate and hydroxycarboxy acid set retarder that is commercially available from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, Oklahoma.

[0055] The results of the fluid loss and thickening time tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 2
Unfoamed Thickening Time and Fluid Loss Tests:
Class A Cement and Class A CKD

Sample	Cement-to-CKD Weight Ratio	Test Temperature (°F)	Thickening Time to 70 BC (hr:min)	API Fluid Loss in 30 min (ml)
6	50:50	140	6:06	147
7	50:50	240	2:20	220

EXAMPLE 3

[0056] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 48-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, Class H CKD, and Class H Portland cement.

[0057] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 3
Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement and Class H CKD

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	48-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
8	15.23	0	100	74.9
9	15.4	25	75	544
10	16	50	50	1,745
11	16.4	75	25	3,250
12	16.4	100	0	1,931

EXAMPLE 4

[0058] Additional sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to thickening time and fluid loss tests at 140°F and 240°F, respectively, in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0059] Sample 13 comprised water, Class H Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class H CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and 0.25% by weight HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.25% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples. Accordingly, Sample 13 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of about 50:50. This Sample had a density of 16 ppg.

[0060] Sample 14 comprised water, Class H Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class H CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 413 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and HR[®]-12 set retarder (0.3% by weight). Accordingly, Sample 14 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of about 50:50. This Sample had a density of 16 ppg.

[0061] The results of the fluid loss and thickening time tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 4
Unfoamed Thickening Time and Fluid Loss Tests:
Class H Cement and Class H CKD

Sample	Cement-to-CKD Weight Ratio	Test Temperature (°F)	Thickening Time to 70 BC (hr:min)	API Fluid Loss in 30 min (ml)
13	50:50	140	5:04	58
14	50:50	240	1:09	220

EXAMPLE 5

[0062] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 48-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, Class G CKD, and Class G Portland cement.

[0063] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 5
Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class G Cement and Class G CKD

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class G (% by wt)	CKD Class G (% by wt)	48-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
15	14.46	0	100	371
16	14.47	25	75	601
17	14.49	50	50	1,100
18	14.46	75	25	3,160
19	14.46	100	0	3,880

EXAMPLE 6

[0064] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to thickening time and fluid loss tests at 140°F and 240°F, respectively, in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0065] Sample 20 comprised water, Class G Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class G CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.25% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples. Accordingly, Sample 20 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of about 50:50. This Sample had a density of 15.23 ppg.

[0066] Sample 21 comprised water, Class G Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class G CKD (50% by weight), HALAD[®] 413 fluid loss control additive (0.75% by weight), and HR[®]-12 set retarder (0.3% by weight). Accordingly, Sample 21 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of about 50:50. This Sample had a density of 15.23 ppg.

[0067] The results of the fluid loss and thickening time tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 6
Unfoamed Thickening Time and Fluid Loss Tests:
Class G Cement and Class G CKD

Sample	Cement-to-CKD Weight Ratio	Test Temperature (°F)	Thickening Time to 70 BC (hr:min)	API Fluid Loss in 30 min (ml)
20	50:50	140	3:19	132
21	50:50	240	1:24	152

[0068] Accordingly, Examples 1-6 indicate that sealant compositions comprising Portland cement and CKD may have suitable thickening times, compressive strengths, and/or fluid loss properties for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 7

[0069] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared in accordance with the following procedure. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class A Portland cement, and Class A CKD. The amounts of CKD and Portland cement were varied as shown in the table below. ZONESEAL® 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample compositions were subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0070] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 7**Foamed Compressive Strength Test:
Class A Cement and Class A CKD**

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
22	14.34	12	0	100	167.6
23	14.15	12	25	75	701
24	15.03	12	50	50	1,253
25	15.62	12	75	25	1,322
26	15.65	12	100	0	1,814

EXAMPLE 8

[0071] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared in accordance with the following procedure. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class H Portland cement, and Class H CKD. The amounts of CKD and Portland cement were varied as shown in the table below. ZONESEAL® 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample compositions were subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0072] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 8

**Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement and Class H CKD**

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
27	15.07	12	0	100	27.2
28	15.4	12	25	75	285
29	16	12	50	50	845
30	16.4	12	75	25	1,458
31	16.57	12	100	0	1,509

EXAMPLE 9

[0073] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared in accordance with the following procedure. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class G Portland cement, and Class G CKD. The amounts of CKD and Portland cement were varied as shown in the table below. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample compositions were subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0074] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 9
Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class G Cement and Class G CKD

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class G (% by wt)	CKD Class G (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
32	14.32	12	0	100	181
33	14.61	12	25	75	462
34	15	12	50	50	729
35	15.43	12	75	25	1,196
36	15.91	12	100	0	1,598

[0075] Accordingly, Examples 7-9 indicate that foamed sealant compositions comprising Portland cement and CKD may have suitable compressive strengths for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 10

[0076] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sufficient water was included in each sample to provide a density of about 14.2 ppg.

[0077] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 10
Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime

Sample	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIZ[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
37	26	0	0	61	13	1,024
38	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	766
39	20.7	5.3	0	61	13	825
40	23.3	2.7	0	61	13	796
41	19.4	3.3	3.3	61	13	717
42	20.7	2.65	2.65	61	13	708
43	23.3	1.35	1.35	61	13	404

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 11

[0078] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared and subjected to thickening time tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0079] Sample 44 comprised water, Class A Portland Cement (26% by weight), POZMIX[®] A cement additive (61% by weight), hydrated lime (13% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.6% by weight), and HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.1% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples. This Sample had a density of 14.2 ppg.

[0080] Sample 45 comprised water, Class A Portland Cement (19.5% by weight), Class A CKD (6.5% by weight), POZMIX[®] A cement additive (61% by weight), hydrated lime (13% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.6% by weight), and HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.1% by weight). This Sample had a density of 14.2 ppg. The vitrified shale was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

[0081] Sample 46 comprised water, Class A Portland Cement (19.5% by weight), Class A CKD (3.25% by weight), vitrified shale (3.25% by weight), POZMIX[®] A cement additive (61% by weight), hydrated lime (13% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.6% by weight), and "HR[®]-5" set retarder (0.1% by weight). This Sample had a density of 14.2 ppg. The vitrified shale was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

[0082] The results of the fluid loss and thickening time tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 11
Unfoamed Thickening Time Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime

Sample	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	Thickening Time to 70 BC at 140°F (hr:min)
44	26	0	0	61	13	2:57
45	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	2:20
46	19.5	2.25	2.25	61	13	3:12

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 12

[0083] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sufficient water was included in each sample to provide a density of about 14.2 ppg.

[0084] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 12

**Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime**

Sample	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
47	26	0	0	61	13	704
48	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	576
49	20.7	5.3	0	61	13	592
50	23.3	2.7	0	61	13	627
51	19.4	3.3	3.3	61	13	626
52	20.7	2.65	2.65	61	13	619
53	23.3	1.35	1.35	61	13	594

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 13

[0085] An additional sample sealant composition was prepared and subjected to a fluid loss test at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sample 54 comprised water, Class H Portland Cement (19.5% by weight), Class H CKD (3.3% by weight), vitrified shale (3.3% by weight), POZMIX[®] A cement additive (61% by weight), hydrated lime (13% by weight), HALAD[®] 23 fluid loss control additive (0.6% by weight), and HR[®]-5 set retarder (0.1% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and lime in the Sample. This Sample had a density of 14.2 ppg. Accordingly, Sample 54 had a Portland cement-to-CKD weight ratio of 75:25. The vitrified shale was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

[0086] The result of this fluid loss test is set forth in the table below.

TABLE 13

**Unfoamed Fluid Loss Test:
Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Shale, Fly ash, and Lime**

Sample	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	Fluid Loss in 30 min API at 140°F (ml)
54	19.5	3.3	3.3	61	13	117

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 14

[0087] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sufficient water was included in each sample to provide a density of about 14.2 ppg.

[0088] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 14

**Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class G Cement, Class G CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime**

Sample	Portland Cement Class G (% by wt)	CKD Class G (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
55	26	0	0	61	13	491
56	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	526
57	20.7	5.3	0	61	13	474
58	23.3	2.7	0	61	13	462
59	19.4	3.3	3.3	61	13	523
60	20.7	2.65	2.65	61	13	563

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

[0089] Accordingly, Examples 10-14 indicate that sealant compositions comprising Portland cement, CKD, fly ash, hydrated lime, and optionally vitrified shale may have suitable compressive strengths, thickening times, and/or fluid loss properties for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 15

[0090] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared in accordance with the following procedure. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class A Portland cement, Class A CKD, vitrified shale, "POZMIX[®] A" cement additive (61% by weight), and hydrated lime (13% by weight). In this Example,

percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples. The samples had a density of 14.2 ppg. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material. The amounts of CKD, Portland cement, and vitrified shale were varied as shown in the table below. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample compositions were subjected to 10-day compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0091] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 15

**Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime**

Sample	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	10-Day Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
61	26	0	0	61	13	1,153
62	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	1,151
63	20.7	5.3	0	61	13	1,093
64	23.3	2.7	0	61	13	950
65	19.4	3.3	3.3	61	13	1,161
66	20.7	2.65	2.65	61	13	1,009
67	23.3	1.35	1.35	61	13	1,231

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 16

[0092] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared in accordance with the following procedure. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class A Portland cement, Class A CKD, vitrified shale, "POZMIX[®] A" cement additive (61% by weight), and hydrated lime (13% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, fly ash, and/or lime in the samples. The samples had a density of 14.2 ppg. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material. The amounts of CKD, Portland cement, and vitrified shale were varied as shown in the table below. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive

was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample compositions were subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0093] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 16
Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Shale, Fly Ash, and/or Lime

Sample	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
68	26	0	0	61	13	1,057
69	19.5	6.5	0	61	13	969
70	20.7	5.3	0	61	13	984
71	19.4	3.3	3.3	61	13	921
72	20.7	2.65	2.65	61	13	811
73	23.3	1.35	1.35	61	13	969

¹ The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

EXAMPLE 17

[0094] A foamed sample sealant composition was prepared in accordance with the following procedure. A base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class G Portland cement (19.5% by weight), Class G CKD (6.5% by weight), POZMIX[®] A cement additive (61% by weight), and hydrated lime (13% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, fly ash, and/or lime in the Sample. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, the base sample was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample composition was subjected to a 72-hour compressive strength test at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0095] The result of the compressive strength test is set forth in the table below.

TABLE 17

**Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class G Cement, Class G CKD, Fly Ash, and Lime**

Sample	Portland Cement Class G (by wt)	CKD Class G (by wt)	POZMIX[®] A Additive (by wt)	Hydrated Lime (by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
74	19.5	6.5	61	13	777

[0096] Accordingly, Examples 15-17 indicate that foamed sealant compositions comprising Portland cement, CKD, fly ash, hydrated lime, and optionally vitrified shale may have suitable compressive strengths for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 18

[0097] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 180°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, Class A CKD, Class A Portland cement, zeolite, vitrified shale, and hydrated lime. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material. The amount of each component was varied as shown in the table below.

[0098] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, shale, zeolite, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 18

**Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Zeolite, Shale, and/or Lime**

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Zeolite (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 180°F (psi)
75	13.3	50	25	25	0	0	1,915
76	12.75	50	25	12.5	12.5	0	2,190
77	11.6	0	75	10	25	0	31.6
78	12.8	25	50	23.5	0	0	875
79	12.5	25	50	12.5	12.5	0	923
80	11.5	0	70	10	15	5	116.4

¹ The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

EXAMPLE 19

[0099] An additional foamed sample sealant composition was prepared in accordance with the following procedure. A base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Class A Portland cement, Class A CKD, and zeolite. This base sample had a density of 14.2 ppg. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, the base sample was foamed down to about 12 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed sample composition was subjected to a 72-hour compressive strength test at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0100] The result of the compressive strength test is set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, and zeolite in the Sample.

TABLE 19

**Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, and Zeolite**

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Zeolite (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
81	13.35	12	50	25	25	972

EXAMPLE 20

[0101] An additional sample sealant composition was prepared at room temperature and subjected to a 24-hour compressive strength test at 180°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sample 82 comprised water, Portland Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Zeolite, and vitrified shale. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

[0102] The result of the compressive strength test is set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, zeolite, and shale in the Sample.

TABLE 20
Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Zeolite and Shale

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	Zeolite (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 180°F (psi)
82	15.2	50	25	12.5	12.5	2,280

¹ The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

EXAMPLE 21

[0103] An additional sample sealant composition was prepared at room temperature and subjected to thickening time and fluid loss tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. Sample 83 comprised Class A Portland Cement (50% by weight), Class A CKD (25% by weight), zeolite (12.5% by weight), vitrified shale (12.5% by weight), “HALAD[®] 23” fluid loss control additive (.75% by weight), and “HR[®]-5” set retarder (0.5% by weight). In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement,

CKD, zeolite, and shale in the Sample. This Sample had a density of 12.75 ppg. The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL® FINE LCM" material.

[0104] The results of the fluid loss and thickening time tests are set forth in the table below.

TABLE 21

**Unfoamed Thickening Time and Fluid Loss Tests:
Class A Cement, Class A CKD, Zeolite and Shale**

Sample	Portland Cement Class A (% by wt)	CKD Class A (% by wt)	Zeolite (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	Thickening Time to 70 BC at 140°F (hr:min)	Fluid Loss in 30 min at 140°F (ml)
83	50	25	12.5	12.5	8:54	196

¹ The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL® FINE LCM material.

[0105] Accordingly, Examples 18-21 indicate that foamed and unfoamed sealant compositions comprising Portland cement, CKD, zeolite, and optionally vitrified shale may have suitable compressive strengths for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 22

[0106] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 190°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, slag cement, Class H CKD, Class H Portland cement, sodium carbonate, and hydrated lime. The slag cement contained

sodium carbonate in an amount of 6% by weight. The amount of each component was varied as shown in the table below.

[0107] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, slag cement, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 22

**Unfoamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Slag Cement, and/or Lime**

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	Slag Cement (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 190°F (psi)
84	13.2	0	50	45	5	123.6
85	13.6	0	50	50	0	170.3
86	14	30	50	20	0	183.2
87	15	30	20	50	0	563

EXAMPLE 23

[0108] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10. For each sample, a base sample composition comprised water, slag cement, Class H CKD, Class H Portland cement, and hydrated lime. The amount of each component was varied as shown in the table below. The slag cement contained sodium carbonate in an amount of 6% by weight. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow. Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to about 11 ppg. After preparation, the resulting foamed

sample composition was subjected to a 72-hour compressive strength test at 140°F in accordance with API Specification 10.

[0109] The result of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, slag cement, and/or lime in the samples.

TABLE 23
Foamed Compressive Strength Tests:
Class H Cement, Class H CKD, Slag Cement, and/or Lime

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement Class H (% by wt)	CKD Class H (% by wt)	Slag Cement (% by wt)	Hydrated Lime (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 140°F (psi)
88	13.63	11	0	50	45	5	148.9
89	13.68	11	0	50	50	0	161.1
90	14.07	11	30	50	20	0	125

[0110] Accordingly, Examples 22-23 indicate that foamed and unfoamed sealant compositions comprising CKD, slag cement, optionally hydraulic cement, and optionally hydrated lime may have suitable compressive strengths for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 24

[0111] A series of sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 180°F in accordance with API Specification 10. The sample compositions comprised water, Portland Cement, CKD, metakaolin, and vitrified shale. The amount of each component was varied as shown in the table below. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL® FINE LCM material. Class A Portland Cement was used for this series of tests, except that Class H Portland Cement was

used in Sample 93. Class A CKD was used for this series of tests, except that Class H CKD was used in Sample 93.

[0112] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, metakaolin, and/or shale in the samples.

TABLE 24
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTS:
PORTLAND CEMENT, CKD, METAKAOLIN, AND/OR SHALE

Sample	Density (ppg)	Portland Cement (% by wt)	CKD (% by wt)	Metakaolin (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale¹ (% by wt)	24-Hour Compressive Strength at 180°F (psi)
91	12.75	50	25	12.5	12.5	1,560
92	13.5	50	25	25	0	1,082
93	13	25	50	12.5	12.5	1,410

¹ The vitrified shale used was "PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM" material.

EXAMPLE 25

[0113] A series of foamed sample sealant compositions were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 72-hour compressive strength tests at 180°F in accordance with API Specification 10. For each sample, a base sample composition was prepared that comprised water, Portland Cement, CKD, metakaolin, and vitrified shale. The amount of each component was varied as shown in the table below. The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material. Class A Portland Cement was used for this series of tests, except that Class H Portland Cement was used in Sample 96. Class A CKD was used for this series of tests, except that Class H CKD was used in Sample 96. ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive was then added to each base sample composition in an amount of 2% bvow.

Next, each base sample composition was foamed down to the density shown in the table below.

[0114] The results of the compressive strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this Example, percent by weight is based on the weight of the Portland cement, CKD, metakaolin, and/or shale in the samples.

TABLE 25
FOAMED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTS:
PORTLAND CEMENT, CKD, METAKAOLIN, AND/OR SHALE

Sample	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Portland Cement (% by wt)	CKD (% by wt)	Metakaolin (% by wt)	Vitrified Shale ¹ (% by wt)	72-Hour Compressive Strength at 180°F (psi)
94	12.75	9.85	50	25	12.5	12.5	651
95	13.5	9.84	50	25	25	0	512
96	13	9.57	25	50	12.5	12.5	559

¹ The vitrified shale used was PRESSUR-SEAL[®] FINE LCM material.

[0115] Accordingly, Examples 24-25 indicate that foamed and unfoamed sealant compositions comprising hydraulic cement, CKD, metakaolin, and optionally vitrified shale may have suitable compressive strengths for a particular application.

EXAMPLE 26

[0116] Twenty-nine different sample sealant compositions (*i.e.*, Samples 97-125) were prepared. Samples 97-110 and the resulting set cements were then tested to determine their respective 24-hour compressive strengths. As set forth below, the respective test results for Slurries 97-110 demonstrate that samples comprising cement, CKD, and pumicite may provide suitable compressive strengths for certain applications. The remainder of the samples was used for additional testing in Example 27 below.

[0117] Samples 97-125 were prepared by dry blending dry components with cement prior to adding water to form the respective slurry. Samples 97-106 and 109-125 included Holcem ASTM Type III cement. Samples 107 and 108 included TXI Lightweight cement. The pumicite included in Samples 100, 103, and 105-125 was 200-mesh pumicite. Liquid additives, if any, were added to the water prior to combination with the cement. Sufficient water was included in Samples 97-99 and 120-123 to provide a density of 12.5 lb/gal. Sufficient water was included in Samples 100-119 to provide a density of 12 lb/gal.

Sufficient water was included in Samples 124 and 125 to provide a density of 11 lb/gal. The particular composition of each sample is provided in the table below.

[0118] After Samples 97-110 were prepared, the sample slurries were subjected to 24-hour compressive strength tests at 185°F in accordance with API Recommended Practice 10B. The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below. In this table, by weight of cement (or “bwoc”) is based on the amount of the cement, CKD, pumicite, glass beads, and/or bentonite in the samples.

TABLE 26
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTS:
CEMENT, CKD, PUMICITE, SILICA, LIME, BENTONITE, AND/OR GLASS BEADS

Sample	Water ¹ (gal/sk)	Cement ² (% bwoc)	CKD (% bwoc)	Pumicite (% bwoc)	Silica ³ (% bwoc)	Lime (% bwoc)	Bentonite (% bwoc)	Glass Beads ⁴ (% bwoc)	185°F 24-Hour Comp. Strength (psi)
97	11.35	75	25	--	10	--	--	--	905
98	10.35	65	35	--	--	--	--	--	471
99	10.52	75	25	--	--	--	--	--	556
100	11.92	50	25	25	--	5	--	--	549
101	12.41	75	25	--	--	--	--	--	447
102	12.23	65	35	--	--	--	--	--	319
103	12.62	75	12.5	12.5	--	5	--	--	441
104	13.42	75	25	--	10	--	--	--	261
105	12.92	50	25	25	10	5	--	--	920
106	12.37	75	--	25	--	5	--	--	1012
107	12.19	50	25	25	10	5	--	--	939
108	12.19	50	25	25 ⁵	10	5	--	--	786
109	12.92	50	25	25 ⁵	10	5	--	--	805
110	12.47	50	25	25	10	--	--	--	734
111	11.89	65	17	17	--	--	--	--	--
112	11.89	65	17	17	--	--	--	--	--
113	12.65	65	12	23	8	--	--	--	--
114	12.94	65	29	6	8	--	--	--	--
115	12.76	65	6	29	10	--	--	--	--
116	13.1	75	10	25	--	--	--	--	--
117	13.38	75	13	25	--	--	--	--	--
118	10.91	57	5	38	--	--	--	--	--
119	13.28	58	7	35	--	--	--	--	--
120	12.98	50	5	42	--	--	3	--	--
121	10.91	50	5	42	--	--	3	--	--
122	10.91	50	5	42	--	--	3	--	--
123	10.91	50	5	42	--	--	3	--	--
124	10.85	50	5	35	--	--	--	10	--
125	10.85	50	5	35	--	--	--	10	--

¹The amount of water is provided in gallons per 100-pound sack of dry blend.

²Holcem ASTM Type III Cement was used in each sample, except TXI Lightweight cement was used in Samples 107 and 108.

³The amorphous silica included in the sample slurries was Silicalite™ cement additive, available from Halliburton Energy Services.

⁴The glass beads included in certain sample slurries were 8000# psi beads with a specific gravity of 42, available from 3M located in Minnesota.

⁵Samples 108 and 109 contained a composite of 5-, 10-, 200-, and 325-mesh pumicite in equal amounts.

EXAMPLE 27

[0119] Additional tests were performed using Samples 97, 105, and 111-125 from Example 26. In addition to the components identified in Example 26, D-Air™ 3000 defoaming additive and FWCA™ free water control additive were also added to each of these samples in the amount indicated in the table below. Additionally, each of these samples also included HR®-601 retarder in the amount indicated in the table below, except for Sample 105B in which HR®-5 retarder was included. Samples 112-115, 117-122, 124, and 125 further included HALAD® 344 fluid loss control additive in the amount indicated in the table below.

[0120] After preparation, the samples and resulting set cements were then tested to determine their respective fluid loss properties, thickening times, and free water content, in accordance with API Recommended Practice 10B. An ultrasonic cement analyzer was used to determine a seventy-hour compressive strength value (“UCA₇₂ hrs”). Immediately after removal from the UCA, crush strengths were determined using a Tinius Olsen tester.

[0121] The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below. In this table, by weight of cement (or “bwoc”) is based on the amount of the cement, CKD, pumicite, glass beads, and/or bentonite in the samples.

TABLE 27**TEST RESULTS:****CEMENT, CKD, PUMICITE, SILICA, LIME, BENTONITE, AND/OR GLASS BEADS**

Sample	Defoamer (% bwoc)	Set Retarder (% bwoc)	FWCA (% bwoc)	FLCA (% bwoc)	Fluid Loss 155°F (cc/30 min)	Thick. Time 70 bc 155°F (hr:min)	Free Water 45 inc. 155°F (%)	UCA 72 hr 190°F (psi)	Crush 72 hr (psi)
97a	0.25	1	0.3	--	280	5:50	0	679	691
97b	0.25	0.5	0.3	--	240	3:35	0	544	680
97c	0.25	0.75	0.3	--	290	3:54	--	--	--
105a	0.5	1	0.3	--	294	6:40	Trace	1118.8	1127
105b	0.5	1	0.3	--	235	--	1.6	--	--
105c	0.5	0.5	0.3	--	321	3:03	Trace	1066	1092
105d	0.5	0.75	0.3	--	290	4:09	0	--	--
111	0.25	0.75	0.3	--	407	--	--	--	--
112	0.25	0.75	0.2	0.2	254	--	--	--	--
113	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.15	259	--	--	--	739
114	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.15	--	--	--	392	472
115	0.25	0.75	0.3	0.1	366	--	--	--	--
116	0.25	0.75	0.3	--	438	--	--	--	--
117	0.25	0.75	0.3	0.1	460	--	--	--	--
118	0.25	0.5	0.3	0.15	394	--	2 ml	--	--
119	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.3	143	--	Trace	--	--
120	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.2	280	3:27	0	--	1024
121	0.25	0.4	0.3	0.2	132	3:40	0	--	--
122	0.25	0.5	0.3	0.1	208	3:34	0	2610	2110
123	0.25	0.5	0.3	--	281	3:55	0	--	--
124	--	0.3	0.3	0.2	256	5:16	0	1193	-- ¹
125	0.25	0.4	0.3	0.2	235	5:52	0	1400	-- ¹

¹ The 72-hour UCA crush strengths were not determined for Slurries 124 and 125 because the slurry cracked.

[0122] The 24-hour UCA compressive and crush strengths were also determined for Samples 124 and 125. For Sample 124, the 24-hour UCA compressive and crush strengths were 1107 psi and 1021 psi, respectively. For Sample 125, the 24-hour UCA compressive and crush strengths were 1500 psi and 1024 psi, respectively.

[0123] Additionally, the rheological properties of the samples were also determined using a Fann Model 35 viscometer at the temperature indicated in the table below using a bob and sleeve and spring #1. The plastic viscosity and the yield points of the samples were calculated from Best Rheology using the Generalized Hershel Bulkley Model. The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below.

TABLE 28

RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:
CEMENT, CKD, PUMICITE, SILICA, LIME, BENTONITE, AND/OR GLASS BEADS

Sample	Temp (°F)	Rotational Viscometer (Bob & Sleeve; Spring #1)									
		600	300	200	100	60	30	6	3	Plastic Viscosity	Yield Point
97a	80	116	73	56	37	27	18	9	8	54	19
	155	162	130	95	64	52	41	30	28	99	31
97b	80	147	95	72	46	35	25	16	15	74	21
	155	151	125	90	59	46	36	25	24	99	26
97c	80	131	72	48	37	27	20	19	18	53	20
	155	142	123	90	64	53	44	32	30	88	37
105a	80	126	78	60	38	27	18	9	8	60	18
	155	129	95	69	44	34	26	18	17	77	18
105b	80	120	76	56	34	24	15	6	4	63	13
	155	68	45	29	16	11	6	2	2	44	1
105c	80	115	70	53	33	24	16	8	8	56	14
	155	100	74	53	34	27	21	14	13	60	14
105d	80	129	84	62	39	29	20	10	8	68	16
	155	122	94	70	46	36	28	20	19	72	22
111	80	86	51	40	25	18	12	5	4	39	13
	155	105	80	59	40	32	25	18	17	60	21
112	80	68	38	28	16	11	6	2	1	22	5
	155	61	45	28	15	10	6	2	1	45	0
113	80	92	55	40	24	16	9	3	3	47	8
	155	89	57	40	23	15	9	4	3	51	6
114	80	96	55	41	25	17	11	3	2	45	10
	155	79	53	37	21	15	10	4	4	48	5
115	80	110	58	46	29	20	12	5	5	44	14
	155	107	79	54	33	24	17	11	10	69	10
116	80	85	61	48	35	28	15	9	7	39	22
	155	101	72	52	33	26	19	13	12	59	13
117	80	83	51	38	24	17	10	4	3	41	10
	155	86	61	41	25	18	13	8	8	54	7
118	80	115	72	56	36	25	16	5	4	54	18
	155	95	70	47	27	19	12	4	3	64	6
119	80	114	73	57	36	25	15	7	6	55	8
	155	75	52	35	20	13	8	3	2	48	4
120	80	129	86	65	40	28	18	5	4	69	17
	155	90	57	46	29	21	13	5	4	42	15
121	80	207	131	103	67	49	31	11	8	96	35
	155	155	115	81	49	34	21	7	5	99	16
122	80	202	120	94	61	44	29	13	11	89	31
	155	159	121	85	50	35	23	10	8	107	14
123	80	184	126	96	62	46	32	18	17	96	30
	155	165	146	103	91	71	55	40	37	83	63
124	80	265	178	141	93	69	45	17	15	128	50
	155	194	158	114	69	48	30	10	7	134	24

125	80	281	198	163	100	75	49	18	15	147	51
	155	216	175	124	77	56	41	14	9	147	28

[0124] Example 27 thus indicates that sealant compositions containing pumicite may provide suitable properties for certain applications.

EXAMPLE 28

[0125] Additional tests were performed using Samples 105-107 from Example 26. In particular, each of Samples 105-107 was extended using a set retarder (HR[®]-5 retarder). After remaining in a liquid state for 24 hours, each sample was activated using calcium chloride in an amount of 4% bwoc. The 72-hour compressive strength of the resultant set cement was then determined at the temperature indicated in the table below, in accordance with API Recommended Practice 10B. The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below. In this table, by weight of cement (or “bwoc”) is based on the amount of the cement, CKD, and/or pumicite in the samples.⁷

TABLE 29
EXTENDED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTS:
CEMENT, CKD, AND/OR PUMICITE

Sample	Cement ¹ (% bwoc)	CKD (% bwoc)	Pumicite (% bwoc)	Set Retarder (% bwoc)	Hours Liquid	Calcium Chloride (% bwoc)	185°F 72-Hour Comp. Strength (psi)
105	50	25	25	1.5	24	4	1074
106	75	--	25	1	24	4	959
107	50	25	25	1	24	4	626

¹Holcem ASTM Type III Cement was used in Samples 105 and 106, and TXI Lightweight cement was used in Sample 107.

[0126] Example 28 thus indicates that sealant compositions containing cement, CKD, and pumicite may be extended, for example, by use of appropriate set retarders.

EXAMPLE 29

[0127] Additional tests were performed using Samples 105-107 from Example 26. In particular, each of Samples 105-107 was foamed with air from a base density of 12 ppg to the density indicated in the table below. The foaming additive included in each sample was ZONESEAL[®] 2000 foaming additive in an amount of 2% by volume of water. The 72-hour compressive strength of the resultant set cement was then determined at the temperature indicated in the table below, in accordance with API Recommended Practice 10B. The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below. In this table, by weight of cement (or “bwoc”) is based on the amount of the cement, CKD, and/or pumicite in the samples.

TABLE 30
FOAMED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TESTS:
CEMENT, CKD, PUMICITE, SILICA AND/OR LIME

Sample	Cement ¹ (% bwoc)	CKD (% bwoc)	Pumicite (% bwoc)	Silica ² (% bwoc)	Lime (% bwoc)	Foaming Additive (% bvow)	Base Density (ppg)	Foam Density (ppg)	Target Density (ppg)	185°F 72-Hour Comp. Strength (psi)
105	50	25	25	10	5	2	12	9.52	10	411
106	75	--	25	--	5	2	12	9.36	10	343
107	50	25	25	10	5	2	12	9.76	10	561

¹Holcem ASTM Type III Cement was used in Samples 105 and 106, and TXI Lightweight cement was used in Slurry 107.

²The amorphous silica included in the sample slurries was SILICALITE™ cement additive, available from Halliburton Energy Services.

[0128] Example 29 thus indicates that sealant compositions containing cement, CKD, and pumicite may be foamed, for example, by use of appropriate foaming additives.

EXAMPLE 30

[0129] Five additional sample sealant compositions (*i.e.*, Samples 126-130) were prepared. The samples and resulting set cements were then tested to determine their respective mechanical properties, fluid-loss properties, rheological properties, and the like. As set forth below, the respective test results for the five different samples demonstrate that samples comprising pumicite may provide suitable compressive strengths for certain applications.

[0130] Samples 126-130 were prepared by dry blending dry components with cement prior to adding water to form the respective sample. Liquid additives, if any, were added to the water prior to combination with the cement. Sufficient water was included in Samples 126-128 to provide a density of 10.5 ppg, and sufficient water was included in Slurries 129 and 130 to provide a density of 12 ppg. In addition to other components, each slurry included Holcem ASTM Type III cement, 200-mesh Pumicite, and Joppa CKD. The composition of each sample is listed in the table below. In this table, by weight of cement (or “bwoc”) is based on the amount of the cement, pumicite, CKD, glass beads, and/or bentonite in the samples.

TABLE 31

**SAMPLE SEALANT COMPOSITIONS:
CEMENT, PUMICITE, CKD, BENTONITE, SILICA FLOUR, AND/OR GLASS BEADS**

Sample	Density (ppg)	Water (gal/sk)¹	Cement (% bwoc)	Pumicite (% bwoc)	CKD (% bwoc)	Bentonite (% bwoc)	Silica Flour² (% bwoc)	Glass Beads³ (% bwoc)
126	10.5	10.05	50	32	5	--	--	13
127	10.5	10.07	50	32	5	--	--	13
128	10.5	10.06	50	32	5	--	--	13
129	12	15	50	42	5	3	17	--
130	12	12.98	50	42	5	3	--	--

¹The amount of water is provided in gallons per 100-pound sack of dry blend.

²The silica flour included in Sample 129 was SSA-1™ strength stabilizing additive, available from Halliburton Energy Services.

³The glass beads included in Samples 126-128 were 8000# psi beads with a specific gravity of 42, available from 3M located in Minnesota.

[0131] Sample 126 further included D-AIR™ 3000 defoaming additive (0.25% bwoc), FWCA™ free water control additive (0.15% bwoc), HR®-601 retarder (0.6% bwoc), and HALAD®- 344 fluid loss control additive (0.6% bwoc).

[0132] Sample 127 further included D-AIR™ 3000 defoaming additive (0.25% bwoc), FWCA™ free water control additive (0.15% bwoc), HR®-601 retarder (0.3% bwoc), and HALA®- 344 fluid loss control additive (0.4% bwoc).

[0133] Sample 128 further included D-AIR™ 3000 defoaming additive (0.25% bwoc), FWCA™ free water control additive (0.15% bwoc), HR®-601 retarder (0.4% bwoc), and HALAD®- 344 fluid loss control additive (0.4% bwoc).

[0134] Sample 129 further included D-AIR™ 3000 defoaming additive (0.25% bwoc), FWCA™ free water control additive (0.25% bwoc), HR®-601 retarder (0.3% bwoc), and HALAD®- 344 fluid loss control additive (0.5% bwoc), and SA-541™ suspending aid (0.3% bwoc).

[0135] Sample 130 further included D-Air™ 3000 defoaming additive (0.25% bwoc), FWCA™ free water control additive (0.3% bwoc), HR®-601 retarder (0.3% bwoc), and HALAD® 344 fluid loss control additive (0.2% bwoc).

[0136] After the samples were prepared, the samples and resulting set cements were then tested to determine their respective fluid loss properties, thickening times, and free water content at the temperatures indicated in the table below in accordance with API Recommended Practice 10B. Compressive strength development was tested using the UCA at specified temperatures and times. Specifically, the UCA was used to determine the time to 50 psi, time to 500 psi, and a twenty-four compressive strength value (“UCA_{24 hrs}”). Immediately after removal from the UCA, crush strengths were determined using a Tinius Olsen tester. Additionally, the rheological properties of the samples were also determined using a Fann Model 35 viscometer at the temperature indicated in the table below using a bob and sleeve and spring #1. The plastic viscosity and the yield points of the samples were calculated from Best Rheology using the Generalized Hershel Bulkley Model. The results of this series of tests are provided in the table below.

TABLE 32**TEST RESULTS:****CEMENT, PUMICITE, CKD, BENTONITE, SILICA FLOUR, AND/OR GLASS BEADS**

Sample	Fluid Loss 200°F (cc/30 min)	Thick. Time¹ 70 bc (hr:min)	Free Water² 45 inc. (%)	UCA 24 hr 190°F (psi)	Crus h 24 hr (psi)	190°F Time to 50 psi	190°F Time to 500 psi	80° PV/YP	155° PV/YP	200° PV/Y P
126	58	11:45	0	873	2140	6:58	7:35	150/35	--	102/29
127	88	3:26	0	1027	2040	5:14	5:28	131/29	--	85/27
128	--	5:49	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
129	80	6:03	Trace	836	1024	4:51	5:52	65/13	--	60/15
130	280	3:27	0	1374	1367	4:52	8:37	69/17	42/15	--

¹The thickening time tests were performed at 217°F, except the thickening time for Sample 130 was determined at 155°F.

²The free-water tests were performed at 200°F for Samples 126-129. The free-water test for Sample 130 was determined at 155°F.

[0137] Example 30 thus indicates that sealant compositions containing pumicite may provide suitable properties for certain applications.

EXAMPLE 31

[0138] A series of sample sealant compositions (*i.e.*, 131-142) were prepared at room temperature and subjected to 24-hour crush strength tests at 185°F in accordance with API Specification 10 to determine force resistance properties of sealant compositions essentially free of Portland cement. The sample compositions were allowed to cure in the UCA at 185°F for twenty-four hours. Immediately after removal from the UCA, crush strengths were determined using a Tinius Olsen tester. Each of Samples 131-142 contained 200-mesh pumicite, Joppa CKD, lime, and water and were free of Portland cement.

[0139] The results of the crush strength tests are set forth in the table below. In this table, percent by weight is based on the weight of the pumicite and the CKD in the samples.

TABLE 33
CRUSH STRENGTH TESTS:
PUMICITE, CKD, AND LIME

Sample	Density (ppg)	Water (gal/sk)	Pumicite (% by wt)	CKD (% by wt)	Lime (% by wt)	Crush 24 hr (psi)
131	12.5	9.42	65	35	5	83.8
132	12.5	9.82	65	35	10	126.3
133	12.5	10.15	65	35	14	229
134	12.5	9.33	70	30	5	75.6
135	12.5	9.74	70	30	10	358
136	12.5	10.06	70	30	14	182.6
137	12.5	9.25	75	25	5	52.8
138	12.5	9.65	75	25	10	314
139	12.5	9.98	75	25	14	147
140	12.5	9.16	80	20	5	32.1
141	12.5	9.57	80	20	10	305
142	12.5	9.89	80	20	14	144.8

[0140] Example 31 thus indicates that sealant compositions containing pumicite, CKD, and lime and essentially free of Portland cement may have properties suitable for use in particular applications.

[0141] Therefore, the present invention is well adapted to attain the ends and advantages mentioned as well as those that are inherent therein. The particular embodiments disclosed above are illustrative only, as the present invention may be modified and practiced in different but equivalent manners apparent to those skilled in the art having the benefit of the teachings herein. Furthermore, no limitations are intended to the details of construction or design herein shown, other than as described in the claims below. It is therefore evident that the particular illustrative embodiments disclosed above may be altered or modified and all such variations are considered within the scope of the present invention. While compositions and methods are described in terms of “comprising,” “containing,” or “including” various components or steps, the compositions and methods can also “consist essentially of” or “consist of” the various components and steps. Whenever a numerical range with a lower limit and an upper limit is disclosed, any number and any included range falling within the range is specifically disclosed. In particular, every range of values (of the form, “from about a to about b,” or, equivalently, “from approximately a to b,” or, equivalently, “from

approximately a-b”) disclosed herein is to be understood to set forth every number and range encompassed within the broader range of values. Also, the terms in the claims have their plain, ordinary meaning unless otherwise explicitly and clearly defined by the patentee.

CLAIMS:

1. A method comprising:
placing a sealant composition that comprises cement kiln dust and is essentially free of Portland cement in a subterranean formation; and
allowing the sealant composition to set.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the Portland cement is classified as an API class A, C, G, or H cement or an ASTM Type I, II, or III cement.
3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein sealant composition further comprises water.
4. The method of any one of the preceding claims wherein the sealant composition consists essentially of the cement kiln dust and water.
5. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the sealant composition further comprises a natural pozzolan.
6. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 or claim 5 wherein the sealant composition further comprises pumicite.
7. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3, claim 5 or claim 6 wherein the sealant composition further comprises pumicite and lime.
8. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 or claims 5 to 7 wherein the sealant composition further comprises pumicite in a pumicite to cement kiln dust weight ratio of about 65/35 to about 80/20, and wherein the sealant composition further comprises lime in an amount of about 5% to about 15% by combined weight of the natural pozzolan and the cement kiln dust.

9. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 or 5 to 8 wherein the sealant composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of fly ash, slag cement, metakaolin, shale, zeolite, and any combination thereof.

10. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 or 5 to 9 wherein the sealant composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a strength-retrogression additive, a set accelerator, a set retarder, a weighting agent, a lightweight additive, a gas-generating additive, a mechanical property enhancing additive, a lost-circulation material, a filtration-control additive, a dispersant, a fluid loss control additive, a defoaming agent, a foaming agent, an oil-swellable particle, a water-swellable particle, a thixotropic additive, and any combination thereof.

11. The method of any one of claims 1 to 3 or 5 to 10 wherein the sealant composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of crystalline silica, amorphous silica, fumed silica, a salt, a fiber, a hydratable clay, a microsphere, rice husk ash, an elastomer, an elastomeric particle, a resin, latex, and any combination thereof.

12. The method of any one of the preceding claims wherein the sealant composition is foamed.

13. The method of any one of the preceding claims wherein the sealant composition is extended.

14. The method of any one of the preceding claims wherein allowing the sealant composition to set comprises allowing the sealant composition to set in an annulus between the subterranean formation and a conduit disposed in the subterranean formation.

15. The method of any one of claims 1 to 13 wherein allowing the sealant composition to set comprises allowing the sealant composition to set so as to seal a void located in a conduit disposed in the subterranean formation, located in a cement sheath in an annulus between the conduit and the subterranean formation, and/or located in an annulus between the cement sheath and the subterranean formation.

16. The method of any one of claims 1 to 13 wherein allowing the sealant composition to set comprises allowing the sealant composition to set so as to seal a portion of a gravel pack.

17. The method according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the sealant composition is a hydraulic sealant composition.

18. A method comprising:
placing a hydraulic sealant composition in a subterranean formation, wherein the hydraulic sealant composition consists essentially of:

pumicite,
lime,
cement kiln dust,
water, and

an additive selected from the group consisting of a strength-retrogression additive, a set accelerator, a set retarder, a weighting agent, a lightweight additive, a gas-generating additive, a mechanical property enhancing additive, a lost-circulation material, a filtration-control additive, a dispersant, a fluid loss control additive, a defoaming agent, a foaming agent, an oil-swellable particle, a water-swellable particle, a thixotropic additive, a gas, and any combination thereof; and

allowing the hydraulic cement composition to set.