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Initiation and Propagation Control of Vertical Hydraulic Fractures in Unconsolidated and Weakly Cemented Sediments

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