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The primary objective of this work is to produce a unique variation of hydrogel specifically designed for the purpose of well plugging. Polyacrylamide was synthesized through radical polymerization and then the Hoffman rearrangement assisted partial amination of polyacrylamide. When heated within the desired temperature range, the polymer was crosslinked with glutaraldehyde to generate a hydrogel. The appropriate gelation concentrations were determined through rheological tests and gel time measurements. The gelation times ranged from 4 to 20 hours, suggesting these doses can be used for various injection methods into the porous formation to form the gel inside the porous media. The Dynamic CT scanning have been conducted for tracking polymer inside chalk core plugs during injection.