

Summary of Opinions

- This well was drilled to total depth safely and successfully and consistent with industry practices.
- The Deepwater Horizon crew and BP's team followed industry practices in conducting formation integrity tests, interpreting those tests and properly managing their mud weights to safely drill each interval.
- The negative pressure test was not properly understood, but the parties involved allowed the displacement to continue.
- While everyone involved had every incentive to get it right and had no incentive to cut corners, they did not properly interpret the test.
- The rig crew failed to properly monitor the well on April 20, 2010 and allowed a kick to go unnoticed until it turned into a blowout.
- Even after recognizing that signs of a kick were present, the Transocean rig crew failed to shut in the well immediately.