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	8	(April 16, 2013)
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07:44	10	THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
08:06	11	THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. You may be
08:06	12	seated.
08:06	13	Do we have any preliminary matters?
08:06	14	MR. DOYEN: Yes, Your Honor. Good morning. Michael
08:06	15	Doyen for Transocean.
08:06	16	I've got the exhibit we exhibit list we
08:06	17	circulated for our examination of Arthur Zatarain with no
08:06	18	objections. I would offer those now.
08:06	19	THE COURT: All right. Any objection to Transocean's
08:06	20	exhibits?
08:06	21	Hearing none, those are admitted.
08:06	22	MR. DOYEN: Thank you, Your Honor.
08:06	23	MR. IRPINO: Good morning, Your Honor. Anthony
08:06	24	Irpino for the PSC.
08:06	25	I have our list of exhibits, call-outs, and

08:06 1 demonstratives that we have used with Mr. Steve Lambert's 2 examination. There are two objections that Transocean has 08:06 raised regarding two of them. We can't work it out. 3 We've 08:06 4 been back and forth. They are two video -- not video, I'm 08:06 5 sorry -- deposition excerpts that were put up on the screen. 08:06 6 Like I said, they weren't objected to at the time. Now 08:06 7 Transocean doesn't feel like they --08:06 8 THE COURT: They were excerpts of whose deposition? 08:06 9 MR. IRPINO: Mr. Lambert's. 08:06 10 THE COURT: Mr. Lambert's deposition? 08:07 11 MR. IRPINO: Yes. 08:07 12 THE COURT: What's the objection? 08:07 MR. BRIAN: Your Honor, Brad Brian for Transocean. 13 08:07 14 We've had discussions about this throughout the 08:07 15 trial. If deposition excerpts used to impeach are not 08:07 themselves exhibits, they're offered for impeachment, they're 16 08:07 17 usually read into the record so that there's a record of them. 08:07 18 Earlier in the trial I think a couple of them 08:07 19 trickled in and then we had discussions and objected to them 08:07 20 after that and the parties withdrew them. I don't feel 08:07 21 strongly about these, but all the parties have used deposition 08:07 22 transcripts to impeach, so we'd have to go back and kind of 08:07 23 redo it, I think. 08:07 24 **THE COURT:** Yeah. Well, I mean, you're right, the 08:07

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usual practice is you ask a witness to confirm or deny that

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08:07	1	that was his testimony or their testimony in the deposition
08:07	2	and if they agree, then it's just read and there's no need to
08:07	3	put the deposition in itself.
08:07	4	I thought that you-all were putting these in. I
08:07	5	didn't have any big problem with it, though.
08:07	6	MR. BRIAN: Our view is, Your Honor, that we should
08:07	7	be consistent. I think
08:07	8	THE COURT: Oh, I agree with that.
08:07	9	MR. BRIAN: The first witness or two, I think there
08:08	10	were a couple that went in
08:08	11	THE COURT: That's what I seem to recall.
08:08	12	MR. BRIAN: After that, I think the parties did not
08:08	13	offer them or there were objections. If Your Honor would
08:08	14	prefer to have all of them, we can go back and do that.
08:08	15	THE COURT: No. I prefer less than more when it
08:08	16	comes to exhibits. I can promise you that.
08:08	17	MR. IRPINO: Your Honor, just to be clear, they've
08:08	18	been coming in based on that at least from our standpoint,
08:08	19	based on that philosophy that they were
08:08	20	THE COURT: Well, you're saying they've been coming
08:08	21	in and Mr. Brian's shaking his head no back there. So why
08:08	22	don't you-all see if they can I really don't have strong
08:08	23	feelings one way or the other. Particularly since it's a bench
08:08	24	trial, it doesn't make any great difference. But there ought
08:08	25	to be consistency. They ought to either be all in or all be

08:08 1 out. And I would rather have them all out, frankly, unless 2 you-all want them in for some reason. 08:08 3 MR. IRPINO: We're finally --08:08 4 THE COURT: If you put it up on the screen and if the 08:08 5 witness said, "Yes, that's what I said," and it's on the 08:08 6 record, I don't know why you need the deposition itself. 08:08 7 MR. IRPINO: The only reason --08:08 8 THE COURT: Now, if the witness denied it, then it 08:08 9 should go in. 08:08 10 Well, we'll do what the Court wants. MR. IRPINO: 08:09 11 THE COURT: Or if the witness quibbled or equivocated 08:09 12 or whatever. 08:09 13 Okay. Why don't you talk to all the parties and 08:09 14 see if you can come to some -- again, I'm -- I don't know if 08:09 15 they have been going in up until now or not, but we want to do 08:09 16 it consistently. 08:09 17 I agree that there should be a record, MR. BRIAN: 08:09 18 Your Honor. 08:09 19 So for now we'll admit all but those two. THE COURT: 08:09 20 Okay? 08:09 21 MR. IRPINO: Okay, Your Honor. 08:09 22 THE COURT: All right. 08:09 23 MR. IRPINO: I'll provide copies. 08:09 24 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else? 08:09 25 Okay. Mr. Godwin. 08:09

08:09	1	MR. GODWIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
08:09	2	THE COURT: Mr. Guide, you're still under oath, sir.
08:09	3	THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.
08:09	4	THE COURT: Okay.
08:10	5	MR. GODWIN: Good morning, Judge. May it please the
08:10	6	Court?
08:10	7	THE COURT: Go ahead.
08:09	8	(WHEREUPON, JOHN GUIDE, having been duly previously
08:09	9	sworn, testified as follows.)
08:10	10	CROSS-EXAMINATION
08:10	11	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:10	12	Q. Good morning, Mr. Guide. How are you, sir?
08:10	13	A. Very good. Thank you.
08:10	14	Q. We met about three years ago, I believe, during the Coast
08:10	15	Guard or MBI hearings, did we not, sir?
08:10	16	A. Yes.
08:10	17	Q. As you know, I'm Don Godwin and I represent Halliburton.
08:10	18	I'm going to be asking you some questions here today. And in
08:10	19	the essence of trying to get you off the stand, because I know
08:10	20	you've already been on for a whole day now, I'm going to try to
08:10	21	go through a lot of things as quickly as I can. And a lot of
08:10	22	the questions and areas that I was going to cover have already
08:10	23	been covered quite well by other counsel.
08:10	24	But I would ask you that as I go through the
08:10	25	questions here for you this morning, should I ask you a
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08:10	1	question that you don't understand, please stop me and let me
08:10	2	know. Because what I want to do is have you understand my
08:10	3	questions and then you give complete answers.
08:10	4	Will you do that, sir?
08:10	5	A. Yes, sir.
08:10	6	Q. Thank you very much.
08:10	7	And I may touch back on a few things that we talked
08:10	8	about yesterday, but it's only to get us back up to speed and
08:11	9	move on to something quickly.
08:11	10	Yesterday, I understood you to say that you were the
08:11	11	wells team leader for the Deepwater Horizon since September of
08:11	12	2007. Do you remember that?
08:11	13	A. Yes, sir.
08:11	14	Q. Okay, sir.
08:11	15	And I believe you said also that in that role as the
08:11	16	wells team leader since September of 2007, that you were
08:11	17	accountable for safety and operations on the Deepwater Horizon.
08:11	18	Did I understand that correctly?
08:11	19	A. Yes, sir.
08:11	20	Q. Okay. Thank you.
08:11	21	And I understood you to say that the wells site
08:11	22	leaders on the Deepwater Horizon reported to you all during
08:11	23	that period of time from September of 2007 through the time of
08:11	24	the incident on April 20th, 2010. Did I understand that
08:11	25	correctly?

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08:11	1	A. I think that we clarified sometime about the changes in
08:11	2	the titles. So, actually, in the very middle of 2008, April of
08:11	3	2008 to April of 2009, they actually reported to somebody else.
08:11	4	But April of 2009 to the time of the accident, yes, they did.
08:12	5	Q. At April of 2010, during that time period, say, certainly
08:12	6	in March and April, you were the wells team leader and the well
08:12	7	site leaders reported to you?
08:12	8	A. Yes, sir, that's correct.
08:12	9	MR. GODWIN: If we can, let's pull up D-4800, please.
08:12	10	4800.
08:12	11	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:12	12	Q. I just want to go back over a document that yesterday
08:12	13	Ms. Karis showed to you, if we can, please. D-4800.
08:12	14	Okay. Here we have a document again. It appears to
08:12	15	be somewhat of what we might refer to as an organizational
08:12	16	chart. Is that a correct way of describing this?
08:12	17	A. Yes, sir.
08:12	18	${f Q}$. Okay. As it pertained to the Macondo drilling team as of
08:12	19	April 20th, 2010. And it shows here Pat O'Bryan was the vice
08:12	20	president for drilling and completions, and then he had people
08:12	21	reporting to them. And it appears, at least on the chart, that
08:13	22	you reported to David Sims.
08:13	23	And as I understand it, you reported to Mr. Sims as
08:13	24	of April 20th, 2010. Is that correct?
08:13	25	A. Yes.

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08:13	1	Q. Okay. And down below it shows that Mr. Cocales reported
08:13	2	to you as the senior operations engineer. Now, I understood
08:13	3	you to be in charge of operations but not in charge of
08:13	4	engineering. Correct?
08:13	5	A. That's correct.
08:13	6	Q. And the drilling engineers that were there working on the
08:13	7	well were mainly Mr. Mark Hafle, Mr. Cocales, Mr. Morel, and
08:13	8	Mr. Greg Walz. Those were the drilling engineers?
08:13	9	A. Yes, sir. In April, yes, sir.
08:13	10	Q. I understand. I'm talking about that time frame just now.
08:13	11	A. Okay.
08:13	12	Q. And if you will, help me with this, if you will, please,
08:13	13	and the Court, why was Mr. Cocales, as a senior operations
08:13	14	engineer who was also a drilling engineer, why was he reporting
08:13	15	to you as of April of 2010?
08:13	16	A. The structure that was set up was all the wells teams and
08:13	17	operations teams had what was called a senior operations
08:14	18	engineer. He or she was either a drilling engineer or a
08:14	19	completion engineer, but he didn't actually write the drilling
08:14	20	programs or the completion programs. He was there to help me
08:14	21	with operational issues. Like the rig audit was a good
08:14	22	example.
08:14	23	Q. Right.
08:14	24	A. He was also there to add continuity when the drilling
08:14	25	team, i.e., like the Mark and the Brians, were actually putting
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08:14	1	together the well plan to make sure that any of the
08:14	2	idiosyncrasies with the rig, in this particular case the
08:14	3	Horizon, were included into the well plan.
08:14	4	Q. Okay. Thank you.
08:14	5	And I believe you said yesterday that while you were
08:14	6	not not a member or involved with or over the drilling
08:14	7	engineers, that you gave them suggestions certainly during the
08:14	8	production casing interval on the well. Did I understand that
08:14	9	correctly?
08:14	10	A. Yes.
08:14	11	Q. Tell us, if you will, please, what suggestions or advice
08:15	12	were you giving to the drilling engineers there during that
08:15	13	March and April time frame of 2010?
08:15	14	A. Can you be more specific? March and April, we made a lot
08:15	15	of decisions in March and April.
08:15	16	Q. Okay. But in terms of your giving input to the drilling
08:15	17	engineers, you said you were giving them input, you were giving
08:15	18	them advice. Give us some examples of what you were giving to
08:15	19	the drilling engineers in the March and April 2010 time frame.
08:15	20	A. So when we were actually drilling the well?
08:15	21	Q. Yes, sir.
08:15	22	A. We would we would so the way this the way it
08:15	23	really worked is that we would have a morning meeting every
08:15	24	day.
08:15	25	Q. Yes, sir.

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08:15	1	A. So you have everyone on the team and all the third-party
08:15	2	contractors we would just discuss the daily operation and
08:15	3	what was going forward. And in that there were both
08:15	4	operational and engineering discussions.
08:16	5	And if we talked about, when we were drilling, what
08:16	6	kind of PWD readings we were we wanted to wanted to live
08:16	7	with, what kind of what mud properties when we were
08:16	8	drilling. And then on the when we would stop and set a
08:16	9	string of casing, just if they had any if they had any if
08:16	10	they asked me any questions or asked me to give them any
08:16	11	opinion about something, then I would offer it up.
08:16	12	Q. All right. Thank you, sir.
08:16	13	Now, if we can, let's go over here to the
08:16	14	organizational chart again where it talks about those people
08:16	15	reporting to you, the wells site leaders. And it shows there
08:16	16	as of April 2010, and it lists Ronnie Sepulvado, who's
08:16	17	testified here in court, Mr. Don Vidrine, who has not testified
08:16	18	and has refused to testify.
08:16	19	You're aware of that, are you not?
08:16	20	A. Yes, I am.
08:16	21	Q. And Mr. Earl Lee, he has not testified, and Mr. Murry
08:16	22	Sepulvado has not testified here live in court either as being
08:16	23	people that reported to you.
08:16	24	It doesn't show Mr. Bob Kaluza there as one of the
08:17	25	well site leaders that was reporting to you. Is that an
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08:17	1	omission from this organizational chart or an error?
08:17	2	A. Oh, I don't think it's an omission
08:17	3	Q. I'm not saying intentional. I'm just saying he was
08:17	4	obviously one of the well site leaders from April 16 through
08:17	5	April 20. And to accurately have the organizational chart, was
08:17	6	he reporting to you or was he reporting to someone else during
08:17	7	that four-day period?
08:17	8	A. He was he was reporting to me. He was filling in for
08:17	9	Mr. Sepulvado
08:17	10	Q. Right.
08:17	11	A for the four-day period.
08:17	12	His official boss, his permanent boss was Tony
08:17	13	Emerson, but during that period of time, he was reporting to
08:17	14	me.
08:17	15	${f Q}.$ Okay. And so for the chart to be complete, as far as the
08:17	16	well site leaders reporting to you as of April 2010, it would
08:17	17	also include Mr. Bob Kaluza, would it not?
08:17	18	A. Yes, sir.
08:17	19	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:17	20	Now, in terms you said that you had worked with
08:17	21	the Halliburton folks for a number of years?
08:17	22	A. Yes, sir.
08:17	23	Q. Generally, sir, from the cementing standpoint, had you had
08:18	24	experience with the Halliburton folks for a number of years?
08:18	25	A. Yes, going back to 1980.

08:18	1	Q. What was your overall general perception of Halliburton as
08:18	2	far as its knowledge in the cementing industry and how it was
08:18	3	known, sir?
08:18	4	A. I enjoyed working with Halliburton.
08:18	5	Q. Okay, sir. Did you believe that it was one of the leaders
08:18	6	in the industry in cementing?
08:18	7	A. Yes, sir.
08:18	8	Q. Worldwide? And a company that you trusted and liked to
08:18	9	work with?
08:18	10	A. Yes, sir.
08:18	11	Q. When given the opportunity?
08:18	12	A. Yes.
08:18	13	Q. Okay, sir. And during the period that you were the wells
08:18	14	team leader for that two-and-a-half-year period, did you have
08:18	15	occasion to interface with Jesse Gagliano?
08:18	16	A. Yes, sir, I did.
08:18	17	Q. Okay. And was that there in the Houston office for BP?
08:18	18	A. Yes, sir.
08:18	19	Q. Okay. And did you find that Jesse tried to be
08:18	20	accommodating and tried to perform his job in a manner that was
08:18	21	consistent with the requests and the needs of BP?
08:19	22	A. Yes, sir.
08:19	23	Q. Okay. Did you trust Jesse during that two-and-a-half-year
08:19	24	period to do what you expected him to do on behalf of BP
08:19	25	insofar as the jobs that he was performing?
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08:19	1	A. I did trust him, yes.
08:19	2	Q. Okay, sir. And I believe you said yesterday that there
08:19	3	was some issue right at the end regarding maybe the timeliness
08:19	4	in getting some reports back and things like that. You
08:19	5	mentioned that in an e-mail that the TO that the Transocean
08:19	6	lawyer brought out. Do you recall that?
08:19	7	A. I do, sir.
08:19	8	Q. But in terms of what you as the wells team leader were
08:19	9	looking for, did you get from Jesse Gagliano what you, as the
08:19	10	wells team leader, was looking for in connection with the job
08:19	11	that he was doing for BP?
08:19	12	A. Yes, sir, I did.
08:19	13	Q. You got everything you asked for, did you not, sir, from
08:19	14	Jesse?
08:19	15	A. He supplied the information that I needed.
08:19	16	Q. And gave it to you, and you believed you relied on that
08:19	17	information?
08:19	18	A. Well, I definitely relied on it, yes.
08:19	19	Q. Was there if there was a time when you felt that you
08:19	20	needed to talk to Jesse or strike that.
08:20	21	Was there a time at any time in the
08:20	22	two-and-a-half-year period that you worked with Mr. Gagliano,
08:20	23	with Jesse, was there a time that you felt like you needed to
08:20	24	visit with him about any of the information he had provided
08:20	25	you?

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08:20	1	A. Yeah. We talked about it on a regular basis. We would
08:20	2	talk about the cement jobs mainly as part of the morning call.
08:20	3	Q. And whenever you talked to Jesse about the work that he
08:20	4	was providing to you as the wells team leader, did you find him
08:20	5	receptive to your questions?
08:20	6	A. Yes.
08:20	7	Q. Did you find that he was willing to make whatever
08:20	8	adjustments needed to be made in order to try to get you what
08:20	9	you needed so you could make good, sound, solid decisions for
08:20	10	BP?
08:20	11	A. Yes, that's correct.
08:20	12	Q. Okay, sir.
08:20	13	And isn't it true that other than right there at
08:20	14	the end when there was some issue about getting information
08:20	15	back on a timely basis, you didn't hear people, in the
08:20	16	two-and-a-half-year period, complain about Jesse Gagliano, did
08:21	17	you?
08:21	18	A. No, sir, not really.
08:21	19	Q. Okay. Thank you.
08:21	20	Now, was you, of course, worked also, I believe
08:21	21	you said, around the TO folks and certainly around your BP
08:21	22	people. Was it your perception, Mr. Guide, that in working
08:21	23	around the BP folks that were involved in the Macondo well, the
08:21	24	Transocean people and the Halliburton people, was it your
08:21	25	perception that everybody was really trying to get it right?

08:21 1	A. Yes, not just those but the remainder of our contractors.
08:21 2	Q. And all the contractors, they were all trying to get it
08:21 3	done. Nobody was intentionally trying to do anything that was
08:21 4	designed to hurt anybody or bring harm to any property, were
08:21 5	they?
08:21 6	A. No. I think that the whole team the way it worked
08:21 7	together, I think the testament is that that's why that's
08:21 8	why the operation was so successful, because everyone worked
08:21 9	together so good, all the different contractors, and you've got
08:21 10	to remember the Tiger Team. You know, it was just like I
08:22 11	said, it was a well-run operation.
08:22 12	Q. And you in the two and a half years that you worked
08:22 13	around Jesse, did you ever observe him doing a single thing
08:22 14	that you thought was reckless in any way whatsoever?
08:22 15	A. No, I didn't.
08:22 16	Q. Did you in the two and a half years approximately that
08:22 17	you worked around Jesse Gagliano, did you ever observe him
08:22 18	doing anything that you thought was careless in the performance
08:22 19	of his duties on behalf of BP?
08:22 20	A. No, I didn't.
08:22 21	Q. Did you in the two and a half years approximately that
08:22 22	you worked around Jesse Gagliano, did you ever observe him
08:22 23	doing anything that you thought was intentionally intended to
08:22 24	bring harm to any of the men and women there on the
08:22 25	Deepwater Horizon?

08:22	1	A. No. No, not at all.
08:22	2	Q. Did you interface other than with Jesse, did you
08:22	3	interface with any of the other Halliburton folks during that
08:22	4	time that you were the wells team leader, sir?
08:22	5	A. Yes. There were numerous different services that I
08:22	6	interfaced with.
08:22	7	Q. And the mud logging people?
08:23	8	A. And the Sperry-Sun directional drilling people.
08:23	9	${f Q.}$ Okay. What was your overall perception of those people as
08:23	10	the wells team leader?
08:23	11	A. Well, I really liked working with the Sperry-Sun folks.
08:23	12	In fact, the two directional drillers on the rig I had known
08:23	13	for a long time and I requested that they actually be on the
08:23	14	rig.
08:23	15	Q. Okay, sir. And did you without getting into the
08:23	16	details, because of time, of each and every person for
08:23	17	Halliburton that you knew that was working on the Macondo
08:23	18	project on the Deepwater Horizon, did you ever observe any
08:23	19	Halliburton employee do anything that you thought was reckless
08:23	20	in nature?
08:23	21	A. No, I never did.
08:23	22	Q. Did you ever observe, while you were the wells team
08:23	23	leader, any Halliburton employee do anything at any time that
08:23	24	you thought was careless?
08:23	25	A. No, I didn't.

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08:23	1	Q. Or that was designed to take advantage of BP in any way
08:23	2	whatsoever?
08:23	3	A. No, I didn't.
08:23	4	Q. Or violate any of BP's mandates or policies?
08:24	5	A. No, sir, I didn't.
08:24	6	Q. Or procedures?
08:24	7	A. No.
08:24	8	Q. Okay, sir.
08:24	9	With regard let's, if we can, please you
08:24	10	defined well control yesterday I wrote it down as "a risk
08:24	11	of losing wellbore in an uncontrolled situation."
08:24	12	Do you recall that?
08:24	13	A. Yes, sir.
08:24	14	Q. And will you explain a little bit more what you mean by
08:24	15	that, sir, "well control"?
08:24	16	A. Well control is maintaining a sufficient control over the
08:24	17	well at all times.
08:24	18	Q. And why is that important?
08:24	19	A. Well, because I'm sorry, it's an easy question to
08:24	20	answer. I'm just trying to figure out the right way to put it.
08:24	21	Q. I understand, sir.
08:25	22	A. It's the most it's the biggest risk that you have, and
08:25	23	so it's something that everyone trains for and and that's
08:25	24	why it's so important. It is a low consequence I'm sorry, a
08:25	25	low probability, but the consequences can be very severe.

08:25	1	Q. And would you agree that the loss of well control can
08:25	2	result to a risk that may not be controlled very well?
08:25	3	A. That's correct.
08:25	4	Q. Do you believe there was a loss of well control on the
08:25	5	Deepwater Horizon prior to the blowout?
08:25	6	A. Prior to the blowout?
08:25	7	Q. Yes, sir. At the time of the blowout, leading up to the
08:25	8	blowout, do you believe there had been a lack or a loss of well
08:25	9	control?
08:25	10	A. Yes, sir, there was a loss of well control.
08:25	11	${f Q}.$ And that that loss of well control was, in fact, what
08:25	12	ultimately caused the gas to reach the surface and ignite, is
08:25	13	it not?
08:25	14	A. That's correct.
08:25	15	Q. And the loss of well control is what ultimately led to the
08:25	16	blowout of the Macondo well; isn't that correct?
08:25	17	A. That's correct.
08:25	18	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:26	19	Let's take a look, if we can and who was in charge
08:26	20	of the well control there on the Deepwater Horizon on
08:26	21	April 20th, 2010?
08:26	22	A. That's Transocean.
08:26	23	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:26	24	MR. GODWIN: Let's take a look here at exhibit
08:26	25	Ms. Karis called it yesterday TREX-757. I'll ask that if you

08:26	1	will, Rob, pull that up, please.
08:26	2	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:26	3	Q. We have here a document on the front page and I'm just
08:26	4	going to go through it very briefly with you, sir. The very
08:26	5	front page up at the top there shows "Risk Register for
08:26	6	Project." You'll see that up at the upper left-hand corner.
08:26	7	You can see it on your screen. Do you see that, sir?
08:26	8	A. Yes, sir, I do.
08:26	9	Q. And this is for the Macondo well?
08:26	10	A. Yes, sir.
08:26	11	Q. Okay, sir. And I believe you told Ms. Karis yesterday
08:26	12	that you had seen this document before?
08:26	13	A. Yes, sir, I have.
08:26	14	Q. Okay. And it was a document that was prepared by BP;
08:26	15	correct?
08:26	16	A. Yes, sir.
08:26	17	${f Q}$. Okay. And when look here at the let's look at the very
08:26	18	first one. We're talking about well control, the very first
08:27	19	line there under "Risk/Opportunity" and the "Event
08:27	20	Description/Impact," where it shows "Well Control." Do you see
08:27	21	that, sir?
08:27	22	A. Yes, sir.
08:27	23	Q. And then it shows there the "Event Description/Impact."
08:27	24	Read to Judge Barbier, if you will, please, what it
08:27	25	says there as the event description next to well control.
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08:27	1	A. "Potential well control problem, risk of losing the
08:27	2	wellbore in an uncontrolled situation."
08:27	3	Q. That's almost verbatim the definition you gave us
08:27	4	yesterday gave Judge Barbier yesterday of well control when
08:27	5	you said it was a risk of losing wellbore in an uncontrolled
08:27	6	situation, wasn't it?
08:27	7	A. Yes, sir.
08:27	8	${f Q}.$ And you go on over and it shows there that the owner of
08:27	9	this is Mark Hafle. And what is that referring to? Mark
08:27	10	Hafle, how would he be the owner of that?
08:27	11	A. It was just terminology that we used on the risk register
08:27	12	that he would have been the person that identified this and
08:27	13	then would have been the person that would have helped
08:27	14	incorporate any of the mitigational steps into the well plan.
08:28	15	Q. Okay, sir.
08:28	16	"Potential well control problem, risk of losing the
08:28	17	wellbore in an uncontrolled situation," that's exactly what
08:28	18	resulted on the Macondo well, isn't it?
08:28	19	A. Yes, sir.
08:28	20	Q. Okay. Let's go over to the next page, which is the last
08:28	21	page here. And let's go down to Item No. 19 under "Zonal
08:28	22	Isolation." We have here zonal isolation
08:28	23	MR. GODWIN: Pull that up, Rob, please. Thank you.
08:28	24	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:28	25	Q. If you will, here, Mr. Guide, follow long with me where it

08:28	1	says "Zonal Isolation." Read to Judge Barbier what it says
08:28	2	there next to "Zonal Isolation."
08:28	3	A. "Risk of a good cement job on the 9 7/8 production
08:28	4	string."
08:28	5	Q. Again, that shows Mr. Mark Hafle?
08:28	6	A. Yes, sir.
08:28	7	Q. What do you mean what do you believe that means there,
08:28	8	"a risk of a good cement job on the 9 7/8 production casing"?
08:28	9	A. It's the risk of not achieving proper zonal isolation.
08:28	10	Q. When you don't achieve proper zonal isolation, there is a
08:28	11	way of remedying that issue, is there not?
08:28	12	A. Yeah, there are several ways to remedy it. Yes.
08:29	13	Q. And is one of those a squeeze job?
08:29	14	A. Yes.
08:29	15	Q. We've heard about that here in court over the last couple
08:29	16	of months.
08:29	17	And in order to determine if there has been an issue
08:29	18	with zonal isolation, are there tests to determine that?
08:29	19	A. Yes, there's several there's several different tests.
08:29	20	Q. Okay, sir. Is one them a negative pressure test?
08:29	21	A. That well, no, the negative pressure test isn't going
08:29	22	to necessarily tell you if you have zonal isolation. It's
08:29	23	going to tell you you have wellbore integrity.
08:29	24	Q. Okay. Would that then be would that be the CBL? Would
08:29	25	that be one that would tell you if you have proper zonal

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08:29	1	isolation?
08:29	2	A. It would be one of the tools, yes, sir.
08:29	3	Q. Okay, sir. That CBL, we've already heard, was not run on
08:29	4	this rig?
08:29	5	A. That's correct. It was not run at that time.
08:29	6	Q. On this well, excuse me.
08:29	7	And so would you agree with me that the lack of zonal
08:29	8	isolation does not does not result in a blowout?
08:29	9	A. That's right, it doesn't.
08:30	10	Q. In other words, would you also agree with me that when
08:30	11	you talked yesterday about the barriers in the well, you
08:30	12	mentioned the mud column and you talked about when that was
08:30	13	being removed during the displacement and replaced with the
08:30	14	lighter seawater, that when you remove the mud barrier, you've
08:30	15	removed the barrier from the well, have you not?
08:30	16	A. Yes.
08:30	17	${f Q}$. Okay. Would you agree with me, sir, that cement is not
08:30	18	intended to be a barrier in the well until it is properly
08:30	19	tested?
08:30	20	A. Well, I sort of well, the cement is intended to be a
08:30	21	barrier.
08:30	22	Q. And you have to test it?
08:30	23	A. That's correct.
08:30	24	Q. In order to rely upon it as a barrier, it has to be tested
08:30	25	to make sure that it is there and properly placed?

08:30	1	A. That's right. So it meets the criteria of what it's going
08:30	2	to be placed in.
08:30	3	Q. You, as a wells team leader, would never rely upon cement
08:30	4	as a barrier unless it had been properly tested, would you?
08:30	5	A. That's correct.
08:30	6	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:30	7	Yesterday, you told us that you'd had experience with
08:31	8	centralizers for many, many years.
08:31	9	A. Yes, sir, I have.
08:31	10	Q. You said that in some wells you've been involved in,
08:31	11	deepwater wells in the past, centralizers have not been used?
08:31	12	A. That's correct.
08:31	13	Q. And that, likewise, you've been in an equal number of
08:31	14	wells maybe even more so where centralizers were used,
08:32	15	some number of centralizers; correct?
08:32	16	A. The exact percentage, I'm not sure, but, yes, I've been in
08:32	17	wells with centralizers.
08:32	18	Q. And centralizers are there in order to, really, centralize
08:32	19	the pipe. You would agree with that, would you not?
08:32	20	A. Yes, yes, that's what they're for.
08:32	21	Q. And would you agree that even with the hole going down, a
08:32	22	straight hole, that a pipe will not always stay straight
08:32	23	without the aid of centralizers, without centralization?
08:32	24	A. Yeah. You can't tell, you're right.
08:32	25	Q. You can't tell?

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08:32	1	A. Right.
08:32	2	Q. And generally, as a general rule, the further down you go,
08:32	3	the longer the string, the more the more advisable it is to
08:32	4	have some number of centralizers down there to try to
08:32	5	centralize the pipe; isn't that correct? Would you agree with
08:32	6	that as a general premise?
08:32	7	A. I don't know if I would agree with that or not.
08:32	8	Q. Okay. And is one of the reasons that you want to have a
08:32	9	pipe centralized is to aid in allowing the cement to be placed
08:32	10	where it should be?
08:33	11	A. Yes, that's correct.
08:33	12	Q. Because if you don't have cement placed where it should
08:33	13	be, you could end up with some degree of channeling, could you
08:33	14	not?
08:33	15	A. That's one of the things.
08:33	16	Q. One of the things that could result is channeling.
08:33	17	And channeling is not a good thing, is it?
08:33	18	A. It's not, depending on where it happens.
08:33	19	Q. Okay, sir. Even if BP had operational reasons for not
08:33	20	running all recommended centralizers, would you, Mr. Guide,
08:33	21	agree that a lack of adequate centralization can lead to
08:33	22	channeling during the cement job?
08:33	23	A. It could, yes.
08:33	24	Q. And the only way to confirm that zonal isolation is to run
08:33	25	a CBL. Would you agree with that as well?
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08:33	1	A. The only way to confirm, I'm so let me think about
08:33	2	that.
08:33	3	Q. The way to confirm that you have zonal isolation is to
08:33	4	or one of the ways to do is with a CBL. Would you agree with
08:33	5	that?
08:33	6	A. Yes, one of the ways is with a CBL.
08:33	7	Q. Yes, sir.
08:33	8	You said yesterday that without running a CBL,
08:34	9	you're, in effect, estimating whether or not you have zonal
08:34	10	isolation. As I understood it, you said you estimated it?
08:34	11	A. That's correct.
08:34	12	Q. Whereas, when you want to know for certain, you would run
08:34	13	a CBL, which was not done here?
08:34	14	A. That's correct.
08:34	15	Q. You said also, as I recall, that full returns and lift
08:34	16	pressure are indications that a cement job is executed as
08:34	17	planned. Did I understand that correctly?
08:34	18	A. Yes, those are several of the indicators.
08:34	19	Q. Those are two of them, for sure, full returns and lift
08:34	20	pressure. We've heard a lot about that here in the courtroom.
08:34	21	A. Okay. Yes, they're a good indicator.
08:34	22	Q. But those things do not confirm zonal isolation without a
08:34	23	CBL being run, do they? The fact that they're indicators does
08:34	24	not mean that you've got zonal isolation until you test it with
08:34	25	a CBL. Would you agree with that?

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08:34	1	A. Well, you don't test it with a CBL; a CBL gives you
08:34	2	indicators.
08:34	3	Q. Okay. Right. Okay, sir.
08:34	4	I understood you to say yesterday that you had never
08:35	5	been involved with a with a negative pressure test that was
08:35	6	not successful. Do I remember that correctly?
08:35	7	A. I personally have none of the operations that I was
08:35	8	involved with, but I I was familiar with a situation where
08:35	9	one was not.
08:35	10	${f Q.}$ Okay, sir. But in terms of what I wrote down was that you
08:35	11	personally had never been involved in one that was not
08:35	12	successful?
08:35	13	A. That is correct.
08:35	14	Q. Okay. As you just now said and I appreciate that,
08:35	15	sir that you had heard about a situation, but it was not one
08:35	16	that you were directly involved with?
08:35	17	A. That's correct.
08:35	18	Q. Okay, sir.
08:35	19	And the negative pressure test being misinterpreted,
08:35	20	to you, is a very serious thing, is it not?
08:35	21	A. Yes. Yes, sir, it is.
08:35	22	Q. Because when you misinterpret a negative pressure test,
08:35	23	that's some indication that somebody's not getting it right.
08:35	24	Whether or not they're doing it intentionally or otherwise,
08:35	25	they're not getting it right when they misinterpret the

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08:36	1	negative pressure test. You would agree with that, wouldn't
08:36	2	you?
08:36	3	A. Yes, sir, I agree with that.
08:36	4	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:36	5	Now, with regard to the negative pressure test that
08:36	6	was performed here on the Macondo well, as I understood you to
08:36	7	say in your deposition, you approved of the performance of one
08:36	8	negative pressure test. Correct?
08:36	9	A. Of the performance oh, I'm sorry.
08:36	10	Q. Were you involved in the design of one negative pressure
08:36	11	test?
08:36	12	A. I was involved well, I gave some input to it later,
08:36	13	yes.
08:36	14	${f Q}.$ Were you aware prior to the blowout that more than one
08:36	15	negative pressure test had been attempted there on the Macondo
08:36	16	well?
08:36	17	A. I wasn't aware prior to the blowout, no.
08:36	18	${f Q.}$ Okay. That was my point, is that you thought there was
08:36	19	going to be one negative pressure test. Is that correct?
08:36	20	A. That's correct.
08:36	21	Q. Okay. Were you called by anyone there on the well prior
08:37	22	to after the first negative pressure test was attempted but
08:37	23	before the second one was begun, were you called to have
08:37	24	anybody discuss that with you?
08:37	25	A. No, but I wish they did.

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08:37	1	Q. Okay, sir. I want to ask you about that.
08:37	2	When you say you wish they had called you to talk
08:37	3	about it, why did you wish somebody there on the rig had called
08:37	4	you to tell you that there had been an issue with the first
08:37	5	negative pressure test and that a second one was going to be
08:37	6	performed, if you will, please, sir?
08:37	7	A. Because maybe I could have given some input on how they
08:37	8	should further investigate what the anomalies are.
08:37	9	${f Q.}$ Had you been called, Mr. Guide, and told that there was
08:37	10	1400 pounds of pressure on the drill pipe and zero on the kill
08:37	11	line, what, if anything, would you have done immediately upon
08:37	12	hearing that?
08:37	13	A. Well, the first thing I would have said is I would have
08:38	14	asked for more information, but I would tell them not to
08:38	15	proceed; they need to figure out why that why that was
08:38	16	actually being seen.
08:38	17	Q. "Stop and investigate," is that what you would have said?
08:38	18	A. Yes, sir, I would have.
08:38	19	Q. "Don't go any further."
08:38	20	You would not have allowed the displacement of the
08:38	21	heavier mud to be displaced with seawater had you known there
08:38	22	was an issue with the differentials in the pressure on the
08:38	23	drill pipe and the kill line, would you?
08:38	24	A. I would have asked them to stop and investigate.
08:38	25	Q. You would not have allowed the displacement to go forward

08:38	1	until you had cleared up whatever that issue was, would you,
08:38	2	sir?
08:38	3	A. Yes, sir.
08:38	4	Q. You would not, would you?
08:38	5	A. I would not.
08:38	6	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:38	7	Let me ask you this, fast-forwarding past the event,
08:38	8	and then we'll go back briefly to some of the items.
08:38	9	After the event of the horrendous, horrific blowout
08:38	10	on the 20th of April, did you speak with either Don Vidrine or
08:39	11	Bob Kaluza, say, about anything pertaining to that negative
08:39	12	pressure test?
08:39	13	A. I spoke with Bob Kaluza.
08:39	14	Q. And how about Mr. Vidrine? Did you talk to him after the
08:39	15	event?
08:39	16	A. I did not.
08:39	17	Q. How long after the event did you talk and I don't mean
08:39	18	to play it down when I say "event," the blowout.
08:39	19	How long after the blowout, the event, was it that
08:39	20	you talked to Bob Kaluza?
08:39	21	A. It was about four or five days.
08:39	22	Q. Okay, sir. Where was that?
08:39	23	A. It was I was in West Lake 4 in Houston.
08:39	24	Q. Yes, sir.
08:39	25	A. Mr. Kaluza was at his home in Las Vegas.

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08:39	1	Q. And did you call him or he call you?
08:39	2	A. We called him.
08:39	3	Q. Okay. And tell me, if you will, please, what it was
08:39	4	Mr. Kaluza said to you during that call about four to five days
08:39	5	after the event.
08:39	6	A. We I was with another gentleman his name is Keith
08:39	7	Daigle and what we were trying to determine, really, is
08:39	8	how how the actual negative test was configured. We had
08:40	9	we had the data from the Sperry-Sun mud log.
08:40	10	Q. Yes, sir.
08:40	11	A. But we didn't know the exact configuration or how how
08:40	12	it was lined up, you know, what was open, what wasn't open
08:40	13	and we were trying to get from Bob, you know, how the
08:40	14	configuration was so we could try to match up the data we had
08:40	15	from the Sperry-Sun unit with the events.
08:40	16	Q. Right. And what did Mr. Kaluza say to you, if anything,
08:40	17	about what had been done during the negative pressure test
08:40	18	A. He
08:40	19	Q with specific reference to the differences in
08:40	20	pressures?
08:40	21	A. He did mention the difference in the pressures.
08:40	22	Q. And what did he say in that regard, sir?
08:40	23	A. We asked him about it, and he said that it was explained
08:40	24	to him as a bladder effect.
08:40	25	Q. And who did he say explained it to him?

08:41	1	A. The folks from Transocean.
08:41	2	Q. Okay, sir. Well, did you ask him if he had ever heard of
08:41	3	the bladder effect before he mentioned it to you in that phone
08:41	4	call?
08:41	5	A. No.
08:41	6	THE COURT: No, you didn't ask him? Or no, he
08:41	7	didn't he'd never heard of it?
08:41	8	THE WITNESS: No, sir, I didn't ask him.
08:41	9	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:41	10	Q. Okay, sir. So
08:41	11	MR. GODWIN: Judge, thank you.
08:41	12	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:41	13	Q. So during the call so we make sure we understand
08:41	14	Mr. Kaluza's on the phone with you and it sounded like one or
08:41	15	more other people
08:41	16	A. Yes, Mr. Daigle.
08:41	17	Q. and they're who?
08:41	18	A. Mr. Keith Daigle.
08:41	19	Q. Mr. Keith Daigle.
08:41	20	And during that call, when you were talking about the
08:41	21	differences in the pressure on the kill line and the drill
08:41	22	pipe, he said that the regarding the differentials in the
08:41	23	pressures that the bladder effect was brought up, and you
08:41	24	said he told you that somebody from Transocean was the one
08:41	25	that brought that up; is that correct?

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08:41	1	MR. BRIAN: Objection, asked and answered.
08:41	2	THE COURT: Yeah, he's already answered that.
08:41	3	MR. GODWIN: Thank you, Your Honor.
08:41	4	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:41	5	Q. All right, sir.
08:42	6	Had you in your 30-plus years of being in the
08:42	7	petroleum industry, had you ever heard of the bladder effect
08:42	8	before?
08:42	9	A. Not in that context, no.
08:42	10	Q. Okay, sir.
08:42	11	Well, did Mr. Keith Daigle say to you whether or not
08:42	12	he had ever heard of the bladder effect in the context of what
08:42	13	Mr. Kaluza was talking about?
08:42	14	A. He had never heard of it either.
08:42	15	Q. Okay, sir.
08:42	16	MR. GODWIN: Let's take a look, if we can, please, at
08:43	17	TREX-21099.
08:43	18	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:43	19	Q. Sir, we have here an e-mail from Mr. David Sims to you,
08:43	20	and I want to ask you about just one part of it, if we can,
08:43	21	please. Go down to the last paragraph here. This was an
08:43	22	e-mail from Mr. Sims. And he was your boss on April 17th;
08:43	23	correct?
08:43	24	A. Yes, he was.
08:43	25	Q. And he sent you an e-mail, to you only, "Discussion, The
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08:43	1	way we work with engineering." And when we go down to the
08:43	2	next-to-the-last paragraph where it says, "I don't think
08:43	3	anything has changed with respect to engineering and
08:43	4	operations"
08:43	5	A. Yes, sir.
08:43	6	Q. what I'm really interested in is the sentence there,
08:43	7	the third sentence, that says: "If we had more time to plan
08:43	8	this casing job, I think all this would have been worked out
08:44	9	before it got to the rig."
08:44	10	What did you understand Mr. Sims to be talking about
08:44	11	there?
08:44	12	A. The original plan was for a long string, and we were
08:44	13	all the equipment and all the people were mobilized for that.
08:44	14	The engineering folks wanted to have an option on the rig to
08:44	15	run a liner.
08:44	16	Q. Yes, sir.
08:44	17	A. And that wasn't a part of the original plan, and he was
08:44	18	referring to the fact that we had to get we had to mobilize
08:44	19	and get this additional equipment out. And so we sort of had
08:44	20	to get that done in a hurry.
08:44	21	Q. Okay. Get it done in a hurry. All right.
08:44	22	And did you get the sense that Mr. Sims thought that
08:45	23	having to make the decision regarding the casing was something
08:45	24	that he was being pressed for time on, as evidenced here by
08:45	25	his by his e-mail?

08:45	1	A. No.
08:45	2	Q. "If we had more time"
08:45	3	A. No. I the way the way I understood it is that we
08:45	4	we had one we had the option usually usually, we would
08:45	5	have a plan and then we would have contingencies.
08:45	6	Q. Yes, sir.
08:45	7	A. In this particular case, we had two plans.
08:45	8	Q. All right.
08:45	9	A. And it was we could either run a long string or we could
08:45	10	run the liner. And they wanted the option the engineers
08:45	11	wanted the option to be able to make that decision after this
08:45	12	conditioning trip.
08:45	13	So we had to mobilize all the additional equipment.
08:45	14	And, as I mentioned before, the option to run the liner
08:45	15	required different equipment, different people. And so that's
08:45	16	what it was in reference to.
08:45	17	Q. Okay. All right. Thank you. I appreciate that.
08:45	18	I want to go back to something, if I can, please, and
08:46	19	close out on a document that was the subject of it was
08:46	20	discussed briefly.
08:46	21	MR. GODWIN: Let's look at TREX-01140.
08:46	22	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:46	23	Q. This is an e-mail from Mr. Brett Cocales, who reported to
08:46	24	you. It was to Mr. Adam Salmi and a copy to you, as well as a
08:46	25	number of others.

08:46	1	Do you see that up at the top, sir, dated March 11?
08:46	2	A. Yes.
08:46	3	Q. And down at the bottom, if you will
08:46	4	MR. GODWIN: Let's go down and look at the very
08:46	5	bottom of it first so we can identify the e-mail at the bottom
08:46	6	of the page, if you will, please, Rob.
08:46	7	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:46	8	Q. It starts down here at the bottom where Adam Salmi is
08:46	9	writing to Brett and "Brett, any update on the Horizon
08:46	10	schedule?"
08:46	11	And then we go to the next e-mail, which is really
08:46	12	the one I want to talk about very briefly, and it's dated
08:46	13	March 11th.
08:46	14	This was some three days after a kick had been
08:46	15	experienced on the Macondo well, isn't it, sir, which was on
08:46	16	March 8 of '11
08:46	17	A. Yes, sir.
08:46	18	Q. of 2010?
08:46	19	A. Yes, sir.
08:47	20	Q. Okay. And it shows you getting a copy of this.
08:47	21	And what I'm really after here is a couple of things.
08:47	22	One, it says: "Guys, as requested, here is a quick
08:47	23	update, for what it's worth."
08:47	24	And we're talking about the Macondo?
08:47	25	A. Yes, sir.

08:47	1	Q. And: "This information is confidential - please don't
08:47	2	communicate any of these details except to the folks that need
08:47	3	to know for Nile."
08:47	4	Was the Nile going to be the next well that the
08:47	5	Deepwater Horizon was going to go to?
08:47	6	A. Yes. We were going to go and P & A the Nile well.
08:47	7	Q. Okay, sir. Did you understand Mr. Cocales to be saying,
08:47	8	with regard to the details of what had happened there during
08:47	9	the kick on March 8th, that he did not want any of those
08:47	10	details being provided to anyone except those who needed to
08:47	11	know for purposes of the Nile?
08:47	12	A. Yeah, that's correct.
08:47	13	Q. Okay. Well, you certainly would not have wanted anybody
08:47	14	to have kept that information away from Jesse, though, would
08:47	15	you?
08:47	16	A. Well, this is we had a a contract with the
08:48	17	exploration folks.
08:48	18	Q. Yes, sir.
08:48	19	A. Intellectual property was a very large concern for the
08:48	20	exploration people
08:48	21	Q. Yes, sir.
08:48	22	A and so we were always requested, if we were going to
08:48	23	talk about any of the any of the exploration stuff outside
08:48	24	of our team, that we needed to mention that it was
08:48	25	confidential.

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08:48	1	Q. Yes, sir.
08:48	2	And, of course, anything that would involve something
08:48	3	as serious as a kick, you would think Jesse would need to have
08:48	4	that information so that he could use it for purposes of
08:48	5	planning the cement job in the future, would you not?
08:48	6	A. Yeah. And Jesse saw the information. He was in the
08:48	7	morning call every day.
08:48	8	Q. Right.
08:48	9	A. He was involved in it.
08:48	10	Q. But in terms of you, as the wells team leader, had there
08:48	11	been any question about including Jesse in everything to
08:48	12	provide him with information, you personally would have wanted
08:48	13	him to have had all of it, would you not?
08:48	14	A. Well, I don't think he would be required for every single
08:49	15	piece of information, but he was definitely involved with all
08:49	16	the information that he needed to do to successfully perform
08:49	17	his job.
08:49	18	${f Q}.$ And that is what you would have wanted, as the wells team
08:49	19	leader, and you made certain everyone knew that?
08:49	20	A. We were one team and we were all in it together. And so
08:49	21	we made sure that we kept everyone in communication.
08:49	22	Q. Thank you very much.
08:49	23	And you, of course, know also that there was talk
08:49	24	back and forth among the team members, the drilling team, about
08:49	25	recommendations that Jesse was making with regard to

08:49	1	centralizers and bottoms-up and pump rate. You knew those
08:49	2	things.
08:49	3	A. Yeah. Yes, sir.
08:49	4	Q. Okay. And you, of course, know that Jesse had recommended
08:49	5	21 centralizers be used there on the casing string. You know
08:49	6	that, do you not?
08:49	7	A. He ran a program with 21.
08:49	8	Q. With the OptiCem?
08:49	9	A. Yes, sir.
08:49	10	Q. Okay. And you also know that he ran a program with
08:49	11	10 centralizers. You know that, do you not, that he ran a
08:49	12	number of programs with different numbers of centralizers,
08:50	13	trying to get to where he felt comfortable, the centralizer
08:50	14	number ought to be. You know that, don't you?
08:50	15	A. Yes, sir.
08:50	16	Q. And, of course, you know that at the end of the day, no
08:50	17	matter what Jesse thought about the number of centralizers, the
08:50	18	ultimate decision regarding the number to be used would be made
08:50	19	by BP.
08:50	20	A. That that's correct.
08:50	21	Q. Okay. And in terms of bottoms-up, you're aware that Jesse
08:50	22	had recommended that a full bottoms-up be performed just prior
08:50	23	to the cement job. You remember that?
08:50	24	A. I don't remember that, but it was standard.
08:50	25	Q. Okay. All right. And you talked yesterday with Ms. Karis
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08:50	1	about a bottoms-up being performed some days prior to the
08:50	2	actual pumping of the cement job.
08:50	3	Are you aware that the last full bottoms-up was
08:50	4	performed on April 16th, during the wiper trip?
08:50	5	A. Yes, sir.
08:50	6	Q. Okay, sir. And that was some, what, three days before the
08:50	7	cement job was pumped, was it not?
08:50	8	A. Yes, sir.
08:50	9	${f Q.}$ Okay. Would you agree with me that during those three
08:51	10	days, mud in the wellbore could gel up?
08:51	11	A. The possibility exists, but I with the kind of mud that
08:51	12	we used, we usually didn't see that.
08:51	13	Q. But we don't know that it didn't happen here, though.
08:51	14	In other words, where you have a full bottoms-up done
08:51	15	some number of days three days prior to the pumping of the
08:51	16	cement job, you leave open the possibility that mud left there
08:51	17	in the wellbore could gel up.
08:51	18	A. Well, it wasn't consistent with the data that we got on
08:51	19	the conditioning trip. The wellbore was left open five days
08:51	20	with the during the logging run. Then we made the
08:51	21	conditioning trip.
08:51	22	Q. Okay, sir.
08:51	23	A. And then when we got on the bottom with the
08:51	24	conditioning during the conditioning trip, we got all the
08:51	25	data. And the data that we got clearly indicated that the

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08:51	1	well I'm sorry, that the mud had not gelled up after sitting
08:51	2	for five days.
08:52	3	Q. All right, sir. And you, of course, know that one of the
08:52	4	issues with cement setting up is contamination with such things
08:52	5	as mud, are you not?
08:52	6	A. Yes, I am.
08:52	7	Q. As well and you can contaminate the cement so that it
08:52	8	will not set up; correct?
08:52	9	A. That's correct.
08:52	10	Q. Likewise, you can contaminate cement with some synthetic
08:52	11	oil-based mud.
08:52	12	A. Yes, you can.
08:52	13	Q. And, of course, synthetic oil-based mud was used here in
08:52	14	this wellbore to at the bottom of the well, and that was
08:52	15	done at the was a decision made by BP; correct?
08:52	16	A. Yes.
08:52	17	Q. Okay. After the event, did you participate and I'm not
08:52	18	talking about lawyers, by no means, when I ask that. But did
08:52	19	you participate in a discussion with anyone where there was a
08:52	20	discussion that the cement job may have been contaminated
08:52	21	there after it was pumped or during the pumping of it, there
08:53	22	in the wellbore, that might have been one of the reasons for an
08:53	23	issue with the cement job if, in fact, that was determined to
08:53	24	be the case?
08:53	25	A. What we discussed the word we didn't use the word

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08:53	1	"contamination"
08:53	2	Q. Yes, sir.
08:53	3	A but it was it was that the cement didn't fully set
08:53	4	up.
08:53	5	Q. And contamination was one of the possibilities of that not
08:53	6	occurring?
08:53	7	A. It is one of the possibilities.
08:53	8	Q. And that was discussed among you and members of your team?
08:53	9	A. It was we just said, "The cement obviously didn't set
08:53	10	up." I don't remember "contamination."
08:53	11	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:53	12	And if the cement did not set up, the way to
08:53	13	determine that, if that had been an issue, would have been with
08:53	14	a negative pressure test; isn't that correct?
08:53	15	A. That's correct.
08:53	16	Q. And had there been you're aware that on this very
08:53	17	Macondo well, there had been at least two squeeze jobs done
08:53	18	previously, are you not, sir?
08:53	19	A. Yes.
08:53	20	Q. And that was an indication that on those two occasions,
08:53	21	maybe others, that there was an issue determined with the
08:53	22	cement job, resulting in remediation work in the form of a
08:54	23	squeeze job; correct?
08:54	24	A. That is correct.
08:54	25	Q. And that and the fact that there was an issue with at

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08:54	1	least two prior cement jobs on the Macondo well resulting in
08:54	2	remediation, we obviously know that the well didn't blow out
08:54	3	A. Right.
08:54	4	Q. because there had been a squeeze job.
08:54	5	A. Right.
08:54	6	${f Q}.$ And we obviously know here that had the negative pressure
08:54	7	test been correctly interpreted, it could have determined if
08:54	8	an if there was an issue with the cement job and, if so,
08:54	9	there could have then been a there could have been
08:54	10	remediation work done in the form of a squeeze job; correct?
08:54	11	MS. KARIS: Your Honor, I'm going to object. I think
08:54	12	this has been asked and answered several times now.
08:54	13	MR. GODWIN: I just have one question on that, Judge.
08:54	14	THE COURT: Yeah, this is ground we've plowed over
08:54	15	and over again.
08:54	16	MR. GODWIN: I'll move on, Judge. Thank you.
08:54	17	Could I have him answer that question, Judge?
08:54	18	THE COURT: No. Let's just move on.
08:54	19	MR. GODWIN: Okay, sir. Thank you.
08:54	20	MS. KARIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
08:55	21	MR. GODWIN: Okay. Let's take a look, if we can,
08:55	22	please, at take a look at TREX-01958.
08:55	23	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:55	24	Q. And we have here two e-mails, one at the bottom from David
08:55	25	Sims to a number of folks, with you as a carbon copy, dated

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08:55	1	March 11th, 2010, do we not, sir?
08:55	2	A. Yes, sir.
08:55	3	Q. And Mr. Sims is writing: "HSSE: Good week, no
08:55	4	incidents."
08:55	5	Did I read that correctly?
08:55	6	A. Yes, sir.
08:55	7	Q. And were you in charge, as of April 20th, 2010, of HSSE on
08:55	8	the on the Deepwater Horizon?
08:55	9	A. Yes, on the BP side.
08:55	10	Q. On the BP side. That's what I'm referring to, yes. Thank
08:56	11	you.
08:56	12	A. Yes, sir.
08:56	13	Q. All right. And if you look go down to the
08:56	14	next-to-the-last bullet point there under "Operations since
08:56	15	last Thursday," where it says "Mobilized wireline tools and
08:56	16	prepare procedures and equipment to kill the well."
08:56	17	Did I read that correctly?
08:56	18	A. Yes, you did.
08:56	19	Q. Why were they talking about why was Mr. Sims talking
08:56	20	there about killing the well as of March 11th?
08:56	21	A. He's referencing the kick we took on the 8th.
08:56	22	Q. Okay, sir. And he wanted to kill it for what purpose?
08:56	23	A. So we could well, if so we could continue drilling
08:56	24	the well.
08:56	25	Q. So that there could be an investigation conducted, stop

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08:56	1	all the operations and figure out what happened before going
08:56	2	forward? Would that be another way of looking at it? You want
08:56	3	to kill the well so that it becomes static
08:56	4	A. Oh, yes.
08:56	5	Q. and then you want to investigate to try to figure out
08:56	6	what happened to result in the in the kick occurring.
08:56	7	A. That's fair.
08:56	8	Q. Is that a fair statement?
08:56	9	A. Yep.
08:56	10	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:57	11	You go down to the next part where it says "Plan
08:57	12	ForwardCement the open hole."
08:57	13	Did I read that correctly? Down to the third bullet
08:57	14	point from the end
08:57	15	A. Oh, okay.
08:57	16	Q. Mr. Guide.
08:57	17	A. Yes.
08:57	18	Q. Okay. And that was going to be done by Halliburton?
08:57	19	A. Yes.
08:57	20	Q. Okay. And then "Test BOPs."
08:57	21	Why were why do you believe Mr. Sims was
08:57	22	suggesting here that the BOPs be tested as of March 11th?
08:57	23	A. Because the BOP test was due.
08:57	24	Q. Okay, sir. And then we go down to the last point, where
08:57	25	it says: "Cost: Currently \$10 million over AFE".

08:57	1	What is AFE?
08:57	2	A. Authority for expenditure.
08:57	3	Q. Okay. And "we will likely double that by the time we get
08:57	4	back to this equivalent depth on the sidetrack"; correct?
08:57	5	A. Yes.
08:57	6	${f Q}$. Okay. And at the time of the event on April 20, about how
08:57	7	much was the well over AFE, over budget?
08:57	8	A. I don't know.
08:57	9	Q. There's been talk of it being at least 30 million over
08:58	10	budget.
08:58	11	Does that refresh your memory?
08:58	12	A. I really don't at that point in time, I really don't
08:58	13	know, sir.
08:58	14	Q. Thank you, sir.
08:58	15	MR. GODWIN: If we can go to the top e-mail, if we
08:58	16	can, please, very quickly on it, from Mr. Ian Little.
08:58	17	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:58	18	Q. And he wrote it to you and Mr. David to you and
08:58	19	Mr. David Sims and it was March 14.
08:58	20	And here he was telling you: "I hope you are both
08:58	21	hanging in there ok - this has turned" it says "tuned," but
08:58	22	then it says "this has turned into a challenging well," and
08:58	23	he used an exclamation point.
08:58	24	You certainly agreed with that Mr. Little's
08:58	25	comment there, did you not?

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08:58	1	A. All the wells are challenging. We had just taken a kick,
08:58	2	so
08:58	3	Q. And this was a serious kick in the sense of the effect of
08:58	4	it, the number of barrels that had been lost?
08:58	5	A. All kicks are treated the same way. They're serious.
08:58	6	Q. Okay. All right, sir.
08:58	7	MR. GODWIN: Let's look thank you very much.
08:58	8	Let's look at TREX-684, please.
08:59	9	BY MR. GODWIN:
08:59	10	Q. -684. Here is an e-mail from Mr. Paul Johnson.
08:59	11	A. Correct sir, it's not from Paul Johnson. He it's
08:59	12	actually from a gentleman named Rod Ryan.
08:59	13	Q. Yes, sir.
08:59	14	A. He just was using Mr. Johnson's e-mail
08:59	15	Q. Oh, okay.
08:59	16	A address.
08:59	17	Q. And who is this gentleman, Mr. Rod who did you say it
08:59	18	was?
08:59	19	A. He was the one of the OIMs on the Deepwater Horizon.
08:59	20	Q. Okay. Working for TO?
08:59	21	A. Yes, sir.
08:59	22	Q. Okay. Transocean.
08:59	23	So Mr spell his last name.
08:59	24	A. I think it was R-Y-A-N, but I
08:59	25	Q. Mr. Ryan?

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08:59	1	A. Yeah.
08:59	2	Q. Okay.
08:59	3	A. You'll have to double check because
08:59	4	Q. Mr. Ryan, an OIM for Transocean on the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> ,
08:59	5	was writing to you on March 18, and he says here: "John, I
08:59	6	thought about this a lot yesterday and asked for input from the
08:59	7	rig, and none of us could come up with anything we are not
08:59	8	already doing or have done in the past with little success."
08:59	9	Did I read that correctly?
08:59	10	A. Yes, you did.
08:59	11	Q. "There was a common theme from all, though. Nothing takes
09:00	12	the place of supervisor involvement to ask that question of the
09:00	13	hands, in the THINK plans, and to make them think for
09:00	14	themselves and lead them in the right direction by mentoring
09:00	15	them."
09:00	16	Did I read that correctly?
09:00	17	A. Yes, sir.
09:00	18	Q. And then we jump down to the last sentence, which is
09:00	19	really what I want to ask you about. He says: "Maybe what we
09:00	20	need is a new perspective on hazard recognition from someone
09:00	21	outside the industry."
09:00	22	What did you understand Mr. Ryan to be saying there,
09:00	23	"Maybe what we need is a new perspective on hazard
09:00	24	recognition" in the context of this e-mail?
09:00	25	MR. BRIAN: Objection. Calls for speculation, Your

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09:00	1	Honor.
09:00	2	THE COURT: Overruled.
09:00	3	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:00	4	Q. Go ahead, sir.
09:00	5	A. Well, I asked Rod, Mr. Ryan, to give me some input from
09:00	6	the rig
09:00	7	Q. Yes, sir.
09:00	8	A about how we could improve the overall awareness of
09:01	9	hazard recognition.
09:01	10	Q. All right.
09:01	11	A. And the thought here is, if you don't know it's a hazard
09:01	12	and if you don't recognize it's a hazard, then you know,
09:01	13	then maybe you're missing something.
09:01	14	Q. Right.
09:01	15	A. Okay. So hazard recognition is a very, very important
09:01	16	part of the overall safety.
09:01	17	And the procedures and the programs that we had in
09:01	18	place were very effective, and so I was just soliciting his
09:01	19	input and his thoughts.
09:01	20	Q. Did you know him prior to this e-mail?
09:01	21	A. Yes, sir, I did.
09:01	22	Q. Okay. And how long had you known Mr. Ryan prior to this
09:01	23	e-mail?
09:01	24	A. I September of 2009 is when I met Mr. Ryan.
09:01	25	Q. Okay. And did you you called him or communicated with

09:01	1	him for him to give you input. Is that how this came about,
09:01	2	this e-mail?
09:01	3	A. Yes, sir.
09:01	4	Q. Okay. Was there some reason you didn't go through your
09:01	5	well site leader to have one of them visit with him?
09:01	6	A. He was filling in for Mr. Johnson
09:02	7	Q. Okay.
09:02	8	A and he was actually in the morning call one day.
09:02	9	Q. Okay.
09:02	10	A. He came into the he was in the office.
09:02	11	Q. Oh, in Houston.
09:02	12	A. Yes.
09:02	13	Q. Okay.
09:02	14	A. So we were just talking about different things, and I
09:02	15	and it was a good opportunity, because the OIMs usually weren't
09:02	16	in the office
09:02	17	Q. Right.
09:02	18	A they were on the rig.
09:02	19	But since he was filling in for Mr. Johnson and since
09:02	20	I value his opinion, I said, "You know, Rod, while you're here,
09:02	21	why don't you give it some thought, tell me"
09:02	22	Q. Okay.
09:02	23	A "what you think."
09:02	24	Q. Thank you.
09:02	25	And whenever he told you that or suggested to you

09:02	1	"maybe what we need is a new perspective on hazard recognition
09:02	2	from someone outside the industry," did you respond to that?
09:02	3	A. No.
09:02	4	Q. Okay. Well, did you determine whether or not that perhaps
09:02	5	you and he or others with Transocean and BP needed someone from
09:02	6	outside the industry to give you a fresh perspective on hazard
09:02	7	recognition?
09:02	8	A. I didn't.
09:02	9	Q. Thank you, sir.
09:02	10	MR. GODWIN: Let's take a look at TREX No. 01363,
09:02	11	please.
09:02	12	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:03	13	Q. Here we have a couple of e-mails, and I want to look at
09:03	14	the bottom one first.
09:03	15	You know a lady named Helen Bonsall, Ms. Bonsall?
09:03	16	A. I do.
09:03	17	Q. I may be mispronouncing her name. Is it pronounced
09:03	18	Bonsall?
09:03	19	A. Yes.
09:03	20	Q. Okay. Ms. Bonsall.
09:03	21	And at March 17 of 2010, she was employed by Baker
09:03	22	Hughes?
09:03	23	A. Yes.
09:03	24	Q. And she wrote you an e-mail on March 17 and says well,
09:03	25	forget the lunch part of it where she's talking about a

09:03	1	business lunch, and then she goes on down and says: "What do
09:03	2	you see as the biggest deepwater risks and challenges?"
09:03	3	MR. GODWIN: And if you will, if you go to the top
09:03	4	part of the e-mail while we hold that one down here, Rob,
09:03	5	let's go up to the e-mail up above that Mr. Guide sends back to
09:03	6	Ms. Bonsall.
09:03	7	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:03	8	Q. And here on that same day excuse me. On the next day,
09:03	9	on March 18th, Mr. Guide, you write back to Ms. Bonsall and you
09:04	10	say: "Here you go."
09:04	11	A. Yeah.
09:04	12	Q. So it sounds like that you took her e-mail and you then
09:04	13	answered her questions there on the e-mail?
09:04	14	A. Yes, I did.
09:04	15	MR. GODWIN: Let's go back to that e-mail, if we can,
09:04	16	please.
09:04	17	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:04	18	Q. Here we go back to Ms. Bonsall's e-mail. And were you
09:04	19	working with Ms. Bonsall in connection with the
09:04	20	Deepwater Horizon?
09:04	21	A. No, I was not.
09:04	22	Q. You had been obviously discussing whether some of the
09:04	23	issues that had been there on the well? Or not?
09:04	24	A. I had worked with Ms. Bonsall on the Mad Dog project, and
09:04	25	she was the in-house mud person for Baker Hughes; and she had

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09:04	1	got promoted, and now she was in a managerial position.
09:04	2	Q. Right.
09:04	3	A. And she wanted to ask some questions in relationship to
09:04	4	her new role.
09:04	5	Q. Right. I understand.
09:04	6	So you were going back and forth with her, and I
09:05	7	appreciate that. But let's go back here, if we can, to the
09:05	8	e-mail where she writes you: "What do you see as the biggest
09:05	9	deepwater risk and challenges?"
09:05	10	And did you write her back, "Inexperienced crews,
09:05	11	APB, and lost circulation"?
09:05	12	A. Yes, I did.
09:05	13	Q. Those are your words?
09:05	14	A. Yes, they are.
09:05	15	Q. Okay. What crews are you talking about as being as the
09:05	16	biggest deepwater risk and challenges as of March 17th?
09:05	17	A. Just the industry in general.
09:05	18	Q. Okay. You were not talking about the inexperienced crews
09:05	19	there on the Deepwater Horizon?
09:05	20	A. No, sir.
09:05	21	Q. And when you said "APB," what were you talking about?
09:05	22	A. Annular pressure buildup.
09:05	23	Q. And then the lost circulation?
09:05	24	A. Yes, sir, lost circulation.
09:05	25	Q. Were you talking about lost circulation there on the

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09:05	1	Macondo well?
09:05	2	A. No, sir.
09:05	3	Q. Because her question was, "What do you see as the biggest
09:05	4	deepwater risk and challenges?"
09:05	5	A. That's right.
09:05	6	${f Q}.$ Did you not understand that she was talking to you about
09:05	7	the risk there connected with the Deepwater Horizon?
09:05	8	A. She was not.
09:05	9	Q. Okay, sir. Thank you.
09:05	10	And it goes on to say: "Are existing technologies
09:05	11	and services adequate to overcome these challenges and mitigate
09:06	12	these risks?"
09:06	13	And did you answer her question?
09:06	14	A. Yes.
09:06	15	Q. And what did you say?
09:06	16	A. "No."
09:06	17	Q. What were you referring to there, sir?
09:06	18	A. I
09:06	19	Q. If you recall?
09:06	20	A. Yes, I do. As the industry the service industry really
09:06	21	provides a lot of research for the new products.
09:06	22	Q. Yes, sir.
09:06	23	A. And Halliburton is one of them. And so she was wanting to
09:06	24	know what what the service what the service companies
09:06	25	could possibly focus on

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09:06	1	Q. Yes, sir.
09:06	2	A. and really try to give them a competitive advantage.
09:06	3	Q. You, of course, knew that talking with Ms. Bonsall, as for
09:06	4	Baker Hughes, she was a competitor of Halliburton, did you not?
09:06	5	A. That's correct.
09:06	6	Q. I understand. Okay. Thank you.
09:06	7	MR. GODWIN: Let's look at TREX No. 01126, 1126.
09:06	8	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:06	9	Q. I'm going to cover very briefly a line or two in this
09:07	10	e-mail, but some of it's been covered with you. It was an
09:07	11	e-mail that David Sims wrote to you on March 14th, 2010. Do
09:07	12	you see that, sir?
09:07	13	A. Yes, sir.
09:07	14	${f Q.}$ Okay. And the part that I'm going to be looking at is the
09:07	15	third paragraph there with the second sentence where it says:
09:07	16	"Bleeding with pipe off bottom and while underbalanced to a
09:07	17	kick zone is wrong."
09:07	18	What did you understand Mr. Sims to be saying to you
09:07	19	there in the context of that e-mail?
09:07	20	A. During the during the kick event of March 8th, we had
09:07	21	got stuck and we had finally severed the pipe, which was above
09:07	22	where the the zone that we took the kick in.
09:07	23	Q. Yes, sir.
09:07	24	A. And he was referencing that while you still have the well
09:07	25	under control with pressure on it, that he was saying that if

09:08	1	you bleed the pressure off while underbalanced I'm sorry,
09:08	2	"Bleeding the pressure off bottom to a kick zone is wrong."
09:08	3	Q. When you said that there was still pressure on it, what
09:08	4	were you referring to there? You say you had it in balance
09:08	5	with pressure on it. What were you referring to?
09:08	6	A. There was a little residual pressure on the drill pipe and
09:08	7	casing at this point in time.
09:08	8	Q. And was there was there a mud column in place?
09:08	9	A. Oh, yes, full mud column.
09:08	10	Q. And full mud column. And that is what provides for the
09:08	11	hydrostatic pressure in order to keep the well from being
09:08	12	allowed to escape and blow out, is it not?
09:08	13	A. Yeah, the mud column is.
09:08	14	Q. Thank you, sir.
09:08	15	MR. GODWIN: Let's turn now, if we can, please, to
09:08	16	let's turn over to TREX No. 00287, please.
09:09	17	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:09	18	Q. And to put it in context, if you can, there are two
09:09	19	e-mails here, one at the bottom from Jesse Gagliano to Brian
09:09	20	Morel, with the other drilling engineers there. You were not
09:09	21	copied I recognize that on that e-mail. And that's an
09:09	22	e-mail, then, that Mr. Morel is addressing with you in the
09:09	23	upper e-mail that he sends to you.
09:09	24	So you see the one from Jesse to Brian there on
09:09	25	April 17, do you not, sir?

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09:09	1	A. Yes, sir.
09:09	2	Q. I'm not going to ask you about an e-mail that you're not
09:09	3	included on, so that's the one down at the bottom. But we'll
09:09	4	go up to the top e-mail where Brian writes to you and did not
09:09	5	copy anyone, including Jesse, on April 17th.
09:09	6	And here he says: "I would prefer the extra pump
09:09	7	time with the added risk of having issues with the nitrogen."
09:09	8	Did Brian Morel discuss with you that with regard to
09:09	9	the retarder, whether it was 8 gallons or 9 gallons, that there
09:09	10	was some issue over that that he was discussing with Jesse?
09:10	11	A. They were just getting two different tests done with
09:10	12	different retarders to see what kind of pump time they could
09:10	13	have.
09:10	14	Q. Okay, sir.
09:10	15	Let's go back, then, to the e-mail that's of interest
09:10	16	to me. And when Brian says, "I would"
09:10	17	MR. GODWIN: Just the top e-mail, if you can, Rob.
09:10	18	Take out the bottom one. Thank you.
09:10	19	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:10	20	Q. "I would prefer the extra pump time with the added risk of
09:10	21	having issues with the nitrogen."
09:10	22	What did you understand, if anything, Brian was
09:10	23	saying there when he said "with the added risk of having issues
09:10	24	with the nitrogen"?
09:10	25	A. Well, I called and talked to him, so
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09:10	1	Q. You did?
09:10	2	A. Yes.
09:10	3	Q. And will you tell us what he said.
09:10	4	A. Yes. He was making reference to the nitrogen equipment.
09:10	5	So when you do a nitrogen cement job, you have to add several
09:10	6	pieces of equipment to the rig that are not usually there. One
09:10	7	of them is an actual nitrogen pumping unit, and the other one
09:10	8	are nitrogen tanks.
09:10	9	And he expressed not a concern, but he said, "Well,
09:10	10	you know, if we have an issue with the nitrogen equipment and
09:10	11	we have to shut down for some reason" you know, he would
09:11	12	prefer to have the extra pump time in case we had to stop and
09:11	13	fix a problem.
09:11	14	Q. So what it sounds like you're saying is that by having the
09:11	15	longer pump time that Mr. Morel wanted, he recognized there
09:11	16	would be an issue of some kind with the nitrogen that was
09:11	10	included there in the slurry; correct?
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09:11	20 21	A. Just the equipment.
09:11	21	Q. All right. Thank you, sir.
09:11	22	MR. GODWIN: All right. Let's look over at TREX
09:11	23	No. 00533, please. 533.
09:11	24	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:11	25	Q. You testified yesterday that you worked with and respected
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09:11	2	A. Yes, I do.
09:11	3	Q. He's a well site leader.
09:11	4	A. Yes, sir.
09:11	5	Q. He testified here in court, and he did seem like a very
09:11	6	nice man.
09:12	7	Mr. Sepulvado wrote to you on April 13th, 2010, did
09:12	8	he not? Wrote to Mr. Morel, Mr. Sepulvado, his brother, and a
09:12	9	copy to you, did he not?
09:12	10	A. Yes, sir.
09:12	11	Q. And his subject was "Rev 1 Procedure." What's that
09:12	12	referring to, if you know?
09:12	13	A. It was the first draft procedure that Mr. Morel sent to
09:12	14	the guys on the rig.
09:12	15	Q. Okay. And on April 13th, was Mr. Ronnie Sepulvado one of
09:12	16	the well site leaders there on the Macondo well?
09:12	17	A. Yes.
09:12	18	Q. And he wrote and says: "Brian, we need to do a negative
09:12	19	test before displacing 14-pound mud to seawater."
09:12	20	Did I read that correctly?
09:12	21	A. You did.
09:12	22	${f Q}.$ Did you have an understanding as to what he was referring
09:12	23	to there as to why a negative test should have been done before
09:12	24	displacing the No. 14 pound mud to seawater?
09:12	25	A. Yeah. You want to simulate you want to simulate the

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09:12	1	condition that you're going to see after you do the final
09:12	2	displacement.
09:12	3	Q. So Mr. Sepulvado, as early as April 13, was saying, "We
09:13	4	definitely need we, BP, we need a negative test before this
09:13	5	mud is displaced with lighter seawater"?
09:13	6	A. That's correct. We need to do a negative test prior to
09:13	7	the final displacement.
09:13	8	Q. Okay, sir. And you certainly, without it's just
09:13	9	logical common sense that when he says, "We need a negative
09:13	10	test," he was saying, "We need a good negative test"?
09:13	11	A. Yes.
09:13	12	Q. That's common sense?
09:13	13	A. Yes, sir.
09:13	14	Q. Okay, sir. Thank you.
09:13	15	MR. GODWIN: Let's turn over to TREX No. 282, please.
09:13	16	BY MR. GODWIN:
09:13	17	Q. This is an e-mail from Mr there are actually two
09:13	18	e-mails, but the one the bottom one is from Brian Morel,
09:13	19	dated April 20, at 2:52 a.m. And again, I'm not saying there's
09:13	20	not an issue with the time but just whatever they're referring
09:13	21	to as some time issues. But we do know that the cement job
09:13	22	ended on the early morning hours of April 20, do we not?
09:14	23	A. Yes, sir.
09:14	24	Q. So at 2:52 a.m., Mr. Morel, according to the e-mail,
09:14	25	writes to you as well as some of the other engineers regarding
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09:14	1	the cement job, did he not?
09:14	2	A. Yes, sir.
09:14	3	Q. And he says: "Just wanted to let everyone know the cement
09:14	4	job went well. Pressures stayed low, but we had full returns
09:14	5	the entire job, saw 80 psi lift pressure and landed out right
09:14	6	on the calculated volume."
09:14	7	Did I read that correctly?
09:14	8	A. Yes, sir.
09:14	9	Q. Did anybody tell you at any time after the cement job had
09:14	10	been pumped that they had any issue with the execution by
09:14	11	Halliburton of the cement pumping of the cement job there on
09:14	12	the night of April 19 and the early morning hours of
09:14	13	April 20th?
09:14	14	A. No.
09:14	15	Q. Thank you, sir.
09:14	16	Mr. Guide, you I want to thank you for your
09:14	17	patience with me this morning.
09:15	18	Would you, as a wells team leader you're still
09:15	19	with BP?
09:15	20	A. Yes, sir.
09:15	21	Q. Okay, sir. Would you be proud to once again work with the
09:15	22	same Halliburton crew that was involved with the
09:15	23	Deepwater Horizon. That is, Jesse Gagliano and the other
09:15	24	gentlemen you've talked about, would you be proud to work with
09:15	25	them on another deepwater well on behalf of BP?

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09:15	1	A. I would work with them on another deepwater well, yes,
09:15	2	sir.
09:15	3	Q. And you trusted them?
09:15	4	A. I did.
09:15	5	Q. And you enjoyed working with them?
09:15	6	A. I did.
09:15	7	MR. GODWIN: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.
09:15	8	Thank you, sir.
09:15	9	Judge, I pass the witness.
09:15	10	THE COURT: Ms. Karis, are you ready?
09:15	11	MS. KARIS: I am, Your Honor.
09:16	12	May I proceed, Your Honor?
09:16	13	THE COURT: Yes.
09:16	14	MS. KARIS: Thank you. Hariklia Karis on behalf of
09:16	15	BP, conducting the redirect examination of Mr. Guide.
09:15	16	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
09:17	17	BY MS. KARIS:
09:17	18	Q. Mr. Guide, I want to follow up on a couple things that
09:17	19	you've been asked about over the last few days. And I want to
09:17	20	start first by asking you about the some of the issues
09:17	21	Mr. Godwin was just asking you in connection with Halliburton's
09:17	22	cement job.
09:17	23	He asked you whether you trusted and relied on Jesse.
09:17	24	Do you recall that, just a couple minutes ago?
09:17	25	A. Yes.

09:17 1 Q. Did you trust and rely on Jesse to let you know if his lab 2 tests indicated that the cement slurry they were going to pump 09:17 at Macondo was not stable? 3 09:17 4 Α. Could you --09:17 5 0. Sure. 09:17 6 Α. I'm sorry. 09:17 7 Q. Did you trust and rely on Jesse to let you know that if 09:17 8 the slurry they were going to pump was not stable --09:17 9 Α. Yes. 09:17 -- if his tests showed that? 10 Q. 09:17 11 How far was Jesse's desk from where you sat? 09:17 12 25 feet. Α. 09:17 At any time did Jesse ever, either in the morning calls or 13 09:17 Q. 14 in any of the meetings that you had with him or on any day, 09:17 15 ever indicate to you that his lab tests had shown that there 09:18 were stability problems with the foam cement? 16 09:18 17 No one ever told me there was any issues with the cement. Α. 09:18 18 And would you have expected Jesse to come and inform you Q. 09:18 19 of that, given where you sat from him and given that he knew 09:18 you trusted him? 20 09:18 21 Α. It would be his responsibility. 09:18 22 Mr. Godwin asked you about whether you can achieve zonal Q. 09:18 23 isolation -- whether you rely on cement to achieve zonal 09:18 24 isolation. Do you recall those questions, generally? 09:18 25 Yes. 09:18 Α.

09:18	1	Q. Now, is it accurate well, let me ask you this: Can you
09:18	2	achieve zonal isolation without a cement that is capable of
09:18	3	setting and forming as a bond?
09:19	4	A. No.
09:19	5	Q. If you don't achieve zonal isolation, is it accurate to
09:19	6	say that that will allow your well to flow?
09:19	7	A. Well, it could.
09:19	8	Q. Mr. Godwin asked you about a cement bond log. Do you
09:19	9	remember that?
09:19	10	A. Yes.
09:19	11	Q. And he asked you whether that cement bond log could tell
09:19	12	you whether you've achieved zonal isolation.
09:19	13	A. Yes, it could.
09:19	14	Q. Now, in connection with the cement job at Macondo, given
09:19	15	your understanding of that job, would a cement bond log have
09:19	16	told you whether you had achieved zonal isolation?
09:19	17	A. No, in this particular case, it would not have told us.
09:19	18	Q. Why not?
09:19	19	A. The shoe track, which is where the the bottom of the
09:19	20	the bottom place that the bond log could actually access was
09:19	21	just right below the top of the formation. And in order to get
09:20	22	the information that you need to for zonal isolation, you
09:20	23	need to be able to run the log through the whole formation,
09:20	24	which is from the bottom to the top. And by where the shoe
09:20	25	track was placed, it precluded us from getting that

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09:21	2	March 8th kick here in TREX-51.2.1?
09:21	3	A. It was Brian Morel, Mark Hafle, and Brett Cocales.
09:21	4	Q. And were those the drilling engineers, plus Mr. Cocales,
09:21	5	the ops engineer, who reported to you?
09:21	6	A. That's correct.
09:21	7	${f Q}.$ So is it accurate to suggest that there was no LessonS
09:22	8	learned from the March 8th kick?
09:22	9	A. No, that would not be accurate.
09:22	10	MS. KARIS: If we can look at TREX-51.7 I'm sorry,
09:22	11	51.8.1, please.
09:22	12	BY MS. KARIS:
09:22	13	Q. Is this one of the pages from this package and Lessons
09:22	14	Learned presentation and specifically identifies the Lessons
09:22	15	Learned here?
09:22	16	A. That's correct.
09:22	17	Q. Does BP have a practice for sharing Lessons Learned among
09:22	18	its wells team leaders, well site leaders, and engineers that
09:22	19	arise from kick events?
09:22	20	A. Yes. We actually have a several processes set out. We
09:22	21	have a biweekly meeting where all the Lessons Learned from all
09:22	22	the operations are shared and then, in turn, they are sent to
09:22	23	the rig. And we even keep a database of this meeting so you
09:22	24	can go back and access any of the Lessons Learned on any of the
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09:24	1	A. It's really even more than that.
09:24	2	Q. Please explain.
09:24	3	A. Mr. Rainey was our vice president of exploration, and he
09:24	4	personally attended every end-of-well debriefing. These
09:24	5	were these were meetings that lasted four, five, six hours
09:24	6	sometimes, and he was because he was very interested.
09:24	7	And so it was a very formal presentation where it
09:24	8	went through every aspect of the well, the geology, the
09:24	9	drilling, I mean, anything. And this is the kind of document
09:24	10	that would be placed in the database.
09:24	11	Q. Okay. So to the extent it was suggested that by you not
09:24	12	entering the March 8th kick into Traction, somehow you weren't
09:25	13	accurately reflecting the safety record of your team on the
09:25	14	Deepwater Horizon, is that accurate?
09:25	15	A. That is not accurate.
09:25	16	Q. Why not?
09:25	17	A. Because all we document these all these events in
09:25	18	various places, and everyone has full access to all the
09:25	19	documentation.
09:25	20	Q. Different subject. You were also asked some questions
09:25	21	about Mr. Kaluza's ranking. Do you recall that?
09:25	22	A. I do.
09:25	23	Q. Okay. Does BP have a matrix by which it ranks well site
09:25	24	leaders?
09:25	25	A. Yes.

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09:25	1	MS. KARIS: Okay. And if we could pull up 45259.8.1.
09:25	2	BY MS. KARIS:
09:25	3	Q. Do you recall Mr actually, I'm not sure one of the
09:25	4	attorneys showed you that ranking list that showed Mr. Kaluza,
09:25	5	at the time of the incident, had a meets-expectations ranking;
09:26	6	correct?
09:26	7	A. Yes.
09:26	8	Q. Is this the rating model or matrix by which various
09:26	9	individuals are ranked?
09:26	10	A. Yes, it is.
09:26	11	Q. And is this the matrix by which the well site leaders are
09:26	12	ranked?
09:26	13	A. Yes.
09:26	14	Q. And by having a meets-expectations ranking first of
09:26	15	all, what percentage of BP's well site leaders have a "meets
09:26	16	expectations"?
09:26	17	A. 60 percent.
09:26	18	Q. And what does that mean?
09:26	19	A. Well, the definition is it speaks for itself: "Meets
09:26	20	expectations and delivers effectively against all critical
09:26	21	objectives, and the delivery is acceptable for all others."
09:26	22	Q. And you were asked whether you knew where Mr. Kaluza
09:26	23	ranked when you sent him to the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> . By having a
09:26	24	meets-expectations ranking, does that indicate to you in any
09:26	25	way that Mr. Kaluza, because he had a lower ranking than Ronnie

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09:27	1	Sepulvado or Murry Sepulvado, was not an appropriate candidate
09:27	2	to send to the Deepwater Horizon?
09:27	3	A. Not at all. Look at the overall performance for meets
09:27	4	expectations: "Performance fully meets expectations for the
09:27	5	role. Employee is valued."
09:27	6	Q. And what was your ranking at the time of this incident?
09:27	7	A. EE, "exceeds expectations."
09:27	8	Q. And what does that say about how your overall performance
09:27	9	has been assessed according to this?
09:27	10	A. "Exceeds expectations in most areas and delivers
09:27	11	effectively against all objectives, performance, and is
09:27	12	consistently strong; performance is measurably ahead of what is
09:27	13	expected for the role."
09:27	14	Q. A different subject. You were asked about Mr. Hafle and
09:27	15	whether he told the Bly investigators, based on some notes that
09:27	16	were taken, that he wanted to plug and abandon the well. Do
09:27	17	you recall those questions?
09:28	18	A. Yes, ma'am, I do.
09:28	19	Q. I believe you testified Mr. Hafle never told you that was
09:28	20	his preferred option. Is that accurate?
09:28	21	A. That is accurate.
09:28	22	Q. We talked yesterday about a PowerPoint presentation in
09:28	23	connection with the choice for long string versus liner. Do
09:28	24	you recall that?
09:28	25	A. Yes.

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09:28	1	MS. KARIS: If we can put that up, 8146.3, please.
09:28	2	If we can go to 8146.8.1.
09:28	3	BY MS. KARIS:
09:28	4	Q. Who prepared this PowerPoint presentation?
09:28	5	A. Mark Hafle.
09:28	6	Q. And was it Mark Hafle, then, who wrote that the
09:28	7	long-string casing is again the primary option?
09:28	8	A. Yes.
09:28	9	Q. And is was there a reference in this presentation
09:28	10	regarding the possibility of plugging and abandoning the hole?
09:28	11	A. Yes, there was.
09:28	12	MS.KARIS: Okay. And if we can go to 8146.10,
09:29	13	please.
09:29	14	BY MS.KARIS:
09:29	15	Q. This is Mr. Hafle's presentation?
09:29	16	A. Yes, it is.
09:29	17	Q. What does Mr. Hafle's presentation say regarding plugging
09:29	18	the hole, or "P & A" as it's been called?
09:29	19	A. "Plug the open hole and TA well, least preferred but still
09:29	20	an option if hole conditions go south."
09:29	21	Q. And so did Mr. Hafle communicate that, as he indicated in
09:29	22	his presentation, the least preferred approach was to plug and
09:29	23	abandon the hole?
09:29	24	A. That's correct.
09:29	25	Q. That was his least preferred approach, as presented in

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09:29	1	this presentation; correct?
09:29	2	A. That is correct.
09:29	3	Q. And was that the collective view of the team, including
09:29	4	the engineering authority, the drilling engineers, the senior
09:29	5	drilling engineer for the Macondo well, yourself, and others?
09:29	6	A. Yes.
09:29	7	Q. Now, this says that if the hole conditions go south, that
09:29	8	was an option. And was BP prepared to follow the
09:30	9	plug-and-abandon approach if the hole conditions went south?
09:30	10	A. Absolutely.
09:30	11	Q. You were asked a different subject. You were asked
09:30	12	numerous questions by Mr. Brian about the rig audit. Do you
09:30	13	recall that?
09:30	14	A. Yes.
09:30	15	Q. First of all, can you tell us, is the rig how is the
09:30	16	rig audit conducted in connection with review of maintenance
09:30	17	records?
09:30	18	A. They go into the system and take a sampling of various
09:30	19	records.
09:30	20	Q. Is the rig audit intended to look at every maintenance
09:30	21	record that Transocean has?
09:30	22	A. No, it's not.
09:30	23	Q. To your knowledge first of all, did you ever go into
09:30	24	Transocean's system and look at every maintenance record they
09:30	25	have?
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09:30	1	A. No. I wouldn't even know how to get in it.
09:31	2	Q. And are you aware of anyone at BP that looked at
09:31	3	Transocean's maintenance record by looking at every record they
09:31	4	had?
09:31	5	A. Not to my knowledge.
09:31	6	Q. By conducting your rig audit, was BP to your knowledge,
09:31	7	was BP in any way saying that Transocean was properly handling
09:31	8	the maintenance items that they had identified in their own
09:31	9	system?
09:31	10	A. No. It was just a sampling.
09:31	11	Q. Did you rely on Transocean to adequately maintain the
09:31	12	Deepwater Horizon rig?
09:31	13	A. Yes, I trusted them to.
09:31	14	${f Q.}$ You were asked about the September 2009 audit, and I
09:31	15	believe Mr. Brian asked you, quote, the decision to put the rig
09:31	16	back in service was exclusively a BP decision?
09:31	17	Do you recall that question?
09:31	18	A. I do.
09:31	19	Q. If you will look at TREX-44024.1.2, please, this is an
09:31	20	e-mail from Mr. Johnson to you, dated September 21st. Was this
09:32	21	before BP agreed for the rig to go back into service?
09:32	22	A. That is correct.
09:32	23	${f Q.}$ And it attaches there BP's audit findings. What does
09:32	24	Mr. Johnson tell you about the condition of the Deepwater
09:32	25	Horizon, based on the service, that maintenance that Transocean
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09:32	1	has performed?
09:32	2	A. He indicated that Transocean was satisfied that they could
09:32	3	start the operations safely.
09:32	4	Q. Did you rely on Mr. Johnson's representation that
09:32	5	Transocean was satisfied that they could start up the
09:32	6	operations safely?
09:32	7	A. Yes.
09:32	8	Q. In agreeing for the rig to start back into service?
09:32	9	A. It's their rig.
09:32	10	Q. Were you making any independent assessment as to the
09:32	11	adequacy of Transocean's maintenance and repairs following the
09:32	12	findings?
09:32	13	A. No. I trusted Mr. Johnson.
09:33	14	Q. Mr. Brian also asked you some questions about the ISM
09:33	15	safety management certificate in connection with this audit.
09:33	16	MS. KARIS: If we can pull up 44046.14.1, please.
09:33	17	BY MS. KARIS:
09:33	18	Q. You were shown this document, do you recall? This is part
09:33	19	of the audit: "Does the MODU have an ISM safety management
09:33	20	certificate?"
09:33	21	A. Yes.
09:33	22	Q. And what is the answer to that?
09:33	23	A. "Yes."
09:33	24	Q. Okay. Now, if we can go to and is that based on
09:33	25	representation from Transocean to BP regarding their ISM

09:33	1	certificate?
09:33	2	A. That's correct.
09:33	3	Q. Do you have any special training in what the ISM code
09:33	4	requires?
09:33	5	A. No, not me.
09:33	6	${f Q}.$ Do you know what the ISM requires in terms of command
09:33	7	structure between the captain and the master?
09:33	8	A. I do not.
09:33	9	MS. KARIS: Now, if we can turn to 44046.14.2,
09:33	10	please.
09:33	11	BY MS. KARIS:
09:33	12	${f Q.}$ And following the section where it says, "Does the MODU
09:34	13	have an ISM safety management certificate?" where Transocean
09:34	14	said "Yes," let's see what it says here.
09:34	15	It says: "The auditor shall assess the adequacy of
09:34	16	the safety management system applicable to marine activities
09:34	17	where no ISM safety management certificate is in place."
09:34	18	And then it lists there what should be assessed if no
09:34	19	safety management certificate is in place.
09:34	20	A. That's correct.
09:34	21	Q. Given Transocean's representation that they did have an
09:34	22	ISM safety management certificate, would BP's auditors have
09:34	23	looked at the OIM master's or barge master's responsibility and
09:34	24	authority as part of that audit?
09:35	25	MR. BRIAN: Objection, no foundation.

MS. KARIS: I believe Mr. Brian asked him this 09:35 1 2 precise question, Your Honor. 09:35 3 **THE COURT:** I don't recall that. 09:35 4 Did you ask about that, Mr. Brian? 09:35 5 I asked about this document, but I think MR. BRIAN: 09:35 6 he's just testified that he didn't do it himself. 09:35 7 MS. KARIS: Well, Your Honor, I believe Mr. Brian 09:35 asked him, "This means BP's auditors looked at" --8 09:35 THE COURT: I'll let him answer it, if he can. 9 09:35 10 THE WITNESS: I'm going to ask her to rephrase it. 09:35 THE COURT: 11 Okay. 09:35 12 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you, Your Honor. 09:35 BY MS. KARIS: 13 09:35 14 Q. Let me see if I can repeat this. 09:35 15 Given that Transocean represented that they had an 09:35 16 ISM safety management certificate, pursuant to this audit and 09:35 17 these guidelines, would BP have looked at the OIM master or 09:35 18 barge master's responsibility and authority? 09:35 19 No. Α. 09:35 20 Why not? 09:35 Q. 21 Α. Because it says "Auditor shall assess the adequacy of the 09:35 22 safety management system applicable to the marine activities 09:35 23 where no ISM safety management certificate is in place." 09:35 24 And so is it accurate to suggest that as part of the **Q**. 09:35 25 audit, BP would have looked at the barge and -- barge master 09:36

and OIM master's authority and division of responsibility?
A. No.
Q. Now, you had dealt with Transocean and the <i>Deepwater</i>
Horizon for a number of years; is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. What was your understanding of who was in charge?
A. The OIM was in charge.
Q. And I believe you testified yesterday, when Mr. Brian
showed you the station bill, that you were surprised to see
that the master actually had the senior position.
MR. BRIAN: Objection. Form. Leading.
MS. KARIS: Let me rephrase it.
BY MS. KARIS:
Q. Do you recall Mr. Brian asked you showed you the
station bill yesterday?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. Do you recall who it indicated was in charge?
A. Yes. The master.
Q. You indicated you were what was your reaction to that?
MR. BRIAN: Objection. Asked and answered,
cumulative.
We did this yesterday, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Yeah, we did.
MS. KARIS: Your Honor, I thought it was redirect to
clean up the impression that Mr. Brian left. I'm happy to move

09:37	1	on.
09:37	2	THE COURT: Okay.
09:37	3	BY MS. KARIS:
09:37	4	Q. A couple more items, Mr. Guide, and then we'll be
09:37	5	finished.
09:37	6	You were asked yesterday about your OMS training. Do
09:37	7	you recall that?
09:37	8	A. Yes.
09:37	9	Q. And you were explaining or attempting to explain what,
09:37	10	if any, training you had had at the time of the incident?
09:37	11	A. Yes.
09:37	12	${f Q}.$ Had you had training in OMS prior to the time of the
09:37	13	incident?
09:37	14	A. Yes, I did.
09:37	15	Q. And you were shown your deposition where you referenced
09:38	16	that you hadn't had some computer on training on OMS?
09:38	17	A. That's correct.
09:38	18	Q. Could you explain what you meant there?
09:38	19	A. The OMS system I'm sorry, the OMS handbook, when it
09:38	20	came out, we were all trained in the actual book itself, the
09:38	21	paper the paper version. And it was a broad,
09:38	22	all-encompassing book that was covered every region and
09:38	23	every aspect of BP, you know, refining, marketing,
09:38	24	all-encompassing exploration, production.
09:38	25	And then the decision was made to personalize this,

09:38	1	and it was so a computer program was developed called "My
09:38	2	OMS." And I had not I had not received the training on the
09:38	3	computerized version of My OMS that made it more specific for
09:39	4	actual wells or as it was called at the time, D&C. That was
09:39	5	still in development. Of course, I have it now.
09:39	6	But so my training my original training was
09:39	7	over the basic OMS system in a paper fashion.
09:39	8	${f Q}.$ So had you been trained in OMS as of the time of the
09:39	9	incident?
09:39	10	A. Yes, I was.
09:39	11	${f Q.}$ Different subject. You were asked about some calls that
09:39	12	you made to the rig on the evening of April 20th. Do you
09:39	13	recall that?
09:39	14	A. Yes.
09:39	15	Q. First of all, Mr. Cunningham asked you where you were
09:39	16	about 5:39 in the evening when some calls were being made. Do
09:39	17	you recall those questions generally?
09:40	18	A. Yes.
09:40	19	Q. Where were you when those calls were made?
09:40	20	A. I was home.
09:40	21	Q. What time do you generally get to work?
09:40	22	A. I get to work at 5:30 in the morning.
09:40	23	Q. So by 5:30 in the evening, 12 hours later, you were
09:40	24	generally home?
09:40	25	A. Yeah. I tried to leave by 5:00 in the evening. I figured

09:40	1	11 hours a day was enough.
09:40	2	Q. Now, are you still accessible to the well site leaders,
09:40	3	even if you've left the office after an 11- to 12-hour day?
09:40	4	A. 24/7. I have my cell phone with me all the time.
09:40	5	Q. In your experience, do the well site leaders reach out to
09:40	6	you if they have a question, even if it's after 5:00 p.m.?
09:40	7	A. I've been called every day at every time possible.
09:40	8	Q. Last subject. You were asked numerous questions about the
09:41	9	April 17th e-mail that you drafted and sent to Mr. Sims
09:41	10	regarding the "flying by the seat our pants" reference. Do you
09:41	11	recall those questions generally?
09:41	12	A. I do.
09:41	13	Q. Okay. When Mr. Sims responded to you, was it your
09:41	14	understanding that I believe you testified it was your
09:41	15	understanding he was talking about logistics?
09:41	16	A. That's correct.
09:41	17	Q. And Mr. Cunningham asked you, "It doesn't say 'logistics'
09:41	18	anywhere, does it?"
09:41	19	A. That's correct.
09:41	20	Q. How long had you worked with David at that point?
09:41	21	A. Three years.
09:41	22	MS. KARIS: If we can pull up deposition testimony
09:41	23	341.200.1 from Mr. Sims' testimony.
09:41	24	BY MS. KARIS:
09:41	25	Q. Based on your experience, I want to ask you if you agree

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"ANSWER: I've worked with John a lot, and when I read this e-mail, the title of it, the way we work with engineering, the discussion of logistics, frustration, the words, some of the these in there, I've heard John refer to them -- refer to a water fountain as [verbatim] working as chaos. He's used, you know, colorful type words like that before since I've known him.

"I did not see that as a safety issue and I certainly felt like that if that was one, John wouldn't be sending me an e-mail. He would be calling me or, you know, the well site leaders, or he would be shutting things down if there was a serious safety concern."

Is it accurate that if you believed the operations that you were referencing in your April 17th e-mail related to safety, you would have done what Mr. Sims suggests? A. Absolutely. You know, they -- they were my guys, they were part of the team. I would in no way, shape, or form let an operation continue if I thought in any way that something was not safe.

Q. Mr. Cunningham suggested that Mr. Sims doesn't say it was
about logistics.

Based on your working with Mr. Sims, does it state
right there that he viewed the discussion as being about
logistics?

09:43	1	A. Yes, ma'am.
09:43	2	Q. And is that exactly what you were talking to him about?
09:43	3	A. Yes, ma'am.
09:43	4	${f Q}.$ And so were you and he on the same page as to what you
09:43	5	were talking about, even if the rest of us read it differently?
09:43	6	A. That's correct.
09:43	7	${f Q.}$ Mr. Cunningham began by asking you whether you've thought
09:43	8	about this event numerous times and whether you've identified
09:44	9	anything that you did incorrectly. And I want to follow up on
09:44	10	that.
09:44	11	He said: "So you know of nothing, as you sit here
09:44	12	today, that you should have done different to avoid this
09:44	13	disaster?"
09:44	14	Do you recall that question?
09:44	15	A. I do.
09:44	16	Q. And is it accurate that you've reflected back on this
09:44	17	incident?
09:44	18	A. I've thought about this every day for the last three
09:44	19	years. After after this accident happened, I mean, I sat
09:44	20	I sat and I went through every decision that we made. I looked
09:44	21	at everything. I looked at all the data. I looked at all the
09:44	22	information.
09:44	23	And, you know, it was all done like we had done it
09:44	24	before, in the past. It was well thought out. It was careful.
09:45	25	We made decisions based on sound engineering judgment. We did

09:45	1	just like we did before when we drilled all these successful
09:45	2	wells.
09:45	3	And I did go back and look because, you know, this
09:45	4	was this was you know, I was part of the team and this
09:45	5	was my team, you know. And to think, you know, that it didn't
09:45	6	affect me is, you know, crazy.
09:45	7	So, I mean, I did go back and I looked at everything
09:45	8	we did because I wanted to know what happened. I've cooperated
09:45	9	with every investigation the MBI, the United States
09:45	10	Department of Justice, the Presidential Commission, the
09:45	11	Chemical Safety Board because I want to know what happened.
09:45	12	So, yes, I went back and reflected, and I still
09:45	13	reflect about it today.
09:45	14	Q. Did you believe, as you said in an e-mail, that everyone
09:46	15	wanted to do the right thing in connection with the drilling of
09:46	16	the Macondo well?
09:46	17	A. Absolutely. We were one team, we were successful, and
09:46	18	I like I said in my evaluation, I was lucky to be a part of
09:46	19	this team.
09:46	20	MS. KARIS: I have nothing further. Thank you.
09:46	21	THE COURT: All right, sir, you're finished. You can
09:46	22	step down.
09:46	23	THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
09:46	24	THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let's take about a
09:46	25	15-minute recess.

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09:46	1	Your next witness is going to be whom?
09:46	2	MR. BROCK: Mr. Earl Shanks, Your Honor.
09:46	3	THE COURT: Okay.
09:46	4	THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
09:46	5	(WHEREUPON, the Court took a recess.)
09:48	6	THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
10:10	7	THE COURT: Please be seated, everyone.
10:10	8	MR. COLLIER: Good morning, Your Honor. May I
10:10	9	proceed?
10:10	10	THE COURT: Yes.
10:10	11	MR. COLLIER: Good morning. Mr. Shanks, I have you
10:10	12	on direct examination.
10:10	13	(WHEREUPON, FORREST EARL SHANKS, II, having been duly
10:10	14	sworn, testified as follows.)
10:10	15	THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please state your full name and
10:10	16	correct spelling for the record.
10:10	17	THE WITNESS: Forrest Earl Shanks, II.
10:11	18	DIRECT EXAMINATION
10:11	19	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:11	20	Q. Good morning, Mr. Shanks. Paul Collier on behalf of BP.
10:11	21	I have you on direct examination.
10:11	22	A. Wonderful.
10:11	23	Q. Could you please introduce yourself to the Court.
10:11	24	A. Forrest Earl Shanks, II.
10:11	25	Q. Who is your current employer?
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10:11	1	A. Oceaneering.
10:11	2	Q. What title do you have with Oceaneering?
10:11	3	A. Chief technologist.
10:11	4	Q. What were you asked to evaluate as it related to the
10:11	5	Deepwater Horizon matter?
10:11	6	A. The failure of the well, of the BOP to seal the well, and
10:11	7	also the suitability of the BOP for the conditions of the
10:11	8	Macondo well.
10:11	9	${f Q}.$ And to be clear, you were not asked to evaluate the BOP
10:11	10	control pods and their ability to activate the AMF/deadman?
10:11	11	A. No, I was not.
10:11	12	Q. And you're not providing any of those opinions today;
10:11	13	correct?
10:11	14	A. No, sir.
10:11	15	${f Q}.$ Now, before discussing the work that you did related to
10:12	16	this matter, I'd like to talk about your professional
10:12	17	background. What has been the focus of your professional
10:12	18	career?
10:12	19	A. Throughout my whole career, I primarily have supported the
10:12	20	technical operations and support of floating offshore float
10:12	21	and drill.
10:12	22	Q. Have you prepared any demonstratives that describe in more
10:12	23	detail your professional background?
10:12	24	A. Yes, I have.
10:12	25	MR. COLLIER: If we can bring up D-4801.1, please.

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10:12	1	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:12	2	Q. If you can first describe your educational background,
10:12	3	please.
10:12	4	A. Yes. After graduating high school, I went two years to
10:12	5	junior college which I enlisted in the Marine Corps, served
10:12	6	12 months in Vietnam, combat infantry specialist.
10:12	7	Upon immediately getting out, I joined the University
10:12	8	of Houston where I earned my Bachelor of Science in mechanical
10:12	9	engineering. The next semester I went to Oklahoma State where
10:13	10	I earned my I'm sorry, Houston was a Bachelor of Science and
10:13	11	Oklahoma State, Master of Science in mechanical engineering,
10:13	12	1973.
10:13	13	${f Q}.$ How many years have you worked in the offshore drilling
10:13	14	industry?
10:13	15	A. 38 years.
10:13	16	Q. For what type of entities have you worked for in the
10:13	17	offshore drilling industry?
10:13	18	A. I've worked for drilling contractors for 14 years,
10:13	19	operators for 20 years, and subsea equipment, original
10:13	20	equipment manufacturers for four years.
10:13	21	Q. I'd like to walk through now the various companies that
10:13	22	you've worked for during your 38 years of working in the
10:13	23	offshore drilling industry.
10:13	24	MR. COLLIER: If I can bring up D-4802.1, please.
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10.12	1	BY MR. COLLIER:
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10:13	2	Q. Starting with the Baylor Company, can you explain what
10:13	3	type of work you did for Baylor Company.
10:13	4	A. Yes. This is right out of graduate school. I was a
10:13	5	detail design engineer working on rig deck equipment and rig
10:14	6	subsea equipment.
10:14	7	Q. And in 1975 you went to work for Vetco Offshore?
10:14	8	A. Right. Again, as a design engineer working on subsea
10:14	9	marine systems, where I designed and evaluated subsea
10:14	10	equipment.
10:14	11	Q. And next you went to work for Sedco. Can you please
10:14	12	describe the type of work that you did with Sedco.
10:14	13	A. Yes. When I joined Sedco, I was an assistant engineer
10:14	14	primarily supporting offshore operations for the subsea
10:14	15	equipment. In 1980, I was promoted to the manager of the group
10:14	16	of systems engineering where I managed the subsea equipment and
10:14	17	related equipment throughout Sedco's fleet worldwide.
10:14	18	Q. And you also identified that you supervised subsea
10:14	19	equipment associated with eight new-build offshore drilling
10:15	20	rigs.
10:15	21	A. Right.
10:15	22	Q. Can you describe what type of work that was.
10:15	23	A. Yes. During the four years in the early 1980s, Sedco
10:15	24	contracted and built eight new offshore floating drilling rigs.
10:15	25	My group managed the complete subsea equipment: BOP, riser,
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10:15	1	riser tensioners, drill string compensator in the derrick,
10:15	2	choke kill manifolds, and anything related or associated with
10:15	3	subsea equipment.
10:15	4	${f Q}.$ Can you explain, with respect to the supervision of the
10:15	5	subsea equipment associated with these new-build offshore
10:15	6	drilling rigs, what type of work you were doing related to
10:15	7	BOPs?
10:15	8	A. Yes. We actually worked with the oil company during the
10:15	9	negotiations of the contract. Typically, as far as the BOP,
10:16	10	for example, we would take our preferred designs or our
10:16	11	preferred arrangement of the BOP components and BOP stack; we
10:16	12	would go to our preferred OEM supplier, get a quote; and then I
10:16	13	would sit down with the oil company representatives to begin a
10:16	14	negotiation of what would meet their drilling and well control
10:16	15	needs.
10:16	16	But it gave us something to start with.
10:16	17	Q. And during your work with Sedco, did you have experience
10:16	18	with Cameron BOPs?
10:16	19	A. Yes. At Sedco, at the time, Cameron BOPs was the BOP of
10:16	20	choice, and half of those new-build rigs had Cameron BOP
10:16	21	systems.
10:16	22	Q. Now, during the developing of the design and configuration
10:16	23	of the BOP, was that a collaborative process amongst multiple
10:16	24	entities?
10:17	25	A. Very much. We would start with an arrangement of the BOP
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10:17	1	that kind of met Sedco's company policies. As we sat down with
10:17	2	the engineer, the engineers from the various oil companies that
10:17	3	we were negotiating with. We would they would reflect upon
10:17	4	the arrangement and make changes according to their company
10:17	5	policies or perhaps make some different changes, depending on
10:17	6	where they knew the rig was going to be drilling and what they
10:17	7	would be encountering.
10:17	8	If there was a difference from what we recommended,
10:17	9	then we would negotiate and come up with a final solution that
10:17	10	would meet both companies' internal policies.
10:17	11	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, in the work that you've conducted for
10:17	12	this case, did you review the rig files that were associated
10:17	13	with the design and development of the Deepwater Horizon BOP?
10:17	14	A. Yes. I read the meeting minutes for the in the early
10:18	15	phases where they determined what the orientation and
10:18	16	configuration of the BOP to be.
10:18	17	${f Q}.$ Was the interaction between the entities that you saw on
10:18	18	the rig files similar to the collaborative effort that you saw
10:18	19	with respect to your work at Sedco?
10:18	20	A. Oh, very, very similar, yes.
10:18	21	Q. And you also identified, with respect to your work for
10:18	22	Sedco, that you performed failure analyses and evaluations of
10:18	23	subsea equipment, including BOPs. Can you explain what that
10:18	24	work entailed.
10:18	25	A. Yes. As a systems engineer, I routinely went out on the
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10:18	1	rigs any time there was a problem and helped investigate cause
10:18	2	and implement solutions. Even after I was a manager, if there
10:18	3	was a significant problem with, say, a BOP that the rig crew
10:18	4	couldn't identify and correct immediately, if it had, you know,
10:19	5	further extenuating circumstances, then I would go to the rig.
10:19	6	A lot of times, I would grab the equipment
10:19	7	original equipment engineering and technical top technical
10:19	8	people to go to the rig with me if it were a severe problem.
10:19	9	Q. And at Sedco did you perform any shear tests associated
10:19	10	with BOP equipment?
10:19	11	A. Yes. Sedco at the time was the largest drilling
10:19	12	contractor in the world offshore. So we had a lot of equipment
10:19	13	and inventory. So the operators, when they would want to see
10:19	14	shear tests for their particular type of BOP and configuration,
10:19	15	very often they would come to us, and we would supply the
10:19	16	equipment and supervise the test.
10:19	17	Q. And have you witnessed shear tests of BOP equipment
10:19	18	outside your employment with Sedco?
10:19	19	A. Yes.
10:19	20	${f Q}.$ Does your work with Sedco relate to the work that you've
10:20	21	been asked to conduct relating to this matter?
10:20	22	A. Yes. It fits very well. I mean, we went through
10:20	23	essentially the same process of coming up with the BOP
10:20	24	configuration and getting all the data work data and
10:20	25	documentation in place.

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10.20	1	MR. COLLIER: If we can pull up D-4802.2.
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10:20	2	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:20	3	Q. And then turn to your employment with Mobil Oil. If you
10:20	4	can describe the positions and roles that you had with
10:20	5	Mobil Oil, please.
10:20	6	A. Yes, sir. When I first joined Mobil Oil, I was in the
10:20	7	research and development center as a subsea engineer. I spent
10:20	8	most of my two years there working on subsea tree installations
10:20	9	over in the North Sea on the NACE (phonetic) project. After
10:20	10	two years, I was transferred over to drilling technology where
10:21	11	I was a drilling technology group leader.
10:21	12	I had several responsibilities on special drilling
10:21	13	technologies, and also all senior group leaders had
10:21	14	responsibilities to perform research projects, and so I took my
10:21	15	share of projects. And for what I was brought over to do is
10:21	16	form a deepwater drilling team.
10:21	17	Q. And I understand that during your employment with
10:21	18	Mobil Oil, you worked with some of the experts who have
10:21	19	testified in this case. Is that right?
10:21	20	A. Yes, I have. Mr. Willingham (phonetic) formed quite a
10:21	21	group in the drilling technology center.
10:21	22	Glen Benge, the cementer; Gerry Calvert, the cementer
10:21	23	that's testified; also David Lewis, who testified on casing.
10:21	24	We were all part of the same group at Mobil.
10:22	25	Q. During your time at Mobil, did you work with BOPs?

10:22	1	A. Yes.
10:22	2	Q. Can you describe the type of work that you were doing with
10:22	3	BOPs for Mobil?
10:22	4	A. Well, as part of my responsibilities as the team lead for
10:22	5	the deepwater drilling group, any time Mobil Worldwide would
10:22	6	pick up a new contract on a new rig that they hadn't used
10:22	7	before, the letter of intents formed with the signed with
10:22	8	the drilling contractor was contingent upon an inspection by my
10:22	9	group. So we would go out as soon as the letter of intent was
10:22	10	signed and do an audit on each of the rigs that Mobil wanted to
10:22	11	contract.
10:22	12	Q. During your work with Mobil, did you do any assessment of
10:22	13	shearing capacity for BOPs?
10:22	14	A. Yes. That was always part of the review. Our audit
10:22	15	covered all drilling equipment, including the subsea riser and
10:22	16	BOP stacks. And to ensure that the proper documentation was
10:23	17	there, we would look at shear test data and other documentation
10:23	18	that would be required from a company-policy standpoint.
10:23	19	Q. Now, during your time with Mobil, did you work on the
10:23	20	behavior of drill pipe as it relates to a drilling operation?
10:23	21	A. Yes, I did. Actually, for several years, that was the
10:23	22	focus of my drilling research projects. I had three engineers
10:23	23	that were working for me that were dedicated to drill-string
10:23	24	buckling and drill-string helical buckling phenomena.
10:23	25	Specifically, we were looking at horizontal well drilling.

10:23	1	But the technology applies whether it's vertical or
10:23	2	horizontal. We would develop the analytical tools to analyze
10:24	3	drill string and try to understand under what conditions it
10:24	4	would go into buckling and then helical buckling.
10:24	5	We had simulations that were developed and we also
10:24	6	did full-scale testing.
10:24	7	Q. While at Mobil, did you teach any classes?
10:24	8	A. Yes. Right after I joined MEPTEC, the drilling as
10:24	9	group leader for the deepwater group, my boss asked me to
10:24	10	attend their floating drilling course.
10:24	11	I attended and found that the a lot of the
10:24	12	technology was pretty old, from back in the '70s. So he asked
10:24	13	me to rewrite the course manual and start teaching the course.
10:24	14	So I taught the floating drilling course for Mobil pretty much
10:24	15	worldwide for about eight years.
10:24	16	Q. And did those classes involve BOPs at all?
10:24	17	A. Oh, yes, it definitely BOPs. It covered all aspects of
10:24	18	floating drilling: stability, weather effects, operations,
10:25	19	vessel stability motions, and then all of the key equipment.
10:25	20	And I did a lot of focus on the BOP because that's an
10:25	21	area that a lot of the drilling engineers weren't very familiar
10:25	22	with.
10:25	23	Q. Now, from 1998 to 2003, you worked for Transocean?
10:25	24	A. Yes.
10:25	25	Q. Can you explain what role that you had with Transocean
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10:25 1 during that time. 2 There was a newly formed position of director of Α. 10:25 3 technology development. That was my title and my department. 10:25 4 Q. And what type of work did you do in that role? 10:25 Basically, I evaluated new technologies that -- both 5 Α. 10:25 6 within the oil industry and out with the oil industry, 10:25 aviation, any other technology areas where technology could be 7 10:25 looked at to see if it could be brought into a drilling 8 10:26 9 situation, into our fleet for -- so I primarily focused on 10:26 emerging technologies, as opposed to existing technology. 10 10:26 11 0. In this role, did you have any operational 10:26 12 responsibilities relating to rigs? 10:26 13 No, I did not. Α. 10:26 14 And during your time with Transocean, did you work with Q. 10:26 15 BOPs? 10:26 Only looking at the emerging technologies. If it was 16 Α. 10:26 17 already being marketed, been prototyped and proven, there was 10:26 18 another group in Transocean, in the engineering department, 10:26 19 that looked at application of technologies into the fleet. 10:26 20 Why did you leave Transocean in 2003? 10:26 Q. 21 Α. October 2003, both my group and my position was 10:26 22 eliminated. 10:27 23 Q. Did you leave on good terms with Transocean? 10:27 24 Very well. Very good. Α. 10:27 25 **MR. COLLIER:** And if we can go to the next slide, 10:27

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10:27	1	please, D-4802.3.
10:27	2	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:27	3	Q. And then we have from 2004 to 2011, you were with DTC.
10:27	4	And can you explain what work you performed while
10:27	5	working with DTC?
10:27	6	A. Yes. I didn't actually work for DTC within the DTC
10:27	7	company; I signed a contract with DTC to do consulting. They
10:27	8	had a consulting arm of their company. This allowed me to use
10:27	9	their master service agreement with BP to do consulting for BP.
10:27	10	Q. And what group with BP were you working with?
10:28	11	A. When I first went into consulting with BP, there was a new
10:28	12	group that was being formed that was addressing high pressure
10:28	13	high temperature equipment for some of the upcoming potential
10:28	14	developments on new discoveries that BP had. So primarily I
10:28	15	looked at well control equipment for pressures greater than
10:28	16	15,000 psi and up to 350 degrees Fahrenheit working
10:28	17	temperatures.
10:28	18	And during that process, I went through a detailed
10:28	19	engineering project where we used Hydril to detail-design a
10:28	20	20,000 psi 18 3/4 BOP.
10:29	21	And then after the detail-design project was over, I
10:29	22	moved over into BP's drilling excellence group, where I
10:29	23	supported drilling operations from a technologist's
10:29	24	perspective.
10:29	25	Q. Now, you left consulting with BP in 2011. Why did you

10:29	1	leave the consulting relationship?
10:29	2	A. Early in 2011, Oceaneering had approached me to come to
10:29	3	work with them, to work with a very dear friend of mine who was
10:29	4	in the BOP controls area.
10:29	5	And I made the decision to join Oceaneering in
10:29	6	March 2011, and I reported there in April 2011.
10:29	7	Q. What type of work do you do for Oceaneering?
10:29	8	A. I'm the chief technologist, and basically I'm responsible
10:30	9	for all new product development within the OIE group. And OIE
10:30	10	is the Oceaneering Intervention Engineering Group. It's one of
10:30	11	many groups within Oceaneering.
10:30	12	But one of the product groups within the OIE group is
10:30	13	BOP controls, and so I the first year and a half I was
10:30	14	there, I spent a lot of time supporting that group.
10:30	15	Q. Now, very briefly I'd like to talk about your professional
10:30	16	committees and affiliations.
10:30	17	MR. COLLIER: And if we can go to D-4801.2, please.
10:30	18	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:30	19	Q. And if you can briefly describe what role you had with the
10:30	20	American Petroleum Institute, API.
10:30	21	A. Right. I mentioned, when I started consulting at BP, I
10:30	22	was working on the HP/HT project.
10:30	23	One thing that quickly came up that was a little
10:31	24	concern to BP management they said, "Mr. Shanks, you know,
10:31	25	we have confidence that you can work with an OEM and you-all
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10:31	1	can design a 20K BOP, but will the rest of the industry accept
10:31	2	it?" which was a valid question.
10:31	3	So I approached the API in late 2004 and by early
10:31	4	2005 API formed a kind of exploratory committee to determine if
10:31	5	they wanted to form a new committee which will address the
10:31	6	design protocols for equipment greater than 15,000 psi. The
10:31	7	committee came to an affirmative decision.
10:31	8	And so during the June API summer conference, it was
10:31	9	formalized and so I became the chair of the API HP/HT committee
10:31	10	for about the next four years.
10:31	11	Q. And I'd like to jump ahead to the publications and
10:32	12	presentations that you have given.
10:32	13	Do any of the publications or presentations that you
10:32	14	have given relate to BOPs?
10:32	15	A. Yes. Several directly. Most all reference well control
10:32	16	equipment.
10:32	17	${f Q}$. And for how many years have you worked on or around BOPs
10:32	18	or blowout preventers?
10:32	19	A. Essentially, I've been exposed to being around BOPs my
10:32	20	whole career.
10:32	21	Q. And how does your professional experience support the work
10:32	22	that you've been asked to perform on this matter as it relates
10:32	23	to BOPs?
10:32	24	A. I think quite adequately, yes, sir.
10:32	25	Q. And has your professional experience with analyzing drill

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10:32	1	pipe behavior related to the work that you've been asked to
10:32	2	perform relating to this matter?
10:32	3	A. Yes, it has.
10:32	4	MR. COLLIER: At this time, Your Honor, BP tenders
10:32	5	Mr. Shanks as a qualified expert with respect to blowout
10:32	6	preventers.
10:33	7	THE COURT: All right. I don't believe there are any
10:33	8	pending Daubert motions. Correct?
10:33	9	MR. COLLIER: I believe that's right, Your Honor. I
10:33	10	believe there was one at one time, based on Cameron
10:33	11	THE COURT: Right, and they're out of the case.
10:33	12	All right. We'll accept him.
10:33	13	MR. COLLIER: Thank you, Your Honor.
10:33	14	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:33	15	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, what were you asked to evaluate as it
10:33	16	relates to the Deepwater Horizon case?
10:33	17	A. I was asked to evaluate why the BOP failed to close in the
10:33	18	well and about the adequacy of the BOP for the Macondo
10:33	19	conditions.
10:33	20	Q. Can you briefly explain what analyses and work that you
10:33	21	did in order to form your opinions in this matter.
10:33	22	A. Right. Of course, I spent a lot of time doing shearing
10:33	23	calculations, did some modeling, directed some modeling on
10:33	24	drill pipe in and around the blind shear closing aspects.
10:33	25	I've read all of the findings from the forensic

10:34	1	examinations. I've read all of the expert reports and
10:34	2	testimony through that I I did whatever I could, to get
10:34	3	as much knowledge as I could, in preparation for this.
10:34	4	Q. Did you ever visit Port Michoud?
10:34	5	A. Yes, I did. Four times.
10:34	6	Q. What was the reason for visiting Port Michoud?
10:34	7	A. To review the BOP, the components of the BOP that was
10:34	8	disassembled and the drill pipe pieces that were recovered when
10:34	9	the BOP was recovered.
10:34	10	${f Q}.$ And did you prepare any reports relating to the work that
10:34	11	you did for this matter? Did you prepare any reports?
10:34	12	A. Oh, yes, I did. I prepared the original expert report,
10:34	13	revised, and the rebuttal report and revised.
10:35	14	MR. COLLIER: And if we can bring up TREX-40008,
10:35	15	please.
10:35	16	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:35	17	Q. And do you recognize this, Mr. Shanks, as the opening page
10:35	18	of your amended initial expert report?
10:35	19	A. Yes, I do.
10:35	20	MR. COLLIER: And if we can bring up TREX-40020.
10:35	21	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:35	22	Q. And do you recognize that as the opening page of your
10:35	23	amended rebuttal report?
10:35	24	A. Yes, I do.
10:35	25	Q. And these reports contain your opinions relating to this

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10:35	1	matter?
10:35	2	A. Yes, they do.
10:35	3	MR. COLLIER: Your Honor, at this time BP offers
10:35	4	TREX-40008 and 40020, Mr. Shanks' amended expert report and
10:35	5	rebuttal report.
10:35	6	THE COURT: Well, wait. Let me get the numbers
10:35	7	again.
10:35	8	MR. COLLIER: Sure. It's
10:35	9	THE COURT: 4008 is the report?
10:35	10	MR. COLLIER: It's actually 40008.
10:35	11	THE COURT: 40008?
10:35	12	MR. COLLIER: Yeah, that's right.
10:36	13	THE COURT: And the amended report is what? What's
10:36	14	it called, supplemental
10:36	15	MR. COLLIER: It's called a rebuttal
10:36	16	THE COURT: Rebuttal.
10:36	17	MR. COLLIER: report.
10:36	18	THE COURT: Rebuttal.
10:36	19	MR. COLLIER: And that's 40020, Your Honor.
10:36	20	THE COURT: Okay.
10:36	21	MR. WILLIAMSON: There's no objection, Judge, but I
10:36	22	need a clarification.
10:36	23	The amended report, the two numbers he just gave
10:36	24	you do not reflect that they're amended. His original reports
10:36	25	were 8122 and 8123, and they were not withdrawn in total; they

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10:36	1	were withdrawn in part.
10:36	2	And these reports I just want the record to
10:36	3	be clear that these reports were not prepared on October 17th
10:36	4	and November 17th. They were prepared later, and they've
10:36	5	redacted some stuff. And I think that should be clear in the
10:36	6	record because under your previous order, to the extent an
10:36	7	expert withdraws part of a report, then those portions that are
10:36	8	withdrawn are subject to examination under your order of
10:37	9	Document 8173, an order you signed and admitted, Pretrial
10:37	10	Order 54, on January 4, 2013.
10:37	11	THE COURT: What was amended in this report?
10:37	12	MR. WILLIAMSON: Your Honor
10:37	13	THE COURT: Let me ask Mr. Collier, since it's his
10:37	14	witness.
10:37	15	MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, Your Honor.
10:37	16	MR. COLLIER: Your Honor, from the original
10:37	17	reports or in the original reports, Mr. Shanks had offered
10:37	18	opinions relating to certain components of the Cameron design,
10:37	19	and it was those opinions that were withdrawn.
10:37	20	THE COURT: Okay. You're not trying to get that in,
10:37	21	are you?
10:37	22	MR. WILLIAMSON: No, it's not so much that, but it is
10:37	23	the issue he withdrew more than that. He withdrew several
10:37	24	other things that are relevant to the BOP.
10:37	25	THE COURT: Well, you can ask him about that if

10:37	1	you I assume you're going to be cross-examining him.
10:37	2	MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, Your Honor.
10:37	3	THE COURT: Okay. All right. We'll admit these
10:37	4	exhibits.
10:37	5	MR. COLLIER: Thank you, Your Honor.
10:37	6	THE COURT: Sure.
10:37	7	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:37	8	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, I'd like to talk about your opinions in
10:38	9	this case.
10:38	10	Have you prepared a slide that summarizes the
10:38	11	opinions that you offer?
10:38	12	A. Yes, I have.
10:38	13	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4803.1, please.
10:38	14	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:38	15	Q. And as your first opinion there, you say you have the
10:38	16	question: "Why the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> BP did not seal the
10:38	17	well."
10:38	18	Do you see that?
10:38	19	A. That's right.
10:38	20	${f Q}.$ And is it correct that in response to that you have
10:38	21	opinions that focus on the blind shear rams of the Deepwater
10:38	22	Horizon BOP? Correct?
10:38	23	A. Correct.
10:38	24	Q. And you then have that identified for two events relating
10:38	25	to this case, autoshear and AMF/deadman?

10:38	1	A. Correct.
10:38	2	Q. And is it correct that you are offering an opinion, then,
10:38	3	as to whether the blind shear rams could have sealed the well
10:38	4	during the autoshear event?
10:38	5	A. Correct.
10:38	6	Q. If you can provide what your opinion was with respect to
10:38	7	the blind shear rams and the autoshear event.
10:38	8	A. Okay. "On the autoshear, the blind shear rams failed to
10:38	9	secure the well when first closed on April 22nd, 2010, because
10:39	10	the drill pipe was forcibly held partially outside the blind
10:39	11	shear rams' blades, therefore preventing it to be able to
10:39	12	seal."
10:39	13	Q. And the next event you have there is the AMF/deadman?
10:39	14	A. Correct.
10:39	15	Q. And with respect to the blind shear rams and the <i>Deepwater</i>
10:39	16	Horizon BOP, can you explain what opinion you reached with
10:39	17	respect to the blind shear rams for the AMF/deadman event?
10:39	18	A. Yes. The blind shear rams would have sealed the well if
10:39	19	the AMF/deadman had worked as intended.
10:39	20	Q. And then can you describe the last opinion that you offer
10:39	21	on that slide.
10:39	22	A. Yes. "Was the Deepwater Horizon BOP suitable?
10:39	23	"The Deepwater Horizon's BOP was appropriately
10:39	24	configured for the deepwater drilling and suitable for the
10:39	25	Macondo well."

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10:40	1	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, in this case we've heard a lot about the
10:40	2	BOP and the various components that make up the BOP, but I'd
10:40	3	just like to talk about it very briefly before we start to talk
10:40	4	about your opinions.
10:40	5	Have you prepared any slides to help you provide a
10:40	6	very brief overview of the BOP?
10:40	7	A. Yes, I have.
10:40	8	MR. COLLIER: And if we can bring up D-4327-B,
10:40	9	please.
10:40	10	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:40	11	Q. And, Mr. Shanks, is this a representation of the <i>Deepwater</i>
10:40	12	Horizon BOP and its components?
10:40	13	A. Yes, it is.
10:40	14	Q. And just as a brief refresher, can you identify what would
10:40	15	be the lower marine riser package of the BOP.
10:40	16	A. Yes. The lower marine riser package is the upper half of
10:40	17	the BOP that can be disconnected and retrieved to the surface
10:40	18	without the lower BOP stack. It contains the annular BOPs,
10:40	19	flex joint, and connector to connect to the lower stack.
10:41	20	The lower stack is where the ram BOPs are packaged,
10:41	21	beginning at the top, blind shear, casing shear, upper variable
10:41	22	bore rams, middle variable bore rams, and test rams.
10:41	23	At the bottom of the lower stack is a hydraulic
10:41	24	connector which latches the BOP to the wellhead.
10:41	25	Q. Now, we aren't going to talk about the control pods today,
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10:41	1	but can you just identify where those are on the BOP stack?
10:41	2	A. Right. They're located in the lower marine riser package.
10:41	3	You can see the blue box there. A little obscured on the other
10:41	4	side, but directly opposite from the blue pod is the yellow
10:41	5	pod.
10:41	6	Q. Now, starting at the top of the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> 's BOP,
10:41	7	there's the upper annular preventer. What was the pressure
10:41	8	rating for the upper annular preventer?
10:41	9	A. 10,000 psi.
10:41	10	${f Q}.$ What does it mean for the upper annular preventer to have
10:42	11	a pressure rating of 10,000 psi?
10:42	12	A. It means that the body and the annular element are rated
10:42	13	for 10,000 psi should the well be shut in and 10,000 psi be
10:42	14	captured below the annular.
10:42	15	${f Q.}$ Now, there's been a suggestion in this case that the
10:42	16	Deepwater Horizon had a pressure rating of 7500 psi for when
10:42	17	sealed against 5 1/2-inch drill pipe; is that correct?
10:42	18	A. No. That number was associated with the Marianas rig that
10:42	19	started the Macondo well prior to the arrival of the Horizon on
10:42	20	location.
10:42	21	Q. Now, what pressure rating does the lower annular preventer
10:42	22	have?
10:42	23	A. The lower annular BOP is a stripping ram, and its pressure
10:42	24	is rated at 5000 psi.
10:42	25	${f Q}$. And why does the lower annular preventer have a lower
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10:43	1	pressure rating?
10:43	2	A. The on a stripping ram, the element has to be modified,
10:43	3	and some of the fingers that help make up and keep the rubber
10:43	4	from extruding as the annular takes various shapes have to be
10:43	5	trimmed back. That trimming back reduces the element
10:43	6	capability pressure rating, so it's down-rated to 5000 psi.
10:43	7	${f Q}.$ Why would you want a stripping annular as part of your
10:43	8	drilling operation?
10:43	9	A. It's very much a safety reason, to be capable of stripping
10:43	10	in a well control situation.
10:43	11	Q. Now, there's been a suggestion in this case that
10:43	12	converting the lower annular preventer to a stripping element
10:43	13	with a 5000 psi rating would be driven only by a desire to save
10:44	14	time and money. Do you agree with that?
10:44	15	A. No, I do not. Actually, it's really a it's a safety
10:44	16	reason for having the stripping element. If you can imagine
10:44	17	that the drill pipe has been tripped out of the hole and for
10:44	18	some reason took an influx in the well, you have no way of
10:44	19	circulating from bottoms-up with a higher density fluid to kill
10:44	20	the well.
10:44	21	So with a stripping rubber, you can bring your drill
10:44	22	pipe down, get the bit underneath the upper annular, then close
10:44	23	the upper annular close the upper annular, then strip a
10:44	24	short distance through the upper annular until you get the pipe
10:44	25	inside the lower annular. Then you close the lower annular,

10:45	1	open the upper annular, and you can strip the bottom safely to
10:45	2	be able to circulate out the kick.
10:45	3	The only alternative to a stripping annular would be,
10:45	4	if your pipe was out of the hole and you took a kick and you
10:45	5	had to kill the well, you'd have to deadhead down your choke
10:45	6	and kill lines into the wellbore at the BOP, which means you
10:45	7	would have to displace, by deadheading, all that fluid into the
10:45	8	formation. And you run the risk of breaking down the formation
10:45	9	in that case and causing an underground blowout.
10:45	10	So it's a very environmental safety issue.
10:45	11	Q. Was MMS aware that the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> BOP had a
10:45	12	stripping element for the lower annular preventer that was
10:45	13	rated to 5000 psi?
10:45	14	A. Yes, it did. It was stated in the application permit to
10:45	15	drill, and it's really a very common part of BOPs.
10:46	16	Q. Next, we go into the ram preventers that are part of the
10:46	17	lower BOP stack. And the first ram preventer is the blind
10:46	18	shear rams. Very briefly, what function does the blind shear
10:46	19	ram perform?
10:46	20	A. The blind ram has the capability of shearing the pipe and
10:46	21	sealing the well.
10:46	22	Q. What pressure rating do the blind shear rams for the
10:46	23	Deepwater Horizon BOP have?
10:46	24	A. 15,000 psi.
10:46	25	Q. As of April 2010, what was the highest pressure rating
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10:46	1	that was available in the industry for a blind shear ram?
10:46	2	A. 15,000 psi for 18 3/4 BOPs, which is necessary for use in
10:46	3	deepwater drilling.
10:46	4	Q. Now, the model of blind shear ram on the <i>Deepwater Horizon</i>
10:46	5	BOP was the Cameron SBR model blind shear ram?
10:46	6	A. Yes.
10:46	7	Q. And are you familiar with the Cameron SBR model?
10:46	8	A. Yes.
10:46	9	Q. Before the incident were you familiar with subsea BOP
10:47	10	stacks used in deepwater drilling operations that used
10:47	11	Cameron's SBR model blind shear ram?
10:47	12	A. For any Cameron stack, it was a very common shear ram to
10:47	13	be used.
10:47	14	Q. And are you aware of whether Cameron's SBR model blind
10:47	15	shear ram is still being used today?
10:47	16	A. Yes.
10:47	17	${f Q}$. Below that we have the casing shear rams. And briefly can
10:47	18	you explain what the function is of the casing shear rams?
10:47	19	A. Yes. A casing shear ram is a non-sealing ram that is used
10:47	20	to cut higher, thicker walls, larger diameter, higher grade
10:47	21	tubulars.
10:47	22	Q. And below that we have two variable bore rams. Can you
10:47	23	briefly explain what the function of the variable bore rams is?
10:47	24	A. Yes. These variable bore rams had a range of between
10:47	25	3 1/2 and 6 5/8 and, I believe, 7 inches. The advantage of a

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10:48	1	variable bore ram is that it has the capability of closing
10:48	2	around various sizes within its range so that it allows for one
10:48	3	ram to cover several pipe sizes.
10:48	4	${f Q}.$ And are there advantages for having a test ram on a BOP
10:48	5	during a deepwater drilling operation?
10:48	6	A. Is it
10:48	7	Q. Are there advantages in having a test ram for a deepwater
10:48	8	drilling operation?
10:48	9	A. On the test ram, yes.
10:48	10	Q. What are some of those advantages?
10:48	11	A. Well, again, safety. The test ram allows you to close the
10:48	12	test ram around the drill pipe. It contains pressure from
10:48	13	above that a normal variable bore ram does from below.
10:48	14	So it allows you to test your BOP stack during your
10:49	15	biweekly test without having to trip pipe out of the hole,
10:49	16	which has the potential of bringing it a surge or swab kick
10:49	17	during the pulling or tripping back in the hole of the BOP.
10:49	18	It's a safety measure. It does save time, but it's a safety
10:49	19	measure.
10:49	20	${f Q}.$ Was MMS aware that the Deepwater Horizon BOP had a test
10:49	21	ram?
10:49	22	A. Yes. Yes. Many rigs have test rams.
10:49	23	Q. Now, the Deepwater Horizon BOP was also equipped with
10:49	24	certain emergency systems?
10:49	25	A. Yes.

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10:49	1	Q. And you're familiar with the emergency systems that the
10:49	2	Deepwater Horizon BOP had?
10:49	3	A. Yes, I am.
10:49	4	Q. And we won't go through all of those, Mr. Shanks, but
10:49	5	there's a couple of them that are important as far as your
10:49	6	opinions in this case that I just wanted to briefly introduce.
10:49	7	One of the emergency systems is the AMF/deadman
10:49	8	system?
10:49	9	A. Correct.
10:50	10	${f Q}.$ Can you explain what the AMF/deadman system is.
10:50	11	A. Yes. The Cameron's designated automatic mode function
10:50	12	is more commonly called in the industry as a "deadman system."
10:50	13	Upon loss of rig-supplied electrical power and communication
10:50	14	and the loss of hydraulics to the BOP, the AMF, or deadman
10:50	15	system, is triggers conditions are met, and it will close
10:50	16	in the well the blind shear rams will close in the well.
10:50	17	${f Q}.$ One of the other emergency systems that we'll talk about
10:50	18	today during the discussion of your opinions is the autoshear
10:50	19	system.
10:50	20	A. Correct.
10:50	21	Q. Can you explain what the autoshear system is.
10:50	22	A. Right. The autoshear is, again, an emergency system that
10:50	23	shuts in and closes the blind shear rams. Its trigger
10:51	24	conditions are a little different. For the autoshear there's a
10:51	25	hydraulic plunger valve that senses whether or not the lower

10:51	1	marine riser package is where it's supposed to be, and that's
10:51	2	connected to the lower BOP.
10:51	3	If for any reason the LMRP becomes disconnected and
10:51	4	the autoshear system is armed, the lifting of the lower marine
10:51	5	riser package will release the plunger on the hydraulic valve,
10:51	6	and it will fire the high pressure shear function to close the
10:51	7	blind shear rams.
10:51	8	Q. Now, I'd like to move on to a new topic, Mr. Shanks.
10:51	9	A. Yes.
10:51	10	Q. Based on your forensic examination, have you developed a
10:51	11	timeline of events as it related to the Deepwater Horizon BOP
10:51	12	during the Macondo incident?
10:51	13	A. Yes, I have.
10:51	14	Q. And have you prepared slides to walk through those events?
10:52	15	A. Yes, I have.
10:52	16	MR. COLLIER: And if we can bring up D-4328-B,
10:52	17	please.
10:52	18	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:52	19	Q. Can you explain what D-4328-B shows?
10:52	20	A. Yes. At about 2140, mud was coming out of the well onto
10:52	21	the rig floor, out of the rotary table. So sometime
10:52	22	immediately after the mud would have been observed, the driller
10:52	23	would have closed the upper annular. And we see evidence of
10:52	24	that upper annular close at about 2142.
10:52	25	But unfortunately, when the annular closed, it closed

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10:52	1	on the shoulder of a tool joint. So it was not sealing on a
10:52	2	concentric symmetrical surface, and it leaked almost
10:53	3	immediately.
10:53	4	Q. Why do you believe the upper annular closed at 2142?
10:53	5	A. We have evidence in the from the Sperry-Sun drill pipe
10:53	6	pressure curve that shows an increase in pressure beginning at
10:53	7	2142, which would be consistent with the annular closing and
10:53	8	trying to obtain a seal. Even though it is leaking, it would
10:53	9	still be increasing the pressure below the annular, which was
10:53	10	being detected by the drill pipe.
10:53	11	MR. COLLIER: If we can bring up D-4806, please.
10:53	12	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:53	13	Q. Does this provide the Sperry-Sun data that you were just
10:53	14	discussing?
10:53	15	A. Yes. As you can see, at about 2142, the slope of the
10:53	16	curve begins to change and it starts showing a trend of
10:54	17	increasing pressure that would be consistent with the annular
10:54	18	closing and pressure building.
10:54	19	Q. And to be clear, Mr. Shanks, you're referring to the red
10:54	20	line that's shown on D-4806; correct?
10:54	21	A. Right. That is the Sperry-Sun drill pipe data.
10:54	22	Q. Did the upper annular seal the well at this time?
10:54	23	A. It did not fully seal. It continued to leak because of
10:54	24	that tool joint in the annular element.
10:54	25	Q. To your knowledge, is there any dispute that the upper

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10:54	1	annular closed but did not form a seal?
10:54	2	A. No. I believe all experts agree that it closed but did
10:54	3	not form a seal.
10:54	4	Q. Is there a dispute as to when the upper annular closed?
10:54	5	A. Yes, there is. Mr. Childs, in his testimony, said he
10:55	6	believed the upper annular closed at 2143 and 40 seconds.
10:55	7	Q. Do you agree with Mr. Childs?
LO:55	8	A. No, I don't.
LO:55	9	Q. Does Mr. Childs' opinion as to when the upper annular
10:55	10	closed match the Sperry-Sun data that you've analyzed?
L0:55	11	A. No. The pressure trend had started at 2142, and as you
L0:55	12	can see from the curve, it continued its upward trend,
L0:55	13	higher-pressure trend, all the way up to 2147.
10:55	14	Q. Has Mr. Childs offered any alternative explanations as to
10:55	15	why the drill pipe pressure began to increase at 2142?
LO:55	16	A. He put a graph up and had a reference to a kill line
L0:56	17	monitoring pressure. And he saw a little blip in the kill
L0:56	18	line, and he said that would indicate the annular closing. But
10:56	19	I could not understand that curve. I don't know where that
10:56	20	came from.
10:56	21	Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Shanks.
10:56	22	A. I don't have a clue where that came from.
10:56	23	Q. What's the significance of whether the upper annular
10:56	24	closed at 2142 or whether it closed at 2143 and 40 seconds?
10:56	25	A. Is there a difference?

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10:56	1	Q. Yeah. What's the significance of that?
10:56	2	A. The significance is, until 2143, the "force from below"
10:56	3	theory that Childs was testifying to would not generate enough
10:56	4	flow velocity, by their own calculations, until 2143:40.
10:56	5	Q. We'll discuss that in a little bit more detail later on.
10:57	6	At the time that the upper annular closed, where were
10:57	7	the hydrocarbons in relation to the BOP?
10:57	8	A. They were above the BOP, into the riser.
10:57	9	Q. And how were you aware of that?
10:57	10	A. By the modeling that was done for the well flow conditions
10:57	11	at that time.
10:57	12	${f Q}.$ Now, after the upper annular closed, what was the next
10:57	13	BOP-related event that happened?
10:57	14	A. At 2147, the variable bore rams closed.
10:57	15	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4329-D, please.
10:57	16	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:57	17	Q. Can you explain what D-4329-D shows.
10:57	18	A. Yes. In the in the figure you can see the two red
10:57	19	items. The lower red was the middle variable bore ram, and the
10:57	20	upper red item is the upper variable bore ram in the BOP.
10:58	21	Q. Why do you or how do you conclude that the upper and
10:58	22	middle variable bore rams closed and sealed the annulus at
10:58	23	2147?
10:58	24	A. You can see in the Sperry-Sun drill pipe data curve that
10:58	25	the pressure shot up, again to shoot up consistent with a
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10:58	1	closing, and shutting off the well flow at 2147.
10:58	2	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4809, please.
10:58	3	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:58	4	Q. Is this the Sperry-Sun data that you were just discussing?
10:58	5	A. Yes. You can see at 2147, a very large increase in
10:58	6	pressure was initiated and continued all the way up to just
10:58	7	before the explosion, where the about where the from
10:58	8	modeling, the full pressure would have existed on the drill
10:58	9	pipe at that time.
10:58	10	Q. And to be clear, Mr. Shanks, you're making reference to
10:58	11	the red line on D-4809; correct?
10:59	12	A. Correct.
10:59	13	Q. And what's the next BOP-related event after the VBRs
10:59	14	closed and sealed the well or the annulus?
10:59	15	A. The rig explosion.
10:59	16	Q. Okay.
10:59	17	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4336-B.
10:59	18	BY MR. COLLIER:
10:59	19	Q. Can you explain what D-4336-B shows.
10:59	20	A. Yes. At 2149, there's a loss of Sperry-Sun data, and
10:59	21	that's consistent with with witnesses that the the first
10:59	22	explosion occurred at about 2149.
10:59	23	Q. And what would have happened after the rig explosions as
10:59	24	it relates to the BOP?
10:59	25	A. The deadman conditions would have been met.

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11:00	1	Q. And what are the AMF/deadman conditions?
11:00	2	A. That's the electrical supply and the electrical
11:00	3	communication to the pods and the hydraulic supply from the
11:00	4	surface to the manifold pod manifold on the pods on the
11:00	5	lower marine riser package.
11:00	6	Once electrical and com signals are lost, consistent
11:00	7	with a loss of hydraulics, is the trigger for the deadman
11:00	8	AMF/deadman system. And upon those trigger conditions, the
11:00	9	SEMs are booted. They're computers. They would be booted to
11:00	10	run the sequence for the deadman operation.
11:00	11	${f Q}.$ When did you believe the AMF/deadman conditions would have
11:00	12	been met?
11:00	13	A. Oh, if not immediately upon explosion, within a minute or
11:01	14	so after.
11:01	15	Q. And is there any evidence that supports that the
11:01	16	AMF/deadman conditions were met shortly after the explosion?
11:01	17	A. Yes. Shortly well, within minutes of
11:01	18	${f Q}.$ Let me ask a better question. Is there any evidence that
11:01	19	hydraulics were lost
11:01	20	A. Yes.
11:01	21	Q to the BOP?
11:01	22	A. Right. Just a few minutes after the explosion, the subsea
11:01	23	engineer, Mr. Pleasant, arrived at the bridge, where the remote
11:01	24	toolpusher BOP control panel is. Upon hitting EDS to try to
11:01	25	shut in the well, he noticed that there was no hydraulics. And

11:01	1	when he pushed the button, the EDS light was flashing, and it
11:02	2	continued to flash and everyone saw it, which meant the signals
11:02	3	never got to subsea and he observed he had no hydraulics.
11:02	4	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4336-C, please.
11:02	5	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:02	6	Q. Is that does that slide discuss what you just
11:02	7	mentioned?
11:02	8	A. Yes. He activated EDS from the bridge several minutes
11:02	9	after the explosion and he could not close the BCR because
11:02	10	communications to the BOP was lost. And he stated, "No
11:02	11	hydraulics, I have no hydraulics."
11:02	12	Q. Was the EDS attempt at this time successful?
11:02	13	A. No.
11:02	14	Q. And the blind shear rams were not closed at that time?
11:02	15	A. No.
11:02	16	${f Q}.$ What would have happened if the EDS had been attempted
11:02	17	before the explosions?
11:02	18	A. The conditions were ideal to have sheared the pipe and
11:02	19	sealed the well.
11:02	20	${f Q}.$ Was there a tool joint across the blind shear rams during
11:03	21	the Macondo incident?
11:03	22	A. There was a tool joint across the blind shear rams, but it
11:03	23	should have been centered, hanging vertically at the time.
11:03	24	Q. Was the where was the tool joint located?
11:03	25	A. Oh, the tool joint?

11:03	1	Q. The tool joint located.
11:03	2	A. Okay. I'm sorry. The tool joint should have been spaced
11:03	3	out, outside the BOPs, because during the displacement of the
11:03	4	well, the driller knew he was going to be in one place for a
11:03	5	long period of time, and it's common practice to space out the
11:03	6	tool joint to not be across any critical BOP element.
11:03	7	So well practice in the industry, drillers are
11:03	8	trained on that.
11:03	9	${f Q}.$ During the Macondo incident, was the tool joint across any
11:04	10	of the ram preventers, including the blind shear rams?
11:04	11	A. Not that I'm aware of.
11:04	12	Q. Now, after the EDS attempt, what was the next BOP-related
11:04	13	event?
11:04	14	A. After EDS was the blocks falling.
11:04	15	MR. COLLIER: And if we can go to D-4338-C, please.
11:04	16	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:04	17	Q. And can you explain what D-4338-C shows.
11:04	18	A. Yes. This is a schematic of the in the center of the
11:04	19	page it says "Schematic of the Derrick on the Horizon."
11:04	20	And you can see the red equipment in the middle of
11:04	21	the derrick is the traveling assembly, and you can see the dark
11:04	22	hanging down below the traveling assembly and attached to the
11:04	23	traveling assembly is the drill pipe.
11:04	24	The traveling assembly is suspended from the crown by
11:05	25	a series of wire ropes, about 7 reefs probably at this time;

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11:05	1	and the traveling assembly weighs about 190,000 pounds, and the
11:05	2	drill pipe being suspended is about 160,000 pounds.
11:05	3	Q. What function does the traveling block perform?
11:05	4	A. The traveling block allows the drill pipe to be raised and
11:05	5	lowered in the derrick. When you're drilling away, it will
11:05	6	slowly move the pipe forward; but at times when you're tripping
11:05	7	pipe, it can go up and down the derrick very quickly to build
11:05	8	stands and lower pipe or pull pipe.
11:05	9	${f Q}.$ How do you know that the traveling block fell after the
11:05	10	explosion?
11:05	11	A. Right towards the end of the evacuation, one of the
11:05	12	employees turned around and looked at the derrick, and he saw
11:05	13	the blocks he saw the traveling assembly fall.
11:06	14	Q. And approximately how long after the explosions did the
11:06	15	traveling block fall?
11:06	16	A. Approximately 22, 25 between 25 and 30 minutes after
11:06	17	the explosion.
11:06	18	Q. And how far would the traveling block fall?
11:06	19	A. 27 feet approximately.
11:06	20	${f Q}.$ And do you have a demonstrative that shows what would have
11:06	21	happened when the traveling block fell?
11:06	22	A. Yes.
11:06	23	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4813.
11:06	24	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:06	25	${f Q}.$ And does this identify what would have happened when the
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11:06	1	traveling block would have fallen?
11:06	2	A. Right. In the fire that was in the derrick would have
11:06	3	at some point weakened the cables that were suspending it.
11:06	4	They would have broke and the traveling assembly would fall,
11:06	5	pushing the drill pipe down into the riser.
11:06	6	Q. We'll discuss a little bit more at length the impact that
11:06	7	the traveling block falling would have had on the drill pipe
11:06	8	within the BOP.
11:06	9	After the traveling block fell, what was the next
11:06	10	BOP-related event?
11:07	11	A. The ROV intervention to cut the autoshear arm to trigger
11:07	12	autoshear.
11:07	13	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4340-A, please.
11:07	14	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:07	15	Q. And if you can explain what D-4340-A shows.
11:07	16	A. Yes. On April 22nd, at about 7:48 in the morning, an ROV
11:07	17	was used to cut the autoshear lever arm, the little plunger I
11:07	18	was talking about before. Essentially, that gets to the valve
11:07	19	by a mechanism that has a little linkage on it.
11:07	20	The ROV had a saw to cut that link, which simulated
11:08	21	loss of the lower marine riser package, which would have fired
11:08	22	the high-pressure shear and closed the blind shear rams.
11:08	23	${f Q}$. And have you watched the ROV footage of when the autoshear
11:08	24	pin was cut?
11:08	25	A. Yes, I have.

11:08	1	Q. And what, if anything, can you identify from that ROV
11:08	2	footage?
11:08	3	A. Upon the cutting of the linkage, there was a shaking of
11:08	4	the BOP, which is consistent with what I've seen in lab testing
11:08	5	of BOPs on the release of a you know, 4000 psi and a very
11:08	6	large cylinder creates a lot of force, and there is a jolting
11:08	7	of the BOP when that happens.
11:08	8	And I will also add that I talked to the guys in the
11:08	9	room watching the ROV action the next morning, and they all
11:09	10	said they saw the BOP move.
11:09	11	Q. And by the BOP moving, would that be an indication that
11:09	12	the blind shear rams closed?
11:09	13	A. It means the pressure was released to close the rams.
11:09	14	Q. Now, if the blind shear rams closed with the autoshear on
11:09	15	the morning of April 22nd, why did the blind shear rams not
11:09	16	seal the well?
11:09	17	A. The drill pipe had been buckled and forced against the
11:09	18	side of the wall of the BOP and held there with a very large
11:09	19	force. So as the shear rams closed and came in contact with
11:09	20	the pipe, the rams were unable to center the pipe, and so the
11:09	21	rams essentially just crushed the pipe at the side of the wall.
11:09	22	And the piece of the pipe that was outside the
11:09	23	shearing blades of the blind shear ram became lodged between
11:10	24	the between the two rams, which prevented the blind shear
11:10	25	ram from fully closing, which would initiate the seal to seal

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11:10	1	the well.
11:10	2	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, I'd like to turn back to your Summary of
11:10	3	Opinions slide, which is D-4803.1.
11:10	4	And you just talked about the autoshear operation and
11:10	5	the inability to seal the well at that point in time because
11:10	6	the drill pipe was forcibly held partially outside the blind
11:10	7	shear rams' blades.
11:10	8	And during your forensic examination, did you see
11:10	9	evidence of the drill pipe being evidence suggesting the
11:10	10	drill pipe was forcibly held partially outside the blades?
11:10	11	A. Yes, I did.
11:10	12	MR. COLLIER: And if we can bring up D-4824, please.
11:10	13	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:11	14	Q. And can you explain what D-4824 shows?
11:11	15	A. Right. These are the upper and lower left are scanned
11:11	16	pictures of the evidence at Michoud. The lower right is
11:11	17	actually a picture of the piece of pipe that was below the
11:11	18	blind shear rams.
11:11	19	And you can see the indentation that got lodged
11:11	20	between the ram faces that prevented the shear ram from fully
11:11	21	closing and engaging its seals.
11:11	22	Q. And can you explain how you were able to match the
11:11	23	physical evidence with respect to the drill pipe ends and the
11:11	24	blind shear ram blocks.
11:11	25	A. Yeah. You can physically pick up the piece and match it

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11:12	1	to the ram block. It's a perfect fit.
11:12	2	Q. And based on this fit, were you able to draw a conclusion
11:12	3	as to whether or not the drill pipe was centered?
11:12	4	A. Yeah. This drill pipe was not centered. And from the
11:12	5	marks, it's obvious that a portion of the pipe extended outside
11:12	6	the shear ram blades, which caused the rams not to be capable
11:12	7	of sealing because there was not a clean shear to allow the
11:12	8	faces to come completely together.
11:12	9	There's a standoff between the collapsed drill pipe,
11:12	10	so twice the wall thickness of the pipe was keeping the faces
11:12	11	from coming together.
11:12	12	Q. Now, in your experience, had you seen a situation where
11:12	13	blind shear rams had been unable to shear and seal a well
11:12	14	because the drill pipe was held outside the blades' shear zone?
11:13	15	A. Except for this incident, I have never seen an incident
11:13	16	where drill pipe could not be centered and sheared by the
11:13	17	variable bore ram. This is the first time I've ever seen
11:13	18	evidence that a piece of pipe was forcibly held outside the
11:13	19	shearing area of a shear ram.
11:13	20	${f Q.}$ Now, you understand that there is a dispute as to when the
11:13	21	blind shear rams closed?
11:13	22	A. Correct.
11:13	23	${f Q}.$ And we've talked before that one theory is that the blind
11:13	24	shear rams closed with the AMF/deadman; is that right?
11:13	25	A. That's Childs' theory, yes.

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11:13	1	Q. And the other theory is that the blind shear rams closed
11:13	2	with the autoshear activation?
11:13	3	A. That's correct.
11:13	4	Q. And it's my understanding it's your opinion, Mr. Shanks,
11:13	5	that the blind shear rams closed with the autoshear activation?
11:13	6	A. That's correct.
11:13	7	MR. COLLIER: And, Dawn, if I can have the ELMO,
11:13	8	please.
11:14	9	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:14	10	Q. What I'd like to do, Mr. Shanks, is to walk through
11:14	11	various scenarios during the Macondo incident and discuss the
11:14	12	positioning of the BOP and the positioning of the drill pipe in
11:14	13	the riser and the BOP.
11:14	14	A. All right.
11:14	15	Q. And I'd like to start with the event of the autoshear
11:14	16	activation. And I'll use the frame all the way to the right of
11:14	17	this demonstrative, which will be D-4953, and I'll denote that
11:14	18	as "Autoshear."
11:14	19	And, Mr. Shanks, can you identify, what was the
11:14	20	timing of the autoshear activation?
11:14	21	A. April 22nd, at approximately 7:48 in the morning.
11:15	22	Q. Okay. And at that point in time, what was the condition
11:15	23	of the annular preventers?
11:15	24	A. The upper annular was closed.
11:15	25	${f Q}.$ And what was the condition of the VBRs at that point in

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11:15	1	time?
11:15	2	A. Both the middle and upper VBR were closed.
11:15	3	Q. Okay. And at that point in time, what was the condition
11:15	4	of the drill pipe across the BOP?
11:15	5	A. The drill pipe inside the BOP was buckled and held firmly
11:16	6	against the side of the bore.
11:16	7	Q. Something like that? Is that a fair representation?
11:16	8	A. Yes, sir.
11:16	9	Q. And the image here is slightly misleading because that
11:16	10	drill pipe would have actually been against the side of the BOP
11:16	11	bore.
11:16	12	A. Right.
11:16	13	Q. And so I'll just draw a line here to more closely identify
11:16	14	what the side of the BOP bore would be.
11:16	15	A. Okay.
11:16	16	${f Q}.$ Now, above the BOP at that point in time, what would have
11:16	17	been the condition of the drill pipe?
11:16	18	A. The buckle would continue upward and quickly go helically
11:16	19	buckled.
11:16	20	Q. Something of that type of shape, Mr. Shanks?
11:16	21	A. Yes, sir.
11:16	22	Q. Now, there's been some discussion as to whether or not, at
11:16	23	this point in time, the drill pipe above the BOP was
11:16	24	communicating with the drill pipe that was in the BOP.
11:17	25	A. That's correct.
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11:17	1	Q. And do you have an opinion on that?
11:17	2	A. Yes, I do.
11:17	3	Q. And what is your opinion as to whether or not the drill
11:17	4	pipe above the BOP was communicating with the drill pipe within
11:17	5	the BOP?
11:17	6	A. The upper drill pipe above the annular was in
11:17	7	communication with the pipe within the BOP stack, maintaining
11:17	8	the buckle.
11:17	9	${f Q}.$ Let me just denote that the upper annular was closed and
11:17	10	that the VBRs were closed.
11:17	11	Now, at that point in time, the blind shear ram is
11:17	12	closed; is that correct?
11:17	13	A. Yes.
11:18	14	Q. And what happened when the blind shear rams closed?
11:18	15	A. Failed to seal the well because of the the off-center
11:18	16	pipe held forcibly against the wall of the BOP and would put
11:18	17	it partially outside the shearing face of the blind shear rams.
11:18	18	Q. So BSRs closed, but not sealed?
11:18	19	A. Correct.
11:18	20	${f Q}.$ Except for Mr. Childs, do the experts that have looked at
11:18	21	this issue agree that when the blind shear rams closed at
11:18	22	autoshear time, the drill pipe was buckled?
11:18	23	A. Correct.
11:18	24	Q. Okay. If we can go back to your we'll come back to
11:18	25	this demonstrative later, but I'd like to now go to your
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11:19	1	Summary of Opinions slide.
11:19	2	MR. COLLIER: That's D-4803.1.
11:19	3	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:19	4	Q. And I'd like to talk about your opinion relating to the
11:19	5	blind shear rams as it relates to the AMF/deadman timing.
11:19	6	A. All right.
11:19	7	Q. And it's your opinion that the conditions at the
11:19	8	AMF/deadman were such that the blind shear rams would have
11:19	9	sealed the well if the AMF/deadman had worked?
11:19	10	A. That's correct.
11:19	11	${f Q}.$ And have you prepared a slide that provides the bases for
11:19	12	that opinion?
11:19	13	A. Yes, I have.
11:19	14	MR. COLLIER: If we can bring up D-4803.3.
11:19	15	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:19	16	${f Q}.$ Can you identity the bases that you have for concluding
11:19	17	that the blind shear rams would have sealed the well if the
11:19	18	AMF/deadman had worked.
11:19	19	A. Yes.
11:19	20	Q. If you can go ahead and explain those.
11:19	21	A. All right. Favorable shearing conditions existed when the
11:19	22	AMF/deadman should have been activated. Also, the drill pipe
11:20	23	buckled after the AMF/deadman conditions were met when the
11:20	24	traveling block fell.
11:20	25	Q. And have you prepared a slide that helps explain why the

11:20	1	favorable shearing why the why there was favorable
11:20	2	shearing conditions at the time the AMF/deadman activated?
11:20	3	A. Yes, I have.
11:20	4	MR. COLLIER: If we can bring up D-4811.
11:20	5	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:20	6	Q. And can you explain what the favorable shearing conditions
11:20	7	were at the time that the AMF/deadman should have activated.
11:20	8	A. Yes. At the time the deadman conditions were met, the
11:20	9	upper annular was closed, the lower VBRs were closed and
11:20	10	sealed, which meant there was no flow in the annulus. Pressure
11:20	11	had been trapped below the variable bore rams, and so there was
11:21	12	low wellbore pressure across the variable bore rams, since the
11:21	13	pressure was contained below the VBRs.
11:21	14	And by low wellbore pressure, it was caused by
11:21	15	since the pressure the main pressure from the well was
11:21	16	contained by the VBRs, the pressure that existed across the
11:21	17	blind shear ram was due to density in the BOP and in the
11:21	18	annulus of the riser, which by modeling shows it was about
11:21	19	3 pounds per gallon, much less than even seawater. That
11:21	20	density would have caused a pressure of about 1000 psi to exist
11:21	21	across the blind shear rams, which is very favorable.
11:21	22	Q. And why would no flow in the annulus create a favorable
11:21	23	shearing condition?
11:21	24	A. No flow means there's no velocity, erosion issues to deal
11:22	25	with, that essentially the fluid is static in the annulus,

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11:22	1	which is the ideal for after cutting, to be able to seal the
11:22	2	well.
11:22	3	Q. And why would low wellbore pressure at the blind shear
11:22	4	rams create a favorable shearing condition?
11:22	5	A. The lower the pressure inside the BOP means lower pressure
11:22	6	to activate the blind shear rams to shear the pipe. There's a
11:22	7	relationship there, and we'll talk about it later.
11:22	8	Q. And then on the last bullet point there, you have: "The
11:22	9	drill pipe would have been centered."
11:22	10	And I don't think you provide an explanation of that,
11:22	11	but can you explain why the drill pipe would have been centered
11:22	12	at that time.
11:22	13	A. Yes. Well, conditions just before the AMF conditions
11:22	14	were met, the drill pipe was hanging vertically, so when the
11:22	15	annular was closed, that centered the pipe at the annular.
11:23	16	When the variable bore rams were closed that centered
11:23	17	the pipe at the VBRs, the pipe's hanging straight and center of
11:23	18	the VBR shearing blades.
11:23	19	Q. And in your opinion, when when would the drill pipe
11:23	20	within the BOP have been buckled so that it was no longer
11:23	21	centered?
11:23	22	A. At the time the blocks fell.
11:23	23	Q. And did the traveling blocks fall before or after the
11:23	24	AMF/deadman conditions would have been met?
11:23	25	A. After.

11:23	1	Q. And is it correct that your traveling block theory has
11:23	2	been referred to as the "force from above" theory?
11:23	3	A. That's correct.
11:23	4	Q. And you're aware that Mr. Childs, on behalf of Transocean,
11:23	5	has offered a different theory of pipe buckling based on
11:23	6	buckling based on upward force from the well?
11:23	7	A. That's correct.
11:23	8	Q. Can you briefly explain what your understanding of that
11:24	9	theory is.
11:24	10	A. Yes. The force from below the BOP is called "force from
11:24	11	below," as opposed to "force from above." The pressure from
11:24	12	below is generated by flow in the annulus of the open well.
11:24	13	The flow across the OD of the drill pipe would create fluid
11:24	14	friction against the pipe. And at some velocity, according to
11:24	15	Childs, the velocity would be sufficient to lift the pipe in
11:24	16	this area and buckle it.
11:24	17	Q. Do you agree with Mr. Childs' "force from below" theory?
11:24	18	A. The theory is valid; the phenomenon of friction from flow
11:24	19	across an object is well known. But I don't agree that there
11:24	20	was sufficient velocity during this incident to produce the
11:24	21	forces he needed to lift and buckle the pipe.
11:25	22	Q. We'll talk more about Mr. Childs' theory shortly, but
11:25	23	first I'd like to go back and discuss your theory in a little
11:25	24	more detail.
11:25	25	A. Sure.

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11:25	1	MR. COLLIER: Dawn, if you can bring up the ELMO,
11:25	2	please.
11:25	3	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:25	4	Q. And, Mr. Shanks, getting back to our demonstrative,
11:25	5	D-4953, I'd like to start with the first BOP-related event that
11:25	6	you discussed, the closing of the upper annular.
11:25	7	A. Yes.
11:25	8	Q. Can you explain, at that point in time, what was the
11:25	9	conditions within the BOP?
11:25	10	A. At 2142?
11:25	11	Q. Correct. What blowout preventers are closing?
11:25	12	A. The upper annular closed.
11:25	13	Q. Had any other blowout preventer closed at that point in
11:25	14	time?
11:26	15	A. No. That was the first action taken by the drill crew.
11:26	16	Q. And what would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:26	17	within the BOP at that point in time?
11:26	18	A. It would have been hanging straight and centered.
11:26	19	Q. And what would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:26	20	above the upper annular?
11:26	21	A. It would have been hanging straight, up to the traveling
11:26	22	assembly.
11:26	23	Q. Now, the next event was the VBRs closing; correct?
11:26	24	A. That's correct.
11:26	25	Q. And at what time did the VBRs close?

11:26	1	A. 2147.
11:26	2	Q. And at that time, would the upper annular have been
11:26	3	closed?
11:26	4	A. Yes.
11:27	5	${f Q}.$ And what would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:27	6	across the BOP at that point in time?
11:27	7	A. It would have been hanging straight and centered.
11:27	8	${f Q}.$ And what would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:27	9	above the VBRs at the time?
11:27	10	A. It would have been hanging from the traveling assembly and
11:27	11	it would have been straight.
11:27	12	Q. And the next event BOP-related event after that was the
11:27	13	rig explosions. And what time did the rig explosions occur?
11:27	14	A. 2149.
11:27	15	${f Q}.$ And what would have been the condition of the blowout
11:27	16	preventers in the BOP at that time?
11:27	17	A. Upper annular closed, variable bore rams closed.
11:28	18	Q. What would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:28	19	across the BOP at that time?
11:28	20	A. It would have been vertical and straight and centered.
11:28	21	${f Q}.$ And what would have been the condition of the drill pipe
11:28	22	above the BOP at that point?
11:28	23	A. It was hanging from the traveling assembly, and it would
11:28	24	have been hanging vertical.
11:28	25	Q. Now, the next BOP-related event that you have is the

11:28	1	AMF/deadman conditions being met; is that right?
11:28	2	A. That's correct.
11:28	3	Q. And at what time did that occur?
11:28	4	A. 2149, sometime a very close proximity after.
11:28	5	Q. I'll just put a dash line here for "AMF conditions met."
11:28	6	Now, the next BOP-related event was the traveling
11:29	7	block falling; is that right?
11:29	8	A. That's correct.
11:29	9	Q. And approximately what time did the traveling block fall?
11:29	10	A. 2225.
11:29	11	Q. And at that point in time, what was the condition of the
11:29	12	blowout preventers in the BOP?
11:29	13	A. Upper annulars closed and the middle and upper variable
11:29	14	bore rams closed.
11:29	15	Q. Now, just before the traveling block fell, what would have
11:29	16	been the condition of the BOP or I'm sorry. What would have
11:29	17	been the condition of the drill pipe across the BOP?
11:30	18	A. The drill pipe would have been hanging would be
11:30	19	vertical and centered.
11:30	20	Q. Now, I think you mentioned that the traveling block was
11:30	21	27 feet above the derrick floor is that correct or the
11:30	22	rig floor?
11:30	23	A. That's correct.
11:30	24	Q. And approximately how much does the traveling block weigh?
11:30	25	A. The traveling block weighs approximately 190,000 pounds.

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11:30	1	Q. And would there have been any other weight that would have
11:30	2	contributed to the weight that would have been
11:30	3	A. Yes. The drill pipe hanging from the traveling assembly
11:30	4	was approximately 160,000 pounds.
11:30	5	Q. And so at the height of the rig, you had approximately
11:30	6	350,000 pounds of downward force?
11:30	7	A. Correct.
11:30	8	${f Q.}$ Okay. Now, can you explain what would have been the
11:31	9	resistance to that weight that was coming down?
11:31	10	A. Right. When the blocks first released and they were
11:31	11	falling towards the drill floor, they would have been, of
11:31	12	course, releasing tension from the drill pipe. So the drill
11:31	13	pipe weight was being shifted downhole, plus the block weight
11:31	14	was helping push the drill pipe down into the riser.
11:31	15	The resistance to that force would be picked up
11:31	16	quickly by the variable bore rams, which, as the load
11:31	17	increased, would cause the pipe to buckle.
11:31	18	Q. And before we talk about the buckling of the drill pipe,
11:31	19	would the VBRs at that point in time have been carrying the
11:31	20	full 350,000 pounds of weight?
11:32	21	A. No. The full 350 had not been transferred to the variable
11:32	22	bores at that time. It's as the fall occurs, the initial
11:32	23	force on the VBRs would be kind of an impact momentum, which
11:32	24	would be a pretty large force, but it's certainly not the full
11:32	25	weight of the 350,000 pounds.

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11:32	1	Q. So what would have been happening to the drill pipe within
11:32	2	the BOP at that time?
11:32	3	A. As soon as the loads got up in the 50- to 60,000-pound
11:32	4	range being transferred, the pipe would begin to buckle and
11:32	5	continue buckling until it hits the side of the wall of the
11:32	6	BOP.
11:32	7	Q. Okay.
11:32	8	A. Yes.
11:32	9	${f Q}.$ And what would occur then to the drill pipe above the BOP
11:32	10	at that time?
11:32	11	A. The buckle would continue up on top of the annular BOP and
11:32	12	quickly start forming a helical buckling as more and more pipe
11:33	13	was moved downward.
11:33	14	The reason I say it formed a helical buckle, pipe,
11:33	15	when you push on it, once you exceed a certain value, it will
11:33	16	start to bow; and as you put more force on it, it wants to
11:33	17	continue to bow. It's found its least resistance now and it
11:33	18	wants to continue in that direction.
11:33	19	Well, once you get inside the riser, it's constrained
11:33	20	to 19 1/2 inches. So that force that's going into causing the
11:33	21	bow now is being reactive at the riser and forcing the pipe to
11:33	22	take a different shape which it doesn't want to, but it's
11:33	23	got to because it doesn't have anyplace else to go. So it will
11:33	24	naturally start forming a helix. And as more and more weight
11:33	25	comes down, that helix pitch point will start to get smaller

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11:34	1	and smaller. As that happens, the radial forces get larger and
11:34	2	larger.
11:34	3	At some point before the load is fully transferred
11:34	4	down where the VBRs would see it, because of the increase in
11:34	5	friction of the pipe against the wall, and it's still trying to
11:34	6	slide down, we get what's called, in buckling, "lock-up." The
11:34	7	helical buckling will actually the forces will become so
11:34	8	great friction becomes so great inside the riser, it will
11:34	9	literally lock itself up.
11:34	10	And the other aspect is that with the blocks falling
11:34	11	27 feet, the force of the traveling assembly will only be
11:34	12	present during that 27 feet. Once it hits the main deck, or
11:34	13	the drill floor in this case, that force is no longer
11:34	14	transferred into the drill pipe.
11:34	15	It hasn't completely gone away, because some of that
11:34	16	force is still contained in elastic in elastic energy in the
11:35	17	pipe. But a lot of it has gone into pushing the stress and the
11:35	18	highly stressed helical portion of the pipe beyond its yield
11:35	19	limit and into a plastic zone, which means it will not come
11:35	20	back to its original shape. So it's permanently deformed in
11:35	21	many places of that helical buckle.
11:35	22	Q. Now, based on that explanation, Mr. Shanks, at any point
11:35	23	in time did the full 350,000 pounds of downward force that
11:35	24	would have been generated from the traveling block falling have
11:35	25	been transferred to the VBRs, in your opinion?

11:35	1	A. In my opinion, no. Once the pipe started buckling and
11:35	2	then quickly helical buckling in the riser, by the time more
11:35	3	load could have been transferred, the traveling assembly would
11:36	4	have hit the drill floor.
11:36	5	And then the weight shifts to just the drill pipe
11:36	6	weight of 160,000 pounds plus what residual energy was left in
11:36	7	the traveling assembly falling and plastically buckling the
11:36	8	pipe. So it would be more than 160 but nowhere close to the
11:36	9	350.
11:36	10	Q. And just to be clear, the buckling that occurred within
11:36	11	the riser, that was helical buckling?
11:36	12	A. Yes.
11:36	13	Q. And the buckling within the BOP, would that be helical
11:36	14	buckling?
11:36	15	A. Probably not. It there there's the pitch between
11:36	16	helix points going up the drill pipe probably there wasn't
11:36	17	enough room to begin the helical buckling process in the lower
11:37	18	BOP. So it probably just Euler-buckled and retained its
11:37	19	elastic state.
11:37	20	Q. So the drill pipe within the BOP, that would have been the
11:37	21	classic, or Euler?
11:37	22	A. Classic Euler buckling, yes.
11:37	23	Q. Now, with respect to just to finish out the
11:37	24	demonstrative, with respect to drill pipe below the BOP, what
11:37	25	condition would that be in?
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11:37	1	A. I'm sorry?
11:37	2	Q. With respect to the drill pipe below the BOP, what
11:37	3	condition would that be in?
11:37	4	A. Below the VBRs or
11:37	5	Q. Correct.
11:37	6	A. It should still be hanging straight.
11:37	7	${f Q}.$ And that would have been the case at the time of the
11:37	8	autoshear on the 22nd occurred?
11:37	9	A. Yes.
11:37	10	Q. And I'll label this "force from above."
11:38	11	Now, is there a dispute, Mr. Shanks, as to whether or
11:38	12	not the force that would have been generated from the traveling
11:38	13	block falling would have been transmitted from above the BOP to
11:38	14	the drill pipe within the BOP at the time the traveling block
11:38	15	fell?
11:38	16	A. Yes.
11:38	17	Q. And are you aware that Mr. Childs has opined that that
11:38	18	force would not be transferred?
11:38	19	A. Yes. That was his testimony.
11:38	20	Q. And do you agree with Mr. Childs on that?
11:38	21	A. No, I do not.
11:38	22	Q. And can you explain why you disagree with Mr. Childs.
11:39	23	A. Well, one, we see physical evidence that a force was
11:39	24	transmitted into the BOP, from the physical evidence.
11:39	25	Q. And the physical evidence you're talking about is drill

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11:39	1	pipe that you've seen that's been recovered?
11:39	2	A. Yes.
11:39	3	Q. And have you prepared a demonstrative that shows the drill
11:39	4	pipe pieces that you've reviewed and analyzed?
11:39	5	A. Yes, I have.
11:39	6	MR. COLLIER: If we can look at D-4815, please.
11:39	7	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:39	8	Q. If you can explain what D-4815 shows.
11:39	9	A. Right. In the middle of the slide is a photograph of a
11:39	10	portion of the pipe that was actually recovered during at
11:39	11	Michoud during the forensic. It was a contiguous piece of pipe
11:39	12	that was found inside the middle variable bore and the upper
11:39	13	variable bore. And what we're seeing in the center picture is
11:40	14	the section that was across the middle variable bore ram.
11:40	15	And what we have is two sets of erosion marks, these
11:40	16	being the first, and then there's an overlap with this set of
11:40	17	erosion marks and a second set of erosion marks.
11:40	18	The two sets of erosion marks were caused by when
11:40	19	the variable bore ram was originally closed, it closed on the
11:40	20	lower set of the erosion marks. At the time the traveling
11:40	21	block fell, sufficient force did get down into the variable
11:40	22	bore rams to shift the pipe approximately 4 inches further
11:40	23	downward.
11:40	24	And this piece of pipe was found with this portion in
11:40	25	the variable bore ram, which means a force from above pushed it

11:41	1	down; a large force, too, by the way.
11:41	2	Q. Did you see this same set of erosion marks on the drill
11:41	3	pipe that was across the upper variable bore ram?
11:41	4	A. Yes, I did.
11:41	5	MR. COLLIER: If we can bring up D-4912 please.
11:41	6	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:41	7	Q. Can you explain what D-4912 shows?
11:41	8	A. Yes. This section of the drill pipe was found in the
11:41	9	upper variable bore ram. And again, consistent with the middle
11:41	10	VBR, there are two sets of erosion marks. And the upper set
11:41	11	overlaps the top of the lower half, but two sets of erosion
11:41	12	marks.
11:41	13	The upper VBR, consistent with the lower VBR, which
11:41	14	means the complete section of pipe was pushed down
11:41	15	approximately 4 inches or so from the large load from above.
11:41	16	Q. Are you aware of any other explanations for the dual sets
11:41	17	of erosion marks that you've seen on these drill pipe pieces?
11:42	18	A. I don't I haven't seen any evidence of any other large
11:42	19	force sufficient to shift that piece of drill that drill
11:42	20	pipe from a force from above other than the blocks.
11:42	21	Q. And have you seen could the "force from below" theory
11:42	22	have explained these dual sets of erosion marks?
11:42	23	A. No. The force is going the wrong way for the force from
11:42	24	below.
11:42	25	Q. Now, if we can just momentarily return to the ELMO.

11:42	1	Mr. Shanks, have you studied the drill pipe pieces
11:42	2	that were above and below the upper annular?
11:42	3	A. Yes, I have.
11:42	4	Q. And do those drill pipe pieces provide any support that
11:42	5	the force from above was transferred to the drill pipe within
11:42	6	the BOP?
11:42	7	A. Yes.
11:42	8	Q. And have you prepared a slide that shows that?
11:42	9	A. Yes, I have.
11:42	10	MR. COLLIER: If we can go to D-4874, please.
11:42	11	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:42	12	Q. If you can explain what D-4874 shows.
11:43	13	A. Right. The schematic in the middle uses scanned pieces of
11:43	14	the drill pipe that were scanned at Michoud. This blown-up
11:43	15	picture is located actually right around the upper annular. So
11:43	16	the piece below the upper annular is Segment Pipe 1-B-1. The
11:43	17	pipe above the annular is Segment 39.
11:43	18	And what is shown in the center blowup with the
11:43	19	scanned pieces of pipe is that both pieces of pipe are deformed
11:44	20	into a curvature.
11:44	21	When you line up some of the erosion marks that
11:44	22	are still visible, they tend to line up very well this
11:44	23	lineup has been used by others you see that the curvature is
11:44	24	in the same plane so that when these pieces of pipe were
11:44	25	connected, they both saw a buckling force in the same plane,
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11:44	1	which caused plastic deformation.
11:44	2	Q. And what does it mean that the drill pipe was plastically
11:44	3	deformed?
11:44	4	A. It was bent and stressed beyond its its yield limit,
11:44	5	which is its elastic limit, and it went plastic, which means it
11:44	6	will not go back to its original shape.
11:44	7	${f Q}$. We've heard talk in this case about elastic buckling. Can
11:44	8	you explain how plastic deformation is different from elastic
11:45	9	buckling.
11:45	10	A. Yes. If it were elastically buckled, it would come back
11:45	11	to its original shape, which would be a straight piece of pipe.
11:45	12	Once it's bent and goes beyond its elastic limit, which is the
11:45	13	yield, it goes into a plastic state which retains that
11:45	14	plastic state is retained when the load is relaxed.
11:45	15	It will come back some of the energy will still be
11:45	16	elastic, but there will be enough plastic deformation and
11:45	17	plastic strain to prevent the piece from coming back to its
11:45	18	original shape.
11:45	19	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, how did you conclude that these pieces of
11:45	20	drill pipe, drill pipe Segment 39 and 1-B-1, were buckled by
11:45	21	forces generated by the traveling block falling?
11:45	22	A. Well, certainly, there's no other forces that would have
11:45	23	been available to cause deformation of these pieces of pipe
11:46	24	except a force from above.
11:46	25	${f Q}.$ Could the "force from below" theory have caused this
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11:46	1	plastic buckling of the drill pipe pieces above and below the
11:46	2	upper annular?
11:46	3	A. No.
11:46	4	Q. Now, at the time of recovery, Segment 39 and Segment 1-B-1
11:46	5	were separated; correct?
11:46	6	A. Yes.
11:46	7	Q. And can you explain how you were able to determine that
11:46	8	these two pieces were once connected and in that curve pattern
11:46	9	that we show on demonstrative D-4874.
11:46	10	A. Right. During the forensic at Michoud, they gathered all
11:46	11	the pieces that were recovered and fit them into their how
11:46	12	they were originally located when it was an intact tubular
11:46	13	throughout this section. So they were able to match up these
11:46	14	two pieces as as being attached at one time.
11:46	15	Q. Now, Mr. Childs has contended that Segment 39 and 1-B-1
11:47	16	were separated very shortly after the explosions. Do you
11:47	17	understand that?
11:47	18	A. Yes.
11:47	19	Q. And what is Mr. Childs' theory as to how those segments,
11:47	20	39 and 1-B-1, were separated?
11:47	21	A. He testified that he believed the rig drift parted the two
11:47	22	pieces in a classic tensile failure.
11:47	23	Q. Do you agree with Mr. Childs?
11:47	24	A. I do not.
11:47	25	Q. Can you explain why you disagree with Mr. Childs.

11:47 1 Α. Yes. One, the conditions, the weather conditions at the 2 time of the -- at the explosion was very calm. So very little 11:47 rig drift would be taking place. 3 11:47 4 Second, the -- attached to the riser at the surface 11:47 5 was 1.8 million pounds of tension to keep the -- keep the 11:48 6 raiser straight. And it acts on the outer barrels of a slip 11:48 7 joint, which is a barrel that goes in and out of the riser, to 11:48 8 keep the mud in the riser, to seal; and the outer barrel is 11:48 9 tensioned to the rig so that the rig can heave and maintain 11:48 10 constant tension in the pipe. 11:48 11 That 1.8 million pounds would result in a force to 11:48 12 help keep the rig on station. When it's directly over the well 11:48 13 and zero riser angle, 180 million pounds is going vertical, as 11:48 14 the rig tries to move off of location, the horizontal component 11:48 15 of that 1.8 million pounds is actually restoring force on the 11:48 16 rig. 11:48 17 So as long as the tensioners stayed intact -- and 11:49 18 they should have stayed intact for at least an hour because of 11:49 19 the fire rating of the hoses -- tension should have remained on 11:49 20 the riser and kept it in a reasonable proximity to the 11:49 21 location. 11:49 22 I'll also mention, from some of the other testimony, 11:49 23 they're talking about huge rig drift distances of, I think, 11:49 24 105 -- 1500 feet or so. When the rig sets the drilling riser, 11:49 25 they space out the slip joint. The slip joint has 50-foot of 11:49

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11:49	1	stroke. So they will space it out at midstroke at 25
11:49	2	approximately 25 feet, which means the rig can only move off
11:49	3	station enough to extend the riser length by 25 feet. Maximum
11:49	4	excursion is 250 feet because of the limitation of the riser.
11:50	5	And we know the riser was intact because it was
11:50	6	vertical up to the time of the rig sinking. So that meant the
11:50	7	riser was preventing the rig from making large excursions away
11:50	8	from the well until the rig sank.
11:50	9	${f Q.}$ Now, do you understand that Mr. Childs has pointed to the
11:50	10	ends of drill pipe, Segment 39 and 1-B-1, as evidence to
11:50	11	support his rig drift theory?
11:50	12	A. That's correct.
11:50	13	Q. And do you agree with Mr. Childs' theory?
11:50	14	A. No.
11:50	15	Q. Have you brought any physical samples with you today to
11:50	16	help explain why you disagree with Mr. Childs' theory that the
11:50	17	Segments 39 and Segments 1-B-1 separated by rig drift?
11:50	18	A. Yes, I have.
11:50	19	MR. COLLIER: Your Honor, if I may approach the
11:50	20	witness?
11:50	21	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:50	22	Q. Mr. Shanks, I'm handing you what's previously been marked
11:51	23	as D-4927, Pipe Segment 1-B-1, Separation E, and also D-4926,
11:51	24	Pipe Segment 39, Separation E.
11:51	25	A. Thank you.

11:511Q. Using those demonstratives, Mr. Shanks, can you explain11:512why you disagree with Mr. Childs' theory that Segments 39 and11:5131-B-1 would have separated shortly after the explosions due to11:514rig drift.

A. Yes.

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6 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, when you look at the two 7 pieces that were recovered, they're obviously pretty badly 8 mangled and eroded. But if you -- if you look at 1-B-1, this 9 appears that it probably was one of the original fractures when 10 the drill pipe parted. And Mr. Childs called it a classical 11 tensile failure.

Well, in a classical tensile failure, as the pipe is stretched and when it goes -- when it starts going past yield, you start getting a "necking" of the -- of the pipe where it's going to fracture. And that necking would be, as an exaggerated example, but take a bar of candy and pull it; you would see the middle shrink before it tore apart.

18 The same thing happens in metal. It's not quite 19 as exaggerated. So you would see a necking down, or a 20 reduction of the wall, both on the outside and on the inside, 21 and it would be an obvious necking. Because under his theory, 22 the rig drift would be a very slow process, and so the load 23 would be applied over some length of time, which is consistent 24 with classical tensile testing. You don't jerk it apart; you 25 slowly pull it over a few seconds.

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1 So if it were classical tensile, you would see 2 necking. But then you would also see that while -- during a 3 tensile failure, the fracture would start at a 45 degree -- and 4 you can see this one is pretty close to a 45 degree. It would start as a 45 degree on the outside, but it would also start as 5 6 a 45 degree on the inside. Because in pure tension, that whole section's 7 being overstressed, and so there would be simultaneous cracks 8 9 start on the inside and the outside. And as the fracture would

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10 move up to 45 on the outside, it would also be doing it on the 11 inside.

Very shortly after the neck- -- you know, the fracture initiation starts, you start getting reduction of wall thickness that's holding and resisting the forces. And then at some point the load totally overloads what the remainder of the wall is, and you would get a spontaneous fracture, and that would be flat in nature.

So you would have two 45s and then a flat.
That's classical tensile failure.

20 The shape of this failure is more from a large 11:54 21 bending moment that was applied very quickly and caused a shear 11:54 22 failure in the 45-degree plane. If we could see the other 11:54 side -- if the other side of the fracture would have been 23 11:54 24 there, you would see that this fracture would have started on 11:54 25 the inside, going out, which would be a classic bending 11:54

11:54	1	failure. But we don't have the other side.
11:54	2	THE COURT: There are pieces missing between those
11:54	3	two pipes?
11:55	4	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. And that's going to be my
11:55	5	next point.
11:55	6	Mr. Childs said these pipes fit here. There's
11:55	7	no way this tongue can get inside this groove. So we know at a
11:55	8	minimum, the you know, the relative position of the pipe had
11:55	9	to be somewhere out here. So we have a lot of metal missing
11:55	10	both on 1-B-1 and Segment 39.
11:55	11	And without knowing what those fracture faces
11:55	12	look like, it is almost impossible to tell what the mode of
11:55	13	failure is and when they actually broke.
11:55	14	MR. COLLIER: Now, if we can go back to the ELMO.
11:55	15	BY MR. COLLIER:
11:55	16	Q. Now, if we accept Mr. Childs' theory that the drill pipe
11:55	17	had separated very shortly after the explosions, Mr. Shanks,
11:55	18	would there still have been a way for the drill pipe to have
11:56	19	transferred force above the BOP to the drill pipe within the
11:56	20	BOP?
11:56	21	A. Yes. When the blocks fell, if any portion of Pipe
11:56	22	Segment 39 was in communication with 1-B-1, the buckle would
11:56	23	already have been formed well, did you say before?
11:56	24	Q. Before.
11:56	25	A. Before. As Segment 39 came into contact with the stub

11:56	1	sticking above the annular on 1-B-1, if it made contact and
11:56	2	stayed in communication, it would buckle the pipe below.
11:56	3	Q. And have you seen any evidence of that with the drill pipe
11:56	4	ends of Segments 39 or 1-B-1?
11:56	5	A. Yes. There's when Mr. Childs explained that during the
11:56	6	traveling block falling, that the Segment excuse me 39
11:57	7	hit outside the center of the annular where Pipe Segment 1-B-1
11:57	8	was, he said it just hit on top of the annular fingers, which
11:57	9	are flat, and he says this shape is consistent with that
11:57	10	happening.
11:57	11	But if you look actually at the bottom of Segment 39,
11:57	12	it is not flat, which it would be if it hit outside the
11:57	13	Segment 1-B-1 sticking up through the annular. As a matter of
11:57	14	fact, it's more consistent, if you look at this portion of
11:57	15	the of the knurl piece being flat and this piece sticking
11:57	16	inside the annular, which means there's strong evidence that it
11:57	17	made contact with 1-B-1 when it came down. If it were broken
11:57	18	before.
11:58	19	If it were broken during the traveling block falling
11:58	20	and it happened to snap at that point, then it stayed in
11:58	21	contact because this piece hit the outer fingers, this piece
11:58	22	remained in overlap with 1-B-1.
11:58	23	Q. And based on the missing metal that you've identified,
11:58	24	Mr. Shanks, between Segment 39 and 1-B-1, is it possible to
11:58	25	determine how or when these drill pipe pieces separated?

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11:58	1	A. No, not without seeing the original fracture marks and
11:58	2	so that you could determine the actual failure of the pipe.
11:58	3	Q. Now, Mr. Childs has also criticized the "force from above"
11:58	4	theory because he claims the drill pipe would have been
11:58	5	centered at the time of autoshear activation when you claim the
11:58	6	blind shear rams closed because the VBRs would have drifted
11:58	7	open. Do you recall that?
11:58	8	A. Yes.
11:58	9	${f Q.}$ And do you agree with Mr. Childs that the VBRs would have
11:58	10	drifted open at the time of the autoshear activation?
11:59	11	A. No, I do not.
11:59	12	Q. And have you seen any physical evidence that indicates
11:59	13	that the VBRs did not drift open at the time of autoshear
11:59	14	activation?
11:59	15	A. Yes, physical evidence and also just understanding the
11:59	16	procedure of closing those VBRs.
11:59	17	One, at the both out on the Macondo site
11:59	18	photographs radiographic photographs were taken that showed
11:59	19	that the ST locks were locked and, when the BOPs were recovered
11:59	20	at Michoud, confirmed that the ST locks were locked. But also
11:59	21	the
11:59	22	MR. DOYEN: Your Honor, I object to this from the
11:59	23	demonstrative. This is clearly going beyond the scope of the
11:59	24	expert's report.
11:59	25	He just talked about the procedures that were

11:59 1 used to shut in the well. He not only said nothing in his 2 report about when the ST locks were closed; he said at his 11:59 deposition, when asked, that he had no opinion as to when the 3 11:59 4 ST locks were closed. And I object to going into the locks. 11:59 5 **MR. COLLIER:** Your Honor, if I may respond to that? 11:59 Mr. Shanks did include calculations with his 6 12:00 7 expert report that did identify the frictional force that would 12:00 8 have been across the VBRs at the time the traveling block fell, 12:00 9 and one of the assumptions that he made in that VBR frictional 12:00 10 force calculation was that the ST locks were locked at that 12:00 11 point in time. 12:00 12 Your Honor, he was specifically asked, MR. DOYEN: 12:00 13 Your Honor, whether he had an opinion as to when the ST locks 12:00 14 closed. Everyone understands they could be closed by the crew 12:00 or not, depending on whether they chose to do that. 15 12:00 He was asked, "Do you have any opinion on when 16 12:00 they were closed" at his deposition, and he said, "No"; and 17 12:00 there was, therefore, not follow-up on that. He didn't express 18 12:00 19 such an opinion in his report. 12:00 20 MR. COLLIER: Your Honor, if I may respond to that 12:00 21 particular issue? 12:00 22 And I think there might be some misunderstanding 12:00 23 with respect to the operation of the ST locks that may be -- if 12:00 24 I asked a couple of questions of Mr. Shanks, I could probably 12:00 25 clear that issue up. 12:00

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12:00	1	THE COURT: Go ahead.
12:00	2	BY MR. COLLIER:
12:00	3	Q. Mr. Shanks, with respect to the operation of ST locks, is
12:00	4	that a two-step process before the ST locks would actually be
12:01	5	locked and holding the VBRs in place?
12:01	6	A. That's correct. When you know, according to procedure,
12:01	7	once the pipe rams are closed, the procedure should be to close
12:01	8	the ST locks, which does not lock the ST locks when you push
12:01	9	the button on the panel. The panel says "ST lock," but
12:01	10	essentially all that does is say, "I'm going to close the
12:01	11	ST locks."
12:01	12	The ST locks will not lock until the ram is fully
12:01	13	closed, which triggers a poppet valve on the valve operator
12:01	14	that then supplies hydraulic power to the ST locks.
12:01	15	So pushing the button is just a stand-by position,
12:01	16	and that was how I understood his question. When did they push
12:02	17	the buttons to be prepared to lock the ST locks? That could
12:02	18	have happened at any time before the explosion.
12:02	19	MR. DOYEN: Your Honor
12:02	20	THE COURT: Wait a minute.
12:02	21	MR. DOYEN: I'm sorry.
12:02	22	THE COURT: I thought you said something about there
12:02	23	was physical evidence of the locks being closed?
12:02	24	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
12:02	25	THE COURT: Tell me about that.

12:02	1	THE WITNESS: During the ROV interventions and
12:02	2	whatnot during the blowout, people were wondering, trying to
12:02	3	figure out, what's the configuration of the BOP? What's
12:02	4	closed, what's not closed?
12:02	5	So they took some radiographic equipment out
12:02	6	there and essentially x-rayed the area where the ST locks are.
12:02	7	And it's pretty sophisticated stuff, and they had, you know,
12:02	8	people interpret it.
12:02	9	But the interpretation was that the ST locks on
12:02	10	both the middle and upper were locked and that on the variable
12:02	11	bore ram, one ST lock was locked, one was not, but that was
12:03	12	because one of the rams never got into its fully closed
12:03	13	position to trigger the ST locks.
12:03	14	MR. DOYEN: Your Honor, I'm sorry, just for
12:03	15	clarification
12:03	16	THE COURT: I'm overruling the objection.
12:03	17	MR. DOYEN: Thank you, Your Honor.
12:03	18	THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Collier.
12:03	19	BY MR. COLLIER:
12:03	20	Q. Mr. Shanks, is it correct that you don't have an opinion
12:03	21	as to when the ST locks were closed?
12:03	22	A. Oh, that's correct. And by that I'm interpreting when was
12:03	23	the button pushed. I mean, the button could have been pushed
12:03	24	before or after he closed the variable bore rams. It really
12:03	25	doesn't matter. As long as the button was pushed before the
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12:03	1	explosion, that when the rams closed, they would set the locks.
12:03	2	Q. And do you have an opinion as to when the ST locks would
12:03	3	have been set and then would have held the VBRs in position?
12:03	4	A. Yes. As soon as the variable bore rams closed and sealed
12:03	5	around the pipe, met the trigger conditions to fire the
12:03	6	ST locks closed.
12:03	7	Q. And would that have been before the explosions on the rig
12:04	8	at 2149?
12:04	9	A. Yes. It should have been almost immediately after at
12:04	10	the seal of the VBRs. It's a relatively small volume of
12:04	11	hydraulic fluid necessary to turn the mechanism that locks the
12:04	12	rams.
12:04	13	Q. And would those ST locks continue to be in place during
12:04	14	the full duration of the events in the Macondo incident?
12:04	15	A. Yes.
12:04	16	Q. And if I go back to our demonstrative, I'll mark on here
12:04	17	at the time the VBRs closed, "ST locks locked." Is that right,
12:04	18	Mr. Shanks?
12:04	19	A. Yes, at VBR closing.
12:04	20	Q. And that would have continued, then, through the rig
12:04	21	explosion, the traveling block falling, and the autoshear; is
12:04	22	that correct?
12:04	23	A. Correct.
12:04	24	Q. And once the ST locks are locked, is there any reason for
12:05	25	the VBRs to drift open?

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12:05	1	A. No.
12:05	2	Q. Now, Mr. Shanks, we've discussed your "theory of force
12:05	3	from above." I'd like to now talk about Mr. Childs' "force
12:05	4	from below" theory.
12:05	5	A. All right.
12:05	6	${f Q.}$ And how does Mr. Childs contend that the drill pipe was
12:05	7	buckled, according to his "force from below" theory?
12:05	8	THE COURT: Wait. Before you go there, is this going
12:05	9	to take a while?
12:05	10	MR. COLLIER: Probably 30 minutes, Your Honor.
12:05	11	THE COURT: All right. Well, let's just go ahead and
12:05	12	break for lunch. Okay? Let's come back at about 1:15.
12:05	13	THE DEPUTY CLERK: All rise.
12:05	14	(LUNCHEON RECESS)
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