

DWH BOP Had Sufficient Shearing Capacity and Would Have Sheared the Drill Pipe If It Was Within the BSR's Blades



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Q. In fact, from your forensic examination, you concluded that the pressure available to the blind shear rams was clearly sufficient to cut the pipe had it been centered, didn't you?

A. **Yes, I did. I saw the crush marks on the pipe.**

Q. If the pipe was centered –

A. **I'm sorry.**

Q. – is it your opinion that the BSR almost certainly would have cut the pipe and sealed the well; correct?

A. **Yes, absolutely.**



Greg Childs
Transocean Expert

In any event, the BSR did not fully shear the drill pipe and seal the well because the pipe was forced off center and not because of a lack of shearing force.



Glen Stevick
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Q. And you agree that if the drill pipe was centered at the time of the incident and didn't become centered until later, then activating the blind shear ram probably would have completely sheared the drill pipe and sealed the well, preventing the blowout.

A. **Yes. And even if late, if you had closed all your annular devices, closed the CSR first, you would have no problem shearing that pipe.**