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## ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF:



## Lars Herbst

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Q. (BY MR. DAVIS-DENNY) And the reason why it would be important to -- to understand that the flow path was up the inside of the casing was that that would mean that the mud from the top kill could not have gone out the burst disks; is that right?

A. If -- if it was stated that that was the only flow path, in other words, there wasn't a combined flow path, then, yes, that

(BY MR. DAVIS-DENNY) you'll look at the line at the top of the page that's near your right hand there, it reads, "Based on the simulations, evidence, and evaluations performed it is believed that the initial flow path was through a leaking casing shoe and up inside the casing." Did BP inform you in late May or early June of 2010 that one of its contractors had concluded that the flow path with -- was up the inside of the casing? MR. DIAZ: Object; form. I'm not re- -- sure which casing they're referring to in this sentence, but I don't re- -- I don't recall that statement being made.

would be correct.

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