

Continuing Erosion Did Not Affect Flow Rate: Phase One Evidence Confirms that Erosion Happened within *Minutes*

“There are eyewitness accounts stating that the top drive fell onto the rig floor . . . **The drill pipe likely had already failed at the eroded section by this time**, as it was being pulled upwards due to increasing vessel offset.”

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Q. This is a picture from your report showing the section of the drill pipe that was found by the upper variable bore rams. Do you recall that?

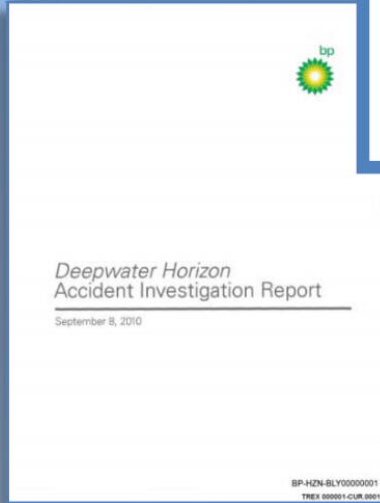
A. Yes, I do.

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Q. **And you testified that you believe this erosion of the pipe here occurred in less than a second; isn't that true?**

A. It would be something of that timeframe.

BP Phase 1 BOP Expert Earl Shanks



“At the BOP stack, the internal drill pipe pressure at the upper annular continued to climb above 8,000 psi. **Within minutes, the forces ruptured the drill pipe above the upper annular where the pipe had been weakened by severe erosion.**”

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