

## Federal Science Team Agreed That Top Kill Should Proceed

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Since I have inundated everyone's inboxes with items not addressed in my earlier morning diagnostic and engineering

A joint meeting amongst the Labs and DOE leadership was held to discuss conclusions of the diagnostics. In general – it was agreed that the kill shot should be executed, and to have higher assurance that the flow will primarily go down the annulus – the test ram should be opened and pressure should be placed on the upper pipe ram – which they then included in their procedure).

An interesting note was that Steve Black for the first time the night before a potential drill pipe joint was identified midnight to get the post close the rig. He wanted this data prior to making a decision. Disappointed – he concurred with the conclusion being that reasonable risk was not killed yet.

Most of the day was spent tracking the test ram. A brief engineering meeting was held with the conclusion being that reasonable risk was not killed yet.

It appears that the efforts to kill the test ram is being ferried out to multiple 12 hour periods.

People Status:

Steve Black – Departed this morning

Curt Ammerman – Departed this morning

Don O'Sullivan – Remains on site

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