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Top Kill 05-04-28 Pumped 2800 bbls, 10.5 ppg, 9.10 rpm, with 2 sacks of bridging materials.

- These efforts did not kill the well.
- It appears that we are not able to force mud into all of the flow path areas that are allowing oil and gas to come up. There is also a chance that the rupture disks between the casings were damaged in the initial explosion. If we continue trying to force mud down, we risk damaging them further.
- So it is time to move on to the next option, which is to put a cap on top of the BOP to contain the spill and pump it to the surface.

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