

**From:** Austin, Meredith CAPT  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2010 9:12:57 PM  
**To:** Zukunft, Paul RADM  
**Subject:** RE: Continued EPA Air Monitoring

Yes Sir. We've got a very good working relationship and they are kept in the loop on everything that affect the EPA.

v/r,

Merrie

CAPT Meredith Austin  
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From: Zukunft, Paul RADM  
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 7:53 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Subject: RE: Continued EPA Air Monitoring

Merrie,  
Please ensure your EPA counterparts are informed as we draw closer to this transition point.  
Thanks - pfz

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From: Austin, Meredith CAPT  
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 8:50 PM  
To: Zukunft, Paul RADM  
Subject: RE: Continued EPA Air Monitoring

Aye Sir. I guess there's no need to call to make the case with you then!

v/r,

Merrie

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From: Zukunft, Paul RADM  
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 7:33 PM  
To: Austin, Meredith CAPT; Korn, John RDML  
Subject: RE: Continued EPA Air Monitoring

Merrie,

I concur with the shift to oversight role following permanent well kill. pfz

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From: Austin, Meredith CAPT

Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 5:58 PM

To: Zukunft, Paul RADM; Korn, John RDML

Subject: Continued EPA Air Monitoring

Good afternoon Admiral,

I will call you to discuss this, but I wanted to provide you a little background first. The EPA is working on a long term air monitoring/sampling strategy. They are mulling over what should be done and at what level of equipment/personnel. All of the sampling to date has shown no air emissions of concern across our AOR. Additionally, BP is paying for a third party IH firm to conduct extensive air sampling throughout the Gulf. The company conducting the sampling is accredited to do this work, and in fact is frequently hired by Reg VI EPA to conduct sampling on their behalf.

Instead of EPA continuing to do their own sampling, I recommend that they switch to an oversight role, validating the results of the private company vice conducting their own sampling. I recommend that we hold off doing any downscaling of EPA monitoring until after the "final kill" is done, but that at that point we transition EPA to an oversight role.

I realize that this might have some ramifications, which is why I would like to discuss the issue further with you via phone vice email after the 1730 call this evening, or tomorrow.

v/r,

Merrie

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