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**To:** Newman, Steven (Geneva); McMahan, Larry (Houston); Rose, Adrian (Houston)  
**Subject:** RE: Operational Concerns re Shutting in the Well  
Steven,

Larry and Adrian are travelling offshore and may not be able to respond. I have only raised the question in our general meeting but not directly at the CG or BP. My understanding from the different conversations that I have had offline is that the shut in will be done gradually while monitoring the well bore pressure at the well head. Understanding the limitations imposed by the rupture discs in the casing string the integrity test could be aborted if that pressure approaches the upper limits. The well will be gradually shut in meaning that the chokes on the capping stack will be open while the Helix and the Q4000 would be shut in. Rams would then be closed and the vent chokes on the capping stack staged closed while continuing to monitor the well head pressures.

Further my understanding is that this is being driven from the Sect of Energy Chu.

In conversations with our folks at Westlake, we were not a part of any discussions and only received the procedure at Westlake this morning.

Regards  
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Gents;

I understand there are legitimate concerns regarding the integrity of the Macondo wellbore / casing design, notably raised by BP's abrupt termination of the top-kill operation a few weeks ago. Based on these concerns, shouldn't there be similar concerns about shutting in the well using the capping stack? Have we registered our concerns about this operation and if so, by what means did we register these concerns?

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