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Subject: Daily report from Michoud - 12/16/00
Gents,

I will now be sending out the daily report from Michoud. Last night I received a call from Gary Kenny - DNV Lead Investigator for the DWH BOP. He received a memo from the JIT to remove Owen McWhorter from the BOP Technical Advisory role for DNV effective immediately. The issue was mainly the result of complaints from BP and the CSB. It has been an ongoing issue, but the JIT was pushing back as they wanted and needed Owen's expertise to help with the BOP. I thanked Owen for his good help and instructed him to head home.

- The foreign material in the wellbore noted yesterday was two each foam wiper balls. These Balls were pumped down the lines from surface after the kill cement job was pumped in late July. As they are buoyant, they ended up floating in the bore just below the Middle VBR's.
- The foam balls were removed and the wellbore was pumped down to the top of the Test Rams
- The section of drill pipe above the Test Rams and below the Casing Shear Rams was apparently free.
- Preparations are underway to pull the head off the upper annular and remove the element.
- Preparations were made and the Drill pipe section was removed from the BOP. As a precaution, 2X4 boards were strapped on the section of DP to prevent the weak flow washed sections from breaking when the pipe was laid down.
- The Drill pipe was laid down in the inspection area.
- Short Visual inspection by the TWG before the pipe was moved to bldg 411. Obvious flow wash at the upper and middle rams. The pipe is almost washed in two at the upper pipe rams. The pipe section ended at the test rams. It is jagged and uneven. The flow washing has been internal and external with obvious signs of washing - polishing off the jagged end of the drill pipe. The top of the section is clearly sheared by the CSR. There are two linear fractures 6" in length in line with the direction of the shear ram blades. The top of the pipe is full of cement and material that appears to be from the junk shot. As was expected, there was no tool joint.
- Preparations were made to close the Bonnets on the Middle Rams.
- Pump the remaining Stack Guard out of the BOP Bore. 300 gallons.
- Close the Middle Ram Bonnets. The Bonnets required some additional pressure to get them moving closed 1800 psi and 2200 psi (normally 600 to 1000 psi). Also chain falls were used to support the back end of the Bonnets until they started closing.
- Prepare to open the lower test ram bonnets.

Plan forward before the Christmas break:

- Complete removal of the BOP rams and close all bonnets.
- Fill the BOP with Stack Guard.
- Pull the Annular Heads and remove the Elements.
- Re-assemble the Annulars.
- Fill the LMRP with Stack Guard.
- Flush both control pods and verify the Cameron desk test procedure.

Regards,

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