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Mood is good at this time.

Progress is positive at this time.

Flow at the sea floor has been stopped at this time.

THAT DOES NOT, BY ANY MEANS, CONFER EVENTUAL AND PERMANENT SUCCESS FOR THE TOP KILL.
IT IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME.

Top kill ops continue and will continue for quite a while with many, many steps remaining to be implemented.

The Team has pumped about 7,000 bbls of 16.4 ppg at rates as high as 69 bpm.

They are pumping at 10 bpm for the past 30 minutes & it looks like we have the well dead.

They are keeping mud coming out of the riser so they don't induce sea water in the hole while getting ready for pumping cement.

Halliburton broke down once as did BJ but a lot of effort kept mud going down hole.

It's not over until the fat lady sings but she has been heard warming up.

No announcement has been made by BP at this time. Sentiment is between Tony Hayward making a statement or coordinating with Ken Salazar to get Gov't and Administration some credit and recognition.

I have no idea when they will have developed enough confidence to say anything. Probably soon, but maybe after cementing the wellbore. There is risk in waiting and letting someone beat them to the punch.

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