Q. And if that's the definition, blowout preventers are not fail-safe, correct?
A. That's correct.

Q. (BY MR. BARR) Okay. So that's certainly an indicator that a BOP could fail to shear the drilling pipe and seal the well, correct?
A. With this study at this time, correct.

MR. CASEY: Objection to form.
MR. DRAKE: Same objection.
A. That possibility could exist.

Q. While you were working at Michoud, did you tell representatives of Cameron that it was your view that a BOP is a blowout preventer, not a blowout stopper?
A. Yes.
Q. That's a view that you hold?
A. Yes.
Q. And it's a view that you held prior to April 20th, 2010?
A. Yes.

Q. Have you heard the phrase during your lengthy career at MMS that blowout preventers are not blowout stoppers?
A. I've heard that phrase, yes.
Q. And would you agree with me that -- that sort of common knowledge in the industry?
A. I would say it's fairly common knowledge, yes.