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Our scientists have determined that the risks are to great to shut the well in from the top. E.g. with the addition of a new BOP. That means that until the relief well is completed (mid August at best) we will be in the position of capturing the leaking oil with a cap and new riser to a vessel on the surface. In the event of a hurricane the vessel will have to move off site. BP thinks cap and new riser could be in place by later next week. We will work to determine how best to make this public.