Statement from Admiral Allen on the Successful Completion of the Relief Well

September 16, 2010

Major General Helms, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the successful completion of the relief well.

The relief well was a critical component in the overall plan to permanently seal the Deepwater Horizon wellhead. The well was successfully completed, ending the risk of the oil well further impacting the Gulf of Mexico.

The well was designed to intersect and stop the flow of any oil or gas from the failed wellhead. The relief well was successfully completed on September 16, 2010, signaling a major milestone in the response efforts.

I want to commend the countless individuals and organizations who worked tirelessly to make this possible. Your efforts have contributed to the overall success of the response efforts.

This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. Let us continue to build on this success and work towards a full recovery.

Admiral Allen

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*After months of extensive operations planning and execution under the direction and authority of the U.S. government science and engineering teams, BP has successfully completed the relief well by intersecting and cementing the well nearly 18,000 feet below the surface.*