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Sincerely,

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Hi All,

Just wanted you to know that following the successful injectivity test and mud kill yesterday, the well kill team (DOE, USGS, BOEM, others) met on and off all day to consider whether to authorize BP to cement the well from above now, rather than wait and kill it from below via the DDIII relief well.

Cementing from above has certain risks, as does waiting. Ultimately, Secretary Chu gave approval for moving ahead with the cementing from above. This will begin tomorrow morning. If successful, the well will be considered officially dead (though some additional plugging steps are needed later).

I do not know if this has been publically announced yet, so please do not forward this email. Thanks!

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