



National Incident Commander
Deepwater Horizon Response

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Dear Mr. Dudley,

As a result of deliberations by the Government Scientific Technical Team, BP is authorized to proceed with the following steps:

- (1) Proceed with an evaluation to determine the current status of the casing hangar;
- (2) If the casing hangar is found to be in its nominal position, install the locking ring to secure the hangar;
- (3) Following the successful installation of the locking ring, commence completion of the Development Driller III relief well to intercept the Macondo well in accordance with approved procedures;
- (4) Conduct any supporting activities in the Macondo well during relief well operations that are consistent with the relief well intercept and that can inform and aid the upcoming Plug and Abandonment procedure;
- (5) During plug and abandonment of the Macondo well, develop and implement a procedure that will allow injection of mud and cement into the annulus of the well below the current level of cement in the central casing. This will require injection amounts and pressures sufficient to induce flow down the annulus and out of the annulus in the region of the 9 and 7/8 casing shoe.
- (6) If the casing hangar is found in a position that will not allow installation of the locking ring, you must consult with the Government Scientific Technical Team to determine an alternate path forward.

Sincerely,

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