

## **ADDENDUM IX**

**EOG RESOURCES INTERVIEW**

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, \* STREAMS LAW, AIR  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY \* POLLUTION CONTROL ACT,  
\* AND SOLID WASTE  
\* MANAGEMENT ACT

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CHARLEY RANDALL KENDRICK, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY  
SWORN, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

ATTORNEY AYERS:

As you know, we're here today pursuant  
to the Department's investigation of what happened.  
And we're not targeting anyone. I want to try to put  
you at ease, if that's ---

A. Okay.

ATTORNEY AYERS:

--- at all possible. It may not be,  
but I'm going to try.

A. Okay.

ATTORNEY AYERS:

If you want anything to drink, let us  
know. You're probably going to be doing a fair  
amount of talking, but we're just here to learn what  
happened out here.

## EXAMINATION

BY MR. VITTITOW:

Q. Sir, as I told you a little bit before, I'm an  
engineer and I've sat on rigs and wells for many  
years, so I'm not an attorney. So just kind of bear

1 with me ---

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. --- as I kind of go through this. Can you give  
4 us your full name and the correct spelling of your  
5 last name so we have it on the record?

6 A. Okay. It's Charley and that's L-E-Y on the  
7 Charley. Randall, R-A-N-D-A-L-L, Kendrick,  
8 K-E-N-D-R-I-C-K.

9 Q. And where do you live?

10 A. Devine, Texas.

11 Q. Afterwards I'm going to ask you questions  
12 because I know somebody from Devine, Texas.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Are you an employee of EOG?

15 A. As an consultant, yes.

16 Q. And who do you work through for your consultant?

17 A. Tex-Petro, John Barnwell.

18 Q. Okay. What we're going to do is just kind of go  
19 through exactly what happened, what your actions  
20 were. Don't read anything into the questions I'm  
21 going to ask because some of it I'm just trying to  
22 get it on the record so we'll have it for later. You  
23 were working back to back with Barry Rodkey; is that  
24 correct, on this well?

25 A. Yes.



1 Q. Initially, or did you come in when it went to a  
2 24 hour operation?

3 A. Initially, I was out there during the day. He  
4 was lead during the coil tubing. I was there just  
5 assisting basically with --- mostly I handled the  
6 choke manifold and stuff like that with the well  
7 tests and if they had any questions or anything.

8 Q. Can you give us some of your background? How  
9 long have you been consulting?

10 A. Actually consulting here in the states, I've  
11 been since July of 2008.

12 Q. 2008?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And prior to that?

15 A. Prior to that, I spent five weeks in Kazakhstan  
16 as a base manager for BJ. Right before that, I spent  
17 approximately four years in Algeria as a district  
18 operations manager over coil tubing, cementing and  
19 pumping services.

20 Q. For BJ?

21 A. BJ. Before that, I was in Nigeria where I  
22 worked --- first eight years I was there, I was in  
23 the swamp on a barge that did completion work, stuff  
24 like that. I was the BJ rep. Plus, I was the Shell  
25 rep on that barge, represented both, did both jobs.

1 They did not have a Shell companyman on this  
2 location, which was strictly mostly coil tubing,  
3 slickline, did a lot of acid, sand consolidation  
4 work, sand cleanouts, drills out, completed quite a  
5 monoboard completions, three and a half tubing set,  
6 it's just a completion ---. Spent a year in Russia  
7 with --- at that time it was the Western Company  
8 North America before BJ bought them out.

9 Q. Where in Russia?

10 A. We were stationed down Almet'yevsk (phonetic)  
11 which is in the Tatarsan region. It's about a  
12 thousand miles or so from Moscow, something like  
13 that. It was not in Siberia. And doing --- I ran  
14 tools, was overseeing the fracs, was like the  
15 district office manager there.

16 Q. So you came up from the service industry?

17 A. I came up from the service industry side all the  
18 way through, started in 1976 in Pearsall, Texas and  
19 the Austin chalk boom and then worked up through  
20 there. Worked about nine months for UPRC.

21 Q. So you have approximately how many years of  
22 total experience?

23 A. About 34.

24 Q. Okay. And you said you've been here in  
25 Pennsylvania since 2008?

1 A. Well, no, I started in the Barnett in July.

2 Q. Okay. How long have you been in Pennsylvania?

3 A. Since January 2009 off and on.

4 Q. Okay. So Mr. Rodkey was lead. You were working  
5 with him. When you the work the coil tubing unit ---  
6 you were cleaning out the frac plugs and the coil  
7 tubing units?

8 A. Uh-huh (yes).

9 Q. Correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you were not able to get all the way to ---?

12 A. No, I think we drilled out 11 plugs, I think is  
13 what they drilled out. And it started getting  
14 friction. They had a vibrator on the end of it, and  
15 they were running unit beats all night, but that's as  
16 far as they could go.

17 Q. Okay. And so were you on the well at this time?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. The decision was made to pull to rig down  
20 the coil tubing unit.

21 A. Uh-huh (yes).

22 Q. Which I assume you did; correct?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. What was decided to do next?

25 A. The next step was decided to go ahead and get

1 --- tighten wire line out to run a kill plug in as  
2 deep as we could to move in C.C. Forbes and ---.

3 Q. Is that what you did?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Previous comments said that that was set at  
6 about 7,047. Does that sound correct?

7 A. Yes. Yeah.

8 Q. Okay. The next --- the decision was made to do  
9 what next?

10 A. Once they rigged down, C.C. Forbes was already  
11 rigged up. The next decision was to go ahead and go  
12 in and start drilling out.

13 Q. To go in with a workover rig?

14 A. Yeah. The rig was already rigged up whenever we  
15 set --- as soon as they moved off, IPS Coal, we went  
16 ahead and got C.C. Forbes up ---.

17 Q. And you ran the plug off the rig?

18 A. Right. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. Did they install the BOPs before you ran  
20 the plug?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you know if they tested those BOPs? Are you  
23 aware of them testing the BOPs?

24 A. Not before --- not before the kill plug was run.  
25 I'm not aware of that, no.

1 Q. Okay. Now, according to Mr. Rodkey they  
2 installed the BOPs. They had to take the BOPs off to  
3 try to run the plug and then the lubricator was too  
4 short and they put the BOPs back on; is that correct?

5 A. Yeah, they put the --- my understanding what I  
6 remember, they put the BOPs back on because they  
7 needed the 5k flange on top, the studded flange on  
8 top of the BOPs --- their BOPs to get the spool ---  
9 the crossover spool back to the 10k STS BOPs.

10 Q. I'm going to a question. Just tell me if you  
11 think this is correct. The wire line company  
12 probably had a 7 1/15 5 flange and the 5 1/8 10k,  
13 which was on the spool, probably wouldn't work, so  
14 they had to put the BOPs back on without the stripper  
15 head to run the wire?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. I want to make sure I'm not --- in my mind,  
18 that's what happened.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Okay. So you ran a kill plug and you set that  
21 about 7,047; is that correct?

22 A. Correct, yeah.

23 Q. Okay. So you rigged down the --- now, both of  
24 you are still there at this time?

25 A. Right, still there at this time.

1 Q. So you rigged down the wire line unit and I  
2 assume you let the pressure off; is that correct, ---

3 A. Yes, we ---

4 Q. --- off the case?

5 A. --- bled it off just before we released the wire  
6 line just to make sure the kill plug was holding.

7 Q. What was your next step?

8 A. Next step, I left there about --- probably about  
9 three o'clock in the morning, something like that.

10 Q. This was three o'clock in the morning of the 3rd  
11 --- the 3rd or the 2nd? Is the morning ---?

12 A. This is the morning that they would have ran in  
13 the hole to start drilling out the kill plug.

14 Q. Okay. So you went home?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. So when you left, prior to you leaving, did you  
17 ever see them test the BOPs?

18 A. No, I never saw them before I left.

19 Q. So what time did you arrive back on location?

20 A. Probably around 10:30, 11:00, 10:00 something.

21 Q. This is the 3rd?

22 A. Yeah, the 3rd, the day that we're going to run  
23 in.

24 Q. So you get back 10:30, 11 o'clock?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. What's the activity at the rig when you get  
2 back?

3 A. They're tripping in the hole to the kill plug  
4 when I get there.

5 Q. So they were picking up pipe trying to get to  
6 the kill plug?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Okay. You take over the operations at about  
9 noon, I'm guessing, sometime?

10 A. I took over operations. Barry left --- or Barry  
11 was there until --- I guess he quit about 5:00 that  
12 afternoon or something like that.

13 Q. Okay. When you and Barry are both on the  
14 location at the same time, he's the lead, so he's  
15 making the decisions and you're helping; correct?

16 A. Yes, at that time.

17 Q. So when he leaves at five o'clock and you take  
18 over sole responsibility of the well, what's the  
19 activity of the rig? What are you doing?

20 A. We're tripping in. We've already drilled the  
21 kill plug out, and we're going down --- headed down  
22 hole to the next frac well right there.

23 Q. Do you recall about what was the pressure was on  
24 the --- at the well at the surface? I know it  
25 varied, but ---.

1 A. Probably somewhere around 1,500 PSI, something  
2 like that, I'm guessing. I'd say 1,450 to 1,650,  
3 something like that.

4 Q. And about five o'clock you take over operations.  
5 Up to that point, do you know if they replaced the  
6 stripper rubber?

7 A. No, they had not replaced the stripper rubber.

8 Q. From the time starting at five o'clock, continue  
9 with what you remember happening.

10 A. We're tripping in. We were through, had just  
11 --- they just gotten through the curve. They had to  
12 direct back the power swivel shortly before that and  
13 started, you know, just tripping in pipe with the  
14 box. And they got down in the curve just a little  
15 ways and it started picking up either sand or plug  
16 debris or something, and it started stacking out. So  
17 they rigged the power swivel back up, circulated,  
18 rotated on down through the curb, got on the lateral,  
19 probably running three or four or five joints. I  
20 don't exactly how many joints now in there. And  
21 everything was going smooth once you got out the  
22 lateral. So we brought the power swivel back and  
23 started picking up, just tripping in the hole. Got  
24 down, I don't remember exactly the depth, probably  
25 9,000 foot, something like that and started heating



1 again, started picking up more trash or sand or  
2 whatever on the bottom. And they rigged back up the  
3 power swivel and started swiveling down and decided  
4 just to keep swiveling down like that. Sometime  
5 around 11:30 I'm guessing, somewhere in that  
6 neighborhood the stripper rubber started leaking  
7 again.

8 Q. What time?

9 A. Probably 11:30 at night, something like that.  
10 I'm going to guess.

11 Q. 11:30 a.m. on the ---

12 A. P.m.

13 Q. --- 3rd? This must not be the 3rd then?

14 A. The first time --- the first stripper rubber.

15 Q. Okay. This was the day before?

16 A. I don't know the dates.

17 Q. Feel free to check your notes. This would have  
18 occurred about 6:30, 6:40 in the afternoon, evening  
19 of the 3rd, so ---.

20 A. That's the second stripper rubber.

21 Q. Okay. So that would have been --- so this ---?

22 A. Right, this is the 3rd --- no, it would be the  
23 2nd, run in tag. Yeah, this is the 2nd.

24 Q. Okay. This is the 2nd?

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. This is the 2nd we're on right here.

3 Q. I'm sorry. So we're now talking about June the  
4 2nd the day before the incident?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. It's 11:30 at night, the stripper rubber ---?

7 A. Starts leaking.

8 Q. Starts leaking?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. You decide to change the stripper rubber?

11 A. Yeah, we change it.

12 Q. Go through how you change the stripper rubber?

13 A. Okay. I didn't actually change it because we  
14 got ready to change it and how we would have actually  
15 --- you want to hear who I would actually change the  
16 stripper rubber?

17 Q. I'll get to that in a minute. How did you  
18 change it?

19 A. Okay. Barry and them changed this one because  
20 it started lightning real bad. We pulled everybody  
21 --- we shut the BOPs once it started leaking, pulled  
22 everybody off the rig floor because we have a storm.

23 Q. Then you got off --- you go off tour?

24 A. Yeah, I went off tour about --- probably about a  
25 quarter 'til 1:00.

1 Q. In the morning?

2 A. In the morning.

3 Q. Of the 3rd?

4 A. Of the 3rd.

5 Q. Okay. And they had not started back work, so  
6 you had not changed out the stripper rubber --- they  
7 had not changed out the stripper rubber while you  
8 were there?

9 A. No. No, not at that time.

10 Q. Okay. So what time did you come back to work on  
11 the 3rd?

12 A. On the 3rd, I got there probably about 11  
13 o'clock in the morning, something like that.

14 Q. So you went home from about 1:00 in the morning  
15 'til ---

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. --- 11:00 something in the morning?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. And Barry stayed that day how long? Did  
20 he go home?

21 A. On the 3rd? Yeah, he went home. Yes, he did.

22 Q. So you were in charge from about noon?

23 A. Right, about noon he left.

24 Q. What were they doing? When he got on location  
25 and you took over at noon, what was going on?

1 A. They were almost to the --- they drilled out the  
2 first frac plug. They were going down --- they were  
3 almost on top of the 2nd frac plug of the four that  
4 were left.

5 Q. Okay. I'm going to let you kind of continue  
6 what happened that day. Just tell us what went on up  
7 to the time of the incident.

8 A. Okay. We drilled. Like I said, we just went  
9 down, got on the next frac plug, drilled it.  
10 Probably took about --- I'm going to guess 45 minutes  
11 to an hour, drilled through that. Once we're through  
12 it, we go on down a little ways with the same joint,  
13 work it up and down, circulate probably 20 minutes or  
14 something like that and then go ahead and start  
15 tripping in the hole to the next one. You have to  
16 --- each set of perforations you have to kind of wash  
17 through the sand right at the perforation, wash  
18 through that next set of perfs, rotating, circulating  
19 each joint down, go down the next one, do it,  
20 basically the same procedure all the way through. We  
21 get all of them drilled out --- the last three,  
22 they're in the well still. Get all of them drilled  
23 out. We start --- once we circulate there, then we  
24 start dropping again, going on --- fixing to go to  
25 all way to TD, tag TD. And what I do is pull up

1 usually about ten foot, circulate there about two  
2 hours, something like that. But when I get to that  
3 next set of perfs and start going through the perfs  
4 and sand and stuff, we start hanging up. We start  
5 losing rotation on our pipe. We pick up and trying  
6 to get rotation back. We pull up one joint all the  
7 way up back up --- like almost to the monkeyboard.  
8 We still can't get rotation back, so I shutdown for  
9 about --- or we stayed right there probably for about  
10 45 minutes to an hour circulating hard and flowing  
11 trying to get any --- if there's anything up around  
12 this or anything, trying to get that cleared out  
13 still trying to get a rotation back. We can't, so we  
14 decided ---.

15 Q. Let me interrupt you at that point.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. In your mind, what was the reason for the pipe  
18 sticking? Is there ---?

19 A. Plug debris, sand, slips.

20 Q. Back up the hole somewhere maybe?

21 A. I think it's below us because we can't go down.  
22 We can come up no problem, but we can't go down. You  
23 know, as we pull up trying to get rotation back, we  
24 try to go back down and we start stacking out.

25 Q. Now, at this point, do you have any more plugs

1 to drill?

2 A. We were all through drilling plugs.

3 Q. You were through plugs and trying to get to TD?

4 A. Trying to get to TD through the last  
5 perforations.

6 Q. Okay. So you're hanging up. You're working the  
7 pipe through the stripper rubber; correct?

8 A. Uh-huh (yes).

9 Q. How about how much pressure do you have on the  
10 stripper rubber?

11 A. We usually try to maintain about 1,500,  
12 something like that. I'd have to go back and see  
13 well test reports.

14 Q. It's not about 1,500?

15 A. I can't say it's not above.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Maybe.

18 Q. Okay. During the day before you got to this  
19 point, have you had any stripper rubbers go out?

20 A. No, just the first one that we had the day  
21 before.

22 Q. The night ---?

23 A. The night before they changed it.

24 Q. But the day of the 3rd you do not have any  
25 stripper rubbers go out?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. So you work the pipe. What's next?

3 A. We're working the pipe and we can't get  
4 rotation. We're up as far --- you know, monkeyboard  
5 we can go. We can't drop much further down, so we  
6 break that joint out and lay it down. Go down with  
7 the power swivel with that one, same thing,  
8 circulating, trying to get rotation back. We keep  
9 working the pipe up the hole, up the hole, up the  
10 whole, you know, how you pull up and then kind of jar  
11 down, pull up and jar down in case you got anything  
12 around your bit.

13 Q. Let me interrupt you again. At this point where  
14 are you physically on location?

15 A. While we're doing this, probably between the  
16 choke manifold and pick up ---.

17 Q. You're just all over the location?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

20 A. And so they pull that joint up. I go to the  
21 ---.

22 Q. How many joints have you pulled so far?

23 A. We've laid down one and we're fixing to lay down  
24 the second one. I go over and increase the pump rate  
25 from about two barrels a minute up to about three

1 barrels a minute increase, which I don't need because  
2 I've got a real strong flow to the surface. You know  
3 what I mean? It's bringing sand and plug debris  
4 parts and everything back from all the still ---.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. So we go ahead and pull up this work. We still  
7 --- we get rotation. It will rotate sometimes and  
8 then it will stop. Rotate sometimes, stop. We can  
9 still come up, no problems. Going down is still a  
10 problem, so ---.

11 Q. Let me ask a question, just for the record, you  
12 pull one joint and you can't go back down?

13 A. Right, can't go back down.

14 Q. Okay. So you can't --- you're losing ground ---

15 A. Right.

16 Q. --- because you're just going back up?

17 A. Yeah, which is not real uncommon when you're  
18 dealing with steel slips, so ---. Lay that joint  
19 down --- lay one joint down and we laid a second  
20 joint down and we go down to the --- and tie back on  
21 to the third joint. And we're working it up, working  
22 it up, trying to get rotation back. And we'll get it  
23 back for a little bit and then it will stop, so we're  
24 still --- pretty common practice, you can't go down.  
25 You just keep coming out. And when we come through



1 the stripper that time, that's when the stripper  
2 starts leaking again.

3 Q. Would you consider it a bad leak or a minor?

4 A. Yeah, bad leak.

5 Q. Bad leak. Okay.

6 A. And so ---.

7 Q. Well, let me stop you. When the stripper rubber  
8 starts leaking, where is your --- how far above the  
9 floor are you with your---?

10 A. We're almost --- we're up where the next collars  
11 coming up through the stripper. It's through the  
12 stripper.

13 Q. Okay. Is it through the stripper or ---?

14 A. Yeah, it's through the stripper.

15 Q. Okay. So you really start leaking when that  
16 last collar starts coming up through the stripper;  
17 correct?

18 A. Yeah, somewhere at that point. I can't swear if  
19 the collar was coming up or we was already done ---.

20 Q. But somewhere in that neighborhood?

21 A. Somewhere in the neighborhood, because I know we  
22 were right up ---.

23 Q. You know your swivel is way up?

24 A. Yeah, swivel is up close to the monkeyboard.

25 You know, I mean, we can't go a whole lot further.

1 Q. What happens next?

2 A. Brent shuts the BOP.

3 Q. Okay. Just the rams?

4 A. Yeah, the pipe rams. That's the only thing you  
5 can shut, the pipe rams.

6 Q. Does that seal the leak?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. What happened next?

9 A. Brent comes down, walks the rig floor, walk over  
10 to me and says, you know ---

11 Q. Where are you at this point?

12 A. At that point I was writing in my tally book and  
13 I come out of my pickup and I'm talking to Brent  
14 right there.

15 Q. Okay. What did you all discuss?

16 A. He discussed --- he says, did you want do this  
17 like we always do, just go ahead and change the ---  
18 break out the stripper rubber and change it out. And  
19 I said, yeah, just do it like we always do, you know.

20 Q. Okay. Explain to us for the record what's as we  
21 always do --- how do you always do it?

22 A. How we always do it is once you close your pipe  
23 rams, you got your collar just above the top of your  
24 stripping head, go ahead and break off --- open the  
25 needle valve on the stripper just to make sure

1 there's no pressure between the stripper and the pipe  
2 rams. And you break off the cap off top the stripper  
3 rotor, unscrew it, unscrew it, lift it up. They  
4 usually pick it up, hold it --- either somebody holds  
5 it or they wrap the cat line around it to hold it up  
6 above them. Then they'll pick just a little bit to  
7 get the stripper rotor to go ahead and pop out of the  
8 deal. Once they do that, once they get it up a  
9 little ways, they'll beat it up with a hammer a  
10 little bit. You put your slips on there, set your  
11 slips, set your pipe back in your slips. Once you do  
12 that, you go ahead and take a hammer and beat your  
13 collar onto your pipe, turn your power swivel, back  
14 that piece of pipe off, go ahead and knock that  
15 stripper rubber off, go ahead --- and usually they'll  
16 go ahead and get the other stripper ready ---  
17 stripper rubber ready. You got to hold your cap up  
18 on your pipe because it's got to be the last thing,  
19 go ahead and stab that piece of pipe into the  
20 stripper rubber, get the pipe through the stripper  
21 rubber, go ahead and put it back on the other joint  
22 of tubing that's sticking out of the well, screw it  
23 on. And then usually when you take your cap, you  
24 push the stripper rubber down as far as you can.  
25 They usually put a little bit of pipe dope or

1 something around it to get it over the collar. Then  
2 usually you take your cap and set down on it and beat  
3 it down over that collar, all the way down.

4 Q. And you're not moving the pipe or the pipe rams  
5 at this point?

6 A. No. You'll beat it down where it's close to  
7 over that collar where you still got enough room to  
8 open your slips. Once you get down close somewhere,  
9 you go ahead and open your slips, remove your slips,  
10 go ahead and beat it down to the top of your stripper  
11 housing right there as close as you can, and then  
12 usually go ahead and drop your pipe a little bit to  
13 make sure it pushes down, start tightening up your  
14 cap, tighten it down, take a couple of bars and  
15 tighten it down and still go through with your pipe  
16 just a bit little because as it goes down, that  
17 stripper fits so tight against that pipe that it  
18 compresses that stripper down and allows you to get  
19 the cap tight all the way down. Once you do that,  
20 you'll close your needle valve, open your BOPs and go  
21 back to work.

22 Q. In this instance, how did you change the  
23 stripper rubber? Did you change it that way?

24 A. In this instance, we never got to change the  
25 stripper rubber. The BOPs gave out.

1 Q. Okay. At any point prior to this, did you ever  
2 witness them --- did you ever witness C.C. Forbes or  
3 anybody else open the pipe rams and attempt to use  
4 pressure to blow the stripper rubber back up?

5 A. No, they couldn't have blown it up. The cap was  
6 still on it. We never got the cap off the stripper  
7 house.

8 Q. Let's say the cap was off. Did you see anybody  
9 open it temporarily to blow the stripper rubber off?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Off seal?

12 A. The whole time I was out there, the cap was  
13 never off the stripper rubber, so ---.

14 Q. Okay. So we get back to the exact instant here  
15 of the incident. Your stripper rubber's leaking.  
16 You close the pipe ramps. They hold, the flow stops?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. At that point, go into detail exactly what  
19 happened.

20 A. Okay. Like I said, stripper rubber started  
21 leaking. Brent closes the pipe rams on the BOP, sets  
22 his brake. Puts the chain on his break handle, walks  
23 down off the rig, comes over and meets me and asks me  
24 if we want to change it like we always do, you know,  
25 anything different or anything. And I said, no,

1 we'll just change it like we always. You know, I  
2 told him, I said, the only thing --- I told him,  
3 well, you need to break the collar off. Once we get  
4 the stripper rubber off, everything off, we need to  
5 break the collar off that joint. You know, put it  
6 over that joint or you can --- you know, if you put  
7 it on the other joint down, then you're going to have  
8 to beat it. You know, we'll have to beat it over  
9 that collar, one or the other, whichever one you all  
10 want to do, whichever is easiest for you all, you  
11 know, however you want to do it. So he walks back  
12 over, walks back up to the rig, gets on it and starts  
13 to pick up just a hair on up, get the collar, you  
14 know, on up I guess, wherever he feels comfortable  
15 with it above the stripping head itself. And just as  
16 he starts moving that pipe, that's when the BOPs give  
17 up, right there.

18 Q. So you --- when this happens you have --- what's  
19 your action as soon as you see it blowing up through  
20 the pipe rams? What do you do?

21 A. I go straight to the pump and tell the pump  
22 operator to get switched over to brine water and  
23 start pumping brine as hard as you can.

24 Q. And what is the weight of the brine?

25 A. It varies, but I'm going to guess it's probably

1 somewhere around 96, something like that.

2 Q. So they start pumping brine in the well?

3 A. Yes. Yeah.

4 Q. What do you observe coming out of the well?

5 A. Mostly water with some surges of gas, small  
6 amount of gas, probably in the first few set of  
7 bursts, sand, still some sand.

8 Q. After you get the pump going, what's next?

9 A. I go over to the choke size. We open the choke  
10 up full open to try to get some of the fluid and  
11 stuff, relieve the pressure there, get as much fluid  
12 and stuff we can to the tank. We discuss about  
13 hooking up an additional choke line off the other  
14 side of the flow T to come over through another choke  
15 to try to get --- attract as much fluid as we can  
16 back to tanks to get that fluid instead of going up  
17 to go down. Talk to Brent. He's down now. Talk to  
18 Brent, tell him let's go ahead and set the --- let's  
19 go ahead and drop the upset and the collar back down  
20 inside the --- all the way down inside the BOP to see  
21 if that helps it, which it does for a second. So we  
22 set the --- go ahead and set down --- we set about  
23 8,000 pounds down on top of the BOP there.

24 Q. On top of the pipe rams?

25 A. Yeah, on top the pipe rams, all the way down to

1 where the collar's almost right on top --- well, it  
2 is actually down on top of the pipe ram as far as it  
3 will go, so down about 8,000 right there. We're down  
4 to pretty much --- pretty far below our string weight  
5 at this time 'cause we still can't go down. We set  
6 it down there, and it does cut the flow down almost  
7 to nothing for just a second and then, you know, it  
8 just starts right back up.

9 Q. Do you know what the surface pressure was about  
10 this time?

11 A. When we do that, when we set that down, it's  
12 around 1,200-some odd pounds.

13 Q. Do you know what the pump pressure was during  
14 this time?

15 A. The pump --- the only time I actually looked at  
16 the pump pressure when he was pumping and when he  
17 initially started was about 1,100 pounds or something  
18 like that, but when he just started. You know, he  
19 was probably pumping somewhere, I'm guessing, around  
20 four barrels a minute because the rate meter had gone  
21 out, but we're pumping, you know, third gear wide  
22 open.

23 Q. So he's pumping approximately 96 salt water down  
24 the annulus as far as he can pump it?

25 A. Right.



1 Q. In your mind, is it taking weight from the  
2 bottom or is it taking weight --- is the weight ---?

3 A. We're even at that --- where we start down,  
4 we're right at string weight just hanging and we  
5 start losing it immediately, so we're still stacking  
6 out on something.

7 Q. You get your collar that had been above the ram  
8 and you get it down by the --- right on top of the  
9 ram?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. But it was above the stripper rubber, get down  
12 through the floor to --- the swivel was still  
13 connected?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. Are you pumping any fluid down the  
16 tubing?

17 A. Down the tubing?

18 Q. Yeah.

19 A. Yeah, that's where we're pumping, down the  
20 tubing.

21 Q. You're not pumping down ---?

22 A. We're pumping through the power swivel down. We  
23 talked about pumping down annulus, but the amount of  
24 water coming out at four barrels a minute, we can't  
25 get ahead of that fluid coming out, so it wouldn't do

1 us any good.

2 Q. Okay. So you got the pump going, you got water  
3 going down, it's getting worse. What do you do next?

4 A. Basically at this time, I've called and told  
5 them to get some response people out there, let's go  
6 ahead and get them on the way.

7 Q. Okay. Let's get to that in a minute. So  
8 operationally what do you do next?

9 A. Operationally at that point, as far as well  
10 control, there's not a whole lot I can do other than  
11 keep pumping as hard as I can. We talked about  
12 trying to break out that joint and trying to drop  
13 that joint, and hopefully it will fall below the  
14 blind in the frac valve and we can get that closed  
15 in. But we can't get anybody on the rig floor to  
16 beat the collar.

17 Q. At this point is the rig still running?

18 A. No, it's still running.

19 Q. It's still running.

20 A. Yeah, everything's running.

21 Q. So continue. What do you do?

22 A. Basically we sit there and watch.

23 Q. Watch it. Okay. Why don't you shut the rig  
24 down?

25 A. We had the --- talking to Boots & Coots and Wild

1 Well Control and some other people that I had called,  
2 they said as a last resort try to close your blinds  
3 to restrict the flow, try to crimp the tubing see if  
4 you can get the tubing a little bit to where the hole  
5 and try to part the tubing right there at the collar,  
6 you know, try to part it. And that way if you can do  
7 that, then you can open everything and drop it, which  
8 we did. We had no success whatsoever, so at that  
9 point, I told the nonessential personnel other than  
10 Brent, myself and a couple of the well test guys, we  
11 told them to back up off the location, you know, to  
12 go ahead get everything off location, vehicles, to go  
13 around and start shutting down. Greg Schaeffer was  
14 there and they had pumps running in both corners  
15 sucking up water and putting it back in the tanks,  
16 you know, for the environmental control of it. And  
17 at that point, I felt like that once we tried that,  
18 there really wasn't a whole lot else we could do on  
19 location that we could accomplish because shortly  
20 before --- while we were trying that, the pump died  
21 it, had water and stuff --- it was kind of going back  
22 and stuff and we don't know if it sucked water into  
23 the intake or whether it got in the electrical system  
24 or what, but it killed the pump. They could not  
25 restart it. So I told everybody, okay, gather up. I

1 said, let's get off location. You know, nobody's  
2 hurt, nothing's injured. Let's go ahead and get off  
3 location. We'll turn this over to the experts when  
4 they get here.

5 Q. This all occurred --- the incident occurred  
6 about what time?

7 A. I'm going to guess probably 6:30, seven o'clock  
8 at night, something like that.

9 Q. Okay. Who was the first person you called?

10 A. Jeff Leitzell.

11 Q. Okay. What did he tell you to do?

12 A. Basically he didn't tell me anything to do. I  
13 told him what we had done and what steps I was  
14 taking. Pretty much, I said, I was pumping brine as  
15 hard as I could down the tubing. I had lost my  
16 primary, secondary control at the well. There wasn't  
17 anything I could do there. The options had been  
18 exhausted there. I was pumping the brine. I said, I  
19 know it's not heavy enough to lay it down a hundred  
20 percent at this point, but we're trying to reduce  
21 flow, you know, and get the pressure down as much as  
22 we can.

23 Q. And so when you finished your conversation, he  
24 had not given you any instruction? Basically you  
25 told him what you were doing, and he said that's

1 good; is that correct?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Who did you call next?

4 A. I didn't call anybody other than Jeff Leitzell.  
5 That's all I called.

6 Q. What time did Boots & Coots or Wild Well Control  
7 get involved?

8 A. Boots & Coots first responder showed up around  
9 ---.

10 Q. Did you talk to them on the phone?

11 A. Yes, I talked to Boots & Coots. They called me  
12 probably --- Boots & Coots called me first, and that  
13 was probably about 20, 30 minutes after I talked to  
14 Jeff maybe, the first guy.

15 Q. And that's when they instructed you to try to  
16 close the ---?

17 A. First, the guy --- the first guy I talked to  
18 took all the information, what was going on and  
19 everything and saying --- I told him, you know, this  
20 is what the plan was.

21 Q. And this is Boots & Coots?

22 A. Yeah, this is Boots & Coots. That's who we  
23 called first because we knew they had an office in  
24 West Virginia or an office in --- I know they come by  
25 sometimes, so Jeff was familiar with those, so he

1 called them as a first.

2 Q. So they called --- they called you?

3 A. And they called me and wanted me to go through  
4 the whole scenario of what would happen, what had  
5 happened and everything, and they said, well, at this  
6 point, you know, there's --- you know, if you've lost  
7 your stripper and your pipe, you know, there's  
8 basically not a whole lot you can do as far as  
9 control. And he said, you know, you may try to close  
10 your pipe rams and hopefully --- because he asked me  
11 if you could back up, and I said I can back off, but  
12 it's backing off at the very top at the power swivel.  
13 You know, I can't --- with that beaten on that collar  
14 and I said, I won't put anybody on the rig floor with  
15 the everything coming up around there. I wouldn't  
16 want to attempt that.

17 Q. So this is the first call --- is the first  
18 collar at Boots & Coots the one who tells you to  
19 close the blind rams?

20 A. I don't remember if it was the first or the  
21 second to be honest with you.

22 Q. So he you got a separate --- after he took the  
23 information ---?

24 A. I talked to about three or four different people  
25 from Boots & Coots. We were pretty close together

1 back and forth, and they had responders calling me.

2 Q. Did you see any response when you closed the  
3 blind rams?

4 A. I saw a small --- probably a small restriction  
5 in flow, yeah, not much, but you could tell there was  
6 a small ---.

7 Q. At what time did you turn the rig off, about?

8 A. 7:30 to 8:00, something like that, I'm guessing.  
9 Maybe 8:30.

10 Q. So about the tie you lost your pump you decided  
11 to shut the rig down?

12 A. Yeah, right after we lost our pump, we had no  
13 --- there wasn't anything else we could do basically  
14 to try to control the well. Shut the rig off, shut  
15 the pump. I had them shut the pumps and the corner,  
16 the two triples (phonetic) in the corner --- corner  
17 down all pumps, generator for a well test on  
18 location, everything and get off location.

19 Q. So you shut everything down. You basically back  
20 off the --- once everything was shutdown, you backed  
21 off location and basically just waited for Wild Well  
22 or ---?

23 A. Somebody to respond, yes.

24 Q. All right. Okay. When was the next time you  
25 went back on location?

1 A. Probably around 4:15, 4:30 the next morning.

2 Q. Okay. Who did --- did you go by yourself?

3 A. No, I went with Boots & Coots first responder.

4 He wanted me to take him down to the location, so I  
5 took him down.

6 Q. What did you observe? Was it still blowing?

7 A. Yeah, still blowing.

8 Q. Was there --- obviously there was fluid  
9 gathering around the location; is that correct?

10 A. Yeah. Yeah, there was some.

11 Q. Were you measuring the combustibility of the gas  
12 as you were going in or ---?

13 A. They checked for gas with a gas meter, but it  
14 showed no gas anywhere.

15 Q. So did you go all the way up to the wellhead?

16 A. I did not go all the way to the wellhead. I  
17 went probably --- if you see the location right down  
18 at the end of the road right there, I'm probably  
19 within --- I probably got within 25 yards of the rig.  
20 He did. He walked all the way around, made notes,  
21 walked around the rig, everything.

22 Q. But he saw no gas at all?

23 A. No.

24 Q. So in your opinion, at this time it was blowing  
25 nothing but water?



1 A. I'm sure it's got gas in it, but I mean, as far  
2 as ---.

3 Q. You're not seeing any ---?

4 A. As far as us seeing it, it's, you know, going up  
5 and there's so much water and gas mixed together.  
6 It's hard.

7 Q. Did he recommend did he come back to you out by  
8 the road and recommend anything to you?

9 A. No, he did not recommend me. He called --- I  
10 heard his conversation with his boss, and they had  
11 --- at that time, Boots & Coots and then called Wild  
12 Well Control authority on their way there, so  
13 apparently that's who EOG uses, Wild Well Control,  
14 and they were already there. They were supposed to  
15 be landing in Dubois around five o'clock in the  
16 morning at Dubois International.

17 Q. At this time plus or minus approximate 4:15 in  
18 the morning, were there any other EOG employees?

19 A. Jeff Leitzell, Gary Smith, Greg Schaeffer was  
20 there, yes.

21 Q. The crew who showed up from Pittsburgh?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The guys from Pittsburgh who showed up?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. At that time who did you feel was in

1 charge?

2 A. Probably Gary smith since he's the vice  
3 president.

4 Q. So Boots & Coots goes down to the well. They  
5 measure. There's no gas. They come back. You all  
6 go back to the group. Are you all the only two that  
7 approached the well at this time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. So you all go back up to the safe point;  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who do you give your report to?

13 A. Nobody at that time, because Gary and Jeff and  
14 Chase Reynolds (phonetic) of well test had gone to  
15 Dubois to pick up Wild Well Control to come back and  
16 then ---.

17 Q. So they come back at what time?

18 A. They probably get there I'm going to guess six  
19 o'clock, 6:30, Jeff and them, because they couldn't  
20 land at Dubois, the Wild Well Control, because of  
21 fog. And they had to --- they went somewhere else.  
22 I don't know, Johnsonburg or somewhere to land. And  
23 everybody else come back. They were going to get a  
24 car --- or Lynn Burks (phonetic) and I think some of  
25 them and Nathan were going to go to pick them up,

1 wherever they were going. It was up close to  
2 Indiana, I think. I'm not exactly sure because I  
3 wasn't keeping up with all that. But I think  
4 Johnsonburg, but I'm not sure where the airport is.

5 Q. So they couldn't land at Dubois?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. So they went somewhere else?

8 A. Yeah, they were diverted somewhere else.

9 Q. And what time did you say they got back to  
10 location?

11 A. Wild Well Control?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. Wild Well Control got there about 9:30 in the  
14 morning.

15 Q. And Mr. Smith and ---?

16 A. I'm guessing around 6:30, six o'clock, something  
17 like that.

18 Q. So between the time they got back to the  
19 location and the time that Wild Well Control got  
20 there basically nothing was done to the well?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. Once Wild Well Control got there, did  
23 they have discussion with Boots & Coots?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Boots & Coots had already left?

1 A. No, he was there, but they didn't --- they went  
2 down. They wanted to see for themselves. They went  
3 straight down to the location, put on their stuff and  
4 went down and did a walk around, checked for gas  
5 levels again, did the whole nine yards around there  
6 and took look at it.

7 Q. So to your knowledge Boots & Coots and Wild Well  
8 Control never conversed at all?

9 A. To my knowledge, no.

10 Q. So Wild Well Control goes down to the well.  
11 They take their gas measurements and what happens?

12 A. They come back up and start asking me a bunch of  
13 questions, you know, about that the tubings cut, it's  
14 cut off now. It's outside field. It's cut off right  
15 at the top of the pipe rams.

16 Q. Why is it cut off?

17 A. I'm sure the sand and water blowing out of it.

18 Q. So it's cut itself off?

19 A. Yeah, it's cut itself off.

20 Q. And you know this how?

21 A. Because they walked down and looked at it and  
22 it's laying --- the piece of tubing is laying over  
23 right there, and it has the collar on it from the  
24 joint below and it's cut off right below the collar  
25 of the joint.

1 Q. Okay. So it's come up through the stripper  
2 rubber?

3 A. Yeah, it blew it up. Once it cut, it blew it up  
4 out and it's laying right on the outside of the  
5 floor.

6 Q. Are you observing this --- or you're not  
7 observing the well? They're telling this; correct?

8 A. Yeah, I saw it. You could see it from where I  
9 was at.

10 Q. Did it look like the amount of fluid and gas  
11 coming out had increased?

12 A. No, it looked like it stayed pretty much steady  
13 the whole time.

14 Q. Okay. So it's still coming up around the pipe  
15 rams?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. And what operations did you do next?

18 A. They discussed --- once they said that --- they  
19 had taken gas measurements all over location. They  
20 checked outside the location and stuff. They'd  
21 released us to go ahead and start pumping fluids  
22 again. Cranking up pumps to try to contain as much  
23 as we could. They discussed about they were going to  
24 go down and try to shut the frac valve to see if the  
25 tube --- when it cut enough, if it'd gone ahead and

1 dropped enough to get below the frac valve, which  
2 they did. They went back down in there and tried to  
3 --- I think only got 13 turns, so they knew the  
4 tubing was still there. They came back up and  
5 discussed again about --- one of the guys started a  
6 contingency to go ahead and get the riser and stuff  
7 to go ahead --- crane and dozer and everything to go  
8 ahead and land a valve and stuff, riser and valve  
9 over the top and tie it on and close the valve.

10 Q. So they came up with a lot of options?

11 A. Well, usually the same option they do on most  
12 wells when they ---.

13 Q. But I mean, they came up with some options based  
14 on what they observed?

15 A. Yeah. They even talked about maybe trying to  
16 tie on with high rate pumps. They thought they could  
17 outrun them. No more fluid and stuff was coming out.  
18 They thought they could outrun the fluid. If they  
19 had enough fluid going down the annulus, they thought  
20 that if they had high rate pumps, they could probably  
21 do that, but the best option was to this do. Then  
22 they discussed about going ahead and opening the  
23 blinds and the pipe rams both seeing if it dropped.  
24 They thought --- they were almost a hundred percent  
25 sure that the tubing would drop far enough they could

1 close the frac valve. Went down. They did testing  
2 again all the way around, pretty much the testing and  
3 stuff. They ended up going down, cranking ---  
4 putting the pipe in the blinds in the open position.  
5 I didn't observe this. This is second information  
6 that I'm getting from them. Cranked the rig back up.  
7 And apparently the pipe dropped and they closed the  
8 frac valve them.

9 Q. Okay. So basically the action they took was  
10 before they started the rig, they put the pipe and  
11 blind rams in the open position?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. And when you started the rig back up, the rig  
14 hydraulics open the rams --- both sets of rams;  
15 correct?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. And then they closed the frac valve?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And I mean basically the incident was ended at  
20 that point?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Was there some of amount of fluid on the  
23 location at that time?

24 A. Yeah, quite a bit. Most of it --- that location  
25 is a little bit slanted to the back side and then

1 there's a trench dug around there, and most of it was  
2 running off one side. The location --- the closets  
3 side to the rig, no fluid was going off that side of  
4 the location.

5 Q. So it was all going to the back?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Let me ask you just some background questions  
8 here. When you started work for EOG, did they  
9 discuss with you their policy on how many barriers  
10 you had to have during operation? Did it ever come  
11 up?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you know what EOG's policy is on barriers  
14 during completion?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did EOG ever discuss with you the length of time  
17 that service companies could be on location without a  
18 break, without relief? Did that ever come up?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you ever --- I think --- I believe you said  
21 earlier the only person you called was the engineer,  
22 Jeff ---?

23 A. Leitzell.

24 Q. Jeff Leitzell?

25 A. Uh-huh (yes).



1 Q. You never called anyone else?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. At the time prior to this incident, did  
4 you have in your possession numbers to call in case  
5 of an emergency? Did you know who to call if there  
6 was an emergency?

7 A. I have all numbers for all EOG people in  
8 Pittsburgh, Indiana, yes.

9 Q. But your instructions were to call the people in  
10 Pittsburgh and let them notify ---?

11 A. Right.

12 Q. Like 911 and that stuff?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. As far as you know, that's what happened;  
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So you did not call anybody from location?

18 A. No, only --- no.

19 Q. Are you aware of anybody else from the location  
20 calling anybody, 911, the state, anybody?

21 A. I am not aware of anybody that did, no.

22 Q. You obviously have a lot of experience. The  
23 operation that --- let me back up. How many  
24 horizontal wells have been involved with the  
25 completion and cleanout and frac approximately?

1 A. Twenty-five (25).

2 Q. Okay. Of those 25 wells, how many would you  
3 estimate would you say that you could not get  
4 everything cleaned out with a coil tubing?

5 A. All but two.

6 Q. All but two. And those two were both in  
7 Pennsylvania?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Both for EOG?

10 A. Yeah, there's two I could clean out all the way,  
11 and that was it.

12 Q. You could or could not?

13 A. Could.

14 Q. Okay. Of the ones you could not clean out all  
15 the way with the coil tubing, did you always use a  
16 rig with a stripper rubber to clean out?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And they were all for --- so the 23 that you did  
19 that with, were where, all over?

20 A. Pennsylvania mostly.

21 Q. All for EOG?

22 A. Yeah, everything's for EOG.

23 Q. Do you feel comfortable doing that?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. You do? In your career, have you ever used well

1 pressure to unseat a stripper rubber?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you feel comfortable stripping --- since you  
4 have basically two barriers during this operation,  
5 you have the stripping rubber and the pipe rams, do  
6 you feel comfort with that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Once you lost your stripping rubber --- or in  
9 the event that --- in this hypothetical case you lose  
10 a stripping rubber and you have one barrier left  
11 which is our pipe rams, do you feel comfortable  
12 striping that pipe --- any pipe of any distance, an  
13 inch, two inches or anything?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Under pressure?

16 A. I don't have any problems with that. Always  
17 done it that way, so ---.

18 MR. VITTITOW:

19 Do you have any questions for him  
20 because I need a minute to think about where to go  
21 next?

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. JANKURA:

24 Q. The only question I had was that, were you ever  
25 able to attempt to unscrew the tubing joint after you

1 closed the pipe rams?

2 A. Yeah, we trying to break the power swivel.

3 Q. You attempted, but it wasn't successful?

4 A. Yeah, unless you beat on it, you never will. It  
5 always breaks the power swivel.

6 RE-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. VITTITOW:

8 Q. Okay. Let me ask another question here and this  
9 is again hypothetical. Did you feel comfortable if  
10 something --- if you were asked to do something by  
11 EOG that you thought was unsafe?

12 A. I wouldn't do it.

13 Q. You felt comfortable telling them this is not  
14 safe, I need to do something else?

15 A. Definitely.

16 Q. And they're cooperative about it?

17 A. They're probably the most supportive company  
18 I've ever worked for.

19 Q. Do you consider the culture on location in  
20 Pennsylvania --- because you've obviously worked  
21 other places, the safety culture, do you see that  
22 safety always comes first?

23 A. Are you talking in general or are you talking a  
24 certain company or ---?

25 Q. On the locations you have been in --- on in

1 Pennsylvania with EOG?

2 A. Are you talking ---?

3 Q. Do you consider that safety is of primary  
4 importance?

5 A. Are you talking EOG?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Yes, it's their primary importance. Yes.

8 Q. So do you all have regular safety meetings?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do you all --- before you start an operation, do  
11 you sit and talk to the hands, this is what we're  
12 going to do, type of thing or just say let's just do  
13 it?

14 A. Usually --- sometimes if they're already in the  
15 middle of the operation when I come on, no, we won't  
16 shutdown and have a safety meeting, but most  
17 operations you have before you start.

18 Q. If you're going to start a new operation ---?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Have you ever use snubbing unit to clean out ---

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. --- to clean out a well?

23 A. No, not to clean out. But I have used them here  
24 just to get out a hole or get production back in.

25 Q. But you never used one for cleaning out a well?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you know any other companies that do that?

3 A. I don't know much about other companies, but I  
4 think Chesapeake uses a --- I think Chesapeake on  
5 uses some of theirs use a single, you know, not a rig  
6 assist, but just a snubbing unit to drill out plugs  
7 on some of them. I'm not saying a hundred percent,  
8 but I do know a couple of guys that work for --- and  
9 they were pretty surprised that they used them, so  
10 ---.

11 Q. Let's get back to try to get this from a  
12 different angle. When you started off this operation  
13 with the rig, once you got tubing in the hole, you  
14 basically had two barriers; correct?

15 A. Uh-huh (yes).

16 Q. You had the stripping rubber and you had the  
17 pipe rams; correct?

18 A. (Indicates yes.)

19 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

20 A. Yes.

21 BY MR. JANKURA:

22 Q. Do you feel --- and you said earlier that you  
23 felt comfortable with this.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you feel comfortable with that knowing that

1 the BOPs had not even --- the flanges where they were  
2 had never been tested?

3 A. If they hadn't been tested?

4 Q. Yes, because you said earlier that they had  
5 never had any pressure put between the BOPs and the  
6 frac valve, the test --- when you nipped up the BOPs  
7 that they had never been tested?

8 A. It was 2,500 pounds put on the on the flanges  
9 all the way up to the stripper rubber before we  
10 started drilling the kill plug.

11 Q. Okay. That's what I asked you earlier.

12 A. You asked me before we started tripping in the  
13 hole had they tested the BOPs, no, I did not see  
14 before we started tripping in the holes.

15 Q. So you're saying that before you started  
16 drilling out the kill plug, you tested the body of  
17 the BOP up to the stripper --- well, to right below  
18 that? It would have been between the blind ram and  
19 the --- you didn't test the stripper ---?

20 A. We tested all the way up the stripper rubber.

21 Q. You tested against the stripper rubber to 2,500  
22 pounds?

23 A. Uh-huh (yes).

24 Q. Do you know what the --- do you know who the  
25 manufacturer of the stripping is?

1 A. I think it's BIW, BWI, something like that.

2 Q. Do you know what the rating of the stripper  
3 rubber is?

4 A. No, I was told by the pusher from Mesa from  
5 Texas it was good to 2,500 working.

6 Q. So you tested the BOPs to 2,500 pounds from the  
7 top of the frac valve against the stripping rubber?

8 A. From the top of the kill plug to the stripping  
9 rubber.

10 Q. Okay. You tested casing, everything?

11 A. Yeah, because we were pumping down the tubing,  
12 the tubing is all the way down at the bottom, so  
13 while they're pumping, they break circulation. You  
14 get the kill plug to the top of the kill plug and you  
15 stop there before you start drilling and you got to  
16 feel your tubing because you have a string flow up in  
17 your tubing, so you got to circulate. You break  
18 circulation around to your frac tanks, and once they  
19 break circulation, close in your choke manifold,  
20 adjust your choke, let the pressure come up.

21 Q. So you let the pressure come up to 2,500 pounds?

22 A. 2,500 pounds.

23 Q. And obviously it held?

24 A. Yeah, there was nothing wrong with that deal.

25 And then once we do that, then they'll open the choke



1 back up, usually drop it down to about 1,200 to 1,500  
2 pounds before you go through and start drilling  
3 through the kill plug because usually when you drill  
4 through the kill plug the pressure blow, that surges  
5 it and usually it will stop your rotation,  
6 everything.

7 Q. You're trying to keep the pressure ---?

8 A. Trying to keep the differential so it doesn't  
9 surge so hard when you go through the top slips.

10 Q. Okay. Let me think here just for a second.  
11 Make sure I covered everything.

12 RE-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. JANKURA:

14 Q. While you're thinking, let me ask a question.  
15 One of the things obviously that we're seeing here in  
16 Pennsylvania in general is a lot of folks come into  
17 the shale with all kinds of different new technology  
18 that we really haven't seen here in Pennsylvania  
19 before. You mentioned that you had experienced  
20 working in the Barnett. In terms of the post frac  
21 cleanout, is what you guys are doing up here on this  
22 similar? Where you using ---?

23 A. Identical.

24 Q. Same thing?

25 A. We use the same thing in Louisiana which there

1 you're talking about higher pressures. We use the  
2 same thing there.

3 Q. Which companies in Louisiana?

4 A. I didn't go, but I talked to consultants over  
5 for EOG and they do the same things we do and people  
6 for Petrohawk and people for?

7 Q. This in Hainesville?

8 A. Uh-huh (yes).

9 MR. VITTITOW:

10 That's all I have.

11 ATTORNEY AYERS:

12 I have nothing.

13 MR. VITTITOW:

14 Anything else?

15 MR. JANKURA:

16 No.

17 MR. VITTITOW:

18 Very good thank you.

19 A. No problem. Anything else I can help you with,  
20 let me know.

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23 STATEMENT UNDER OATH CONCLUDED AT 11:20 A.M.

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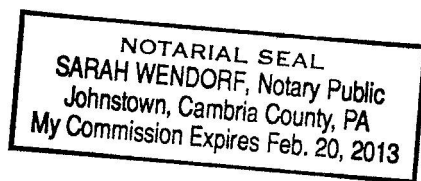
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