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Montara Inquiry

I would like to second the submission submitted by Elmer P. Danenberger. Like Mr. Danenberger, no one has asked me to comment, funded this work or reviewed my submission.

In addition to the circumstances, causes, solutions etc. raised by Mr. Danenberger, I submit that it would be very insightful to use a realistic simulator (the Drillbench Suite and "Kick" in particular, which is owned by the SPT group) would allow for examination of the detail of the events that happened in the day or two preceding the blow-out on August 21st.

Whereas, the events would undoubtedly have been prevented by the approaches described by Mr. Danenberger, examination of what physically happened using the most realistic model available would reveal what further measures could be taken to prevent such events occurring in the future and if the specific design of the well contributed to the event.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,



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