



CSB Statement on Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso's Visit to Deepwater Horizon Blowout Preventer Testing Site

Today, CSB Chairperson Rafael Moure-Eraso visited the site of the Deepwater Horizon blowout preventer testing site in New Orleans, Louisiana. CSB Board Member Mark Griffon, CSB investigator Mary Beth Mulcahy, and a CSB consultant accompanied Dr. Moure-Eraso.

The CSB board members and staff toured the evidence room and the evidence yard at the NASA Michoud facility where the recovered blowout preventer (BOP) and lower marine riser package (LMRP) are stored. They examined the BOP rams and portions of the riser, drill piping and other associated recovered equipment. The team also witnessed high pressure testing of the BOP shear ram mechanism.

Chairperson Moure-Eraso said, "It has enabled me to see firsthand some of the key evidence that will play a part in the CSB investigation of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, and gives me a good perspective on the challenges that lie ahead as our investigation proceeds."

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