

Re: Oil Spill Coordination 

Victor F Labson o Bill Lehr

05/22/2010 02:18 PM

Cc: "Dr. Marcia McNutt"

Bill,

Could you clarify the time at which the Team is using for the beginning of the spill. I have seen the explosion on April 20 and the sinking of the platform on April 24 both used. I certainly don't want to be out of step with the rest of the Team.

Thanks,

Vic

From: Bill Lehr [Bill.Lehr@noaa.gov]
Sent: 05/22/2010 06:17 AM MST
To: Victor Labson
Subject: Re: Oil Spill Coordination

There will be a meeting today of the flow rate experts and others at 0900 hrs PDT. Call-in number is 877 810 7416. Access code is . You are most welcome to attend. Another meeting of the bigger group will be held on Sunday afternoon. Don't have all the details on it yet. Any numbers you can provide me now?

On 5/22/10 6:06 AM, Victor F Labson wrote:

Bill,

What is the schedule for conference calls/meetings this weekend? We are beginning to have some quantitative estimates of sea-surface oil from the AVIRIS.

Vic

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Date: 05/21/2010 04:36 PM

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ect:

We currently have nine experts viewing the BP video. One has already provided his private advice to the group but is unavailable this weekend. Of the remaining eight, probably 5 will estimate a range and the other three will critique. I hope to have reports from them no later than Sunday morning. A conference call will be held at 0900 hrs on Saturday. The call in number will be 877 810 7416. The access code is [REDACTED]. At 1000 hrs, a second call will be conducted only for the experts. The plan is to deliver a draft report to the NIC-DC this Sunday

On 5/21/10 3:02 PM, Bill Lukáš wrote:
Jim

Is there a meeting planned for this on Sunday at the NIC. That was also decided upon I thought.

Bill Lukas | USGS | 703-342-6407

On May 21, 2010, at 5:10 PM, "Witkop, James" <James.Witkop@mms.gov> wrote:

The NIC-DC interagency work group has provided input to NIC staff on the message (including team makeup and their strategies) that was discussed yesterday.

NIC staff are vetting that message now, we are standing by to address any of their follow up questions. Will email when/if we learn more.

The team meetings are being coordinated (separate from the message) by the chairpeople on the team. The NIC is standing by for the preliminary team output and will message that, as discussed yesterday.

jim's blackberry

From: Cesnik, Catherine M <Catherine.Cesnik@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Fri May 21 14:52:51 2010

Subject: RE: Oil Spill Coordination

The POC will be Bill Lehr, NOAA. Bill, please include Bill Lukas on any information about the calls in addition to Victor Labson. Thanks!

Catherine

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From: Bill Lukáš [wlukas@usgs.gov]
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To: Cesnik, Catherine M
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Subject: Re: Oil Spill Coordination

Hi Catherine

At the briefing yesterday, Anne suggested follow up meeting to address the oil estimates and messaging. Perhaps someone else is coordinating that? I thought it was Jim.

Let me know if you hear or learn anything new about Sunday. Thanks.

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On May 21, 2010, at 3:47 PM, "Cesnik, Catherine M" <Catherine.Cesnik@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Bill,

There will be a meeting of the scientists at 1200 eastern time tomorrow. The call in number will be 877 810 7416. The access code is  I believe that Bill Lehr has already coordinated with Victor and/or Roger.

I am not aware of any meetings on Sunday.

Bill Lehr, can you provide any information about a Sunday meeting for reviewing USGS surface oil estimates? Our Assistant Secretary thought there might be a meeting on this topic and would like to know the time.

Thank you,

Catherine

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From: Witkop, James [James.Witkop@mms.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 2:15 PM
To: Lukas, William A
Cc: Cesnik, Catherine M
Subject: RE: Oil Spill Coordination

Catherine is working on that now and will be following up on that shortly. thanks.

From: William A Lukas [<mailto:wlukas@usgs.gov>]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 2:07 PM
To: Witkop, James
Subject: RE: Oil Spill Coordination

Jim

Any news on when/where the Sunday meeting will be? Anne Castle (AS W&S) would like to let others know about it before everyone is out for the weekend.

Thanks for keeping my email in this list. I am not able to monitor Suzannes email when I am out of the building.

Thanks,

Bill

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Subject: RE: Oil Spill Coordination

Thank you for calling in yesterday and for your note this morning. Things are humming along over here at US Coast Guard HQ, on the "NIC-DC Interagency Workgroup," and we appreciate the opportunity to represent DOI.

We are working on the messaging describing this team for the NIC/JIC over here and will keep you all in the loop as the team forms, storms and norms over the weekend and beyond.
we will let you know, thanks
jim

From: Weedman, Suzanne D [mailto:Suzanne_D_Weedman@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Witkop, James
Subject: Oil Spill Coordination

Good Morning Jim

I participated in yesterday afternoon's briefing on the USGS efforts to calculate a quantitative estimate of sea-surface oil in the Gulf spill. I am filling in this week for Suzanne Weedman, the USGS liaison to Water & Science. As plans are developed and finalized for meetings and other coordination activities regarding the oil spill, please keep Suzanne in the loop as well as our Assistant Secretary, Anne Castle and Deputy Asst. Secretary, Deanna Archuleta. The liaison position will serve as the communication conduit between the W&S principals and USGS Leadership and scientists.

Thanks!

Bill Lukas

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