



Re: phase 2

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Cc: Franklin Shaffer

History: This message has been replied to.

Marcia,

Is it possible to expedite the release by the NIC of the interim report? My understanding is that the peer review team won't be ready until our group has produced a final report with, hopefully, a well-defined upper and lower limit. Like Steve and Frank, I have noticed that the Press is misinterpreting the interim report and I would like to have the whole document out there to speak for itself.

Bill

----- Original Message -----

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Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 3:42 pm

Subject: Re: phase 2

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> Defining an upper limit is a good idea. But the media is already
> reporting our 25000 bpd number as the upper limit. Someone should
> clear up this misinterpretation of our 25000 (or 19000) bpd) number.
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> Even the press release on the government's Deepwater Horizon Response
> website makes the 25000 bpd number sound like an upper limit. The
> link is
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> at it says the following:
> "Plume Modeling Team
> The second approach led by the Plume Modeling Team used video
> observations of the oil/gas mixture escaping from the kinks in the
> riser and at the end of the riser pipe alongside advanced image
> analysis to estimate fluid velocity and flow volume. Based on
> advanced image analysis and video observations the Plume Modeling Team
> has provided an initial range estimate of 12,000 to 25,000 barrels of
> oil per day."
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> This clearly sounds like we're saying 25000 bpd is the upper limit.
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> I understand how hectic everything is, so confusion is going to happen.
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> Just trying to help!
> Frank
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> >>> "Bill Lehr" <Bill.Lehr@noaa.gov> 5/28/2010 4:52 PM >>>
> Picture 2.png *PLUME TEAM*
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> Phase 2
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> Dear experts:
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> By now, you all should have had the opportunity to access the new BP
> video from the ftp site. If anyone has difficulty, call 206 526 6955.
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> . We need to estimate a credible upper limit, based upon the new
> video.
> I encourage everyone to share his observations and calculations with
> fellow team members.
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> . I would like to schedule a conference call Thursday, June 3, at 12
> Noon PDT to meet and decide an upper bound.
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> Call-in number 888-390 3155
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> Access code 
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> . Hard copies of the report are being printed and bound. If you would
> like a copy and have not yet sent me your mailing address, please do so.
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> . If you would like compensation for this phase 2 work, let me know
> and
> I will arrange something.
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> Happy Memorial Day Weekend
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> Bill Lehr
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> 206 719 1813
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