



**HOT: Talking point on flow**

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o Marcia McNutt

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Marcia -- we've been given literally minutes to coordinate on a talking point to be given to the Secretary and Dep. Sec. of Homeland security. My suggested rewrite is directly below, with the version they sent below that. Please let us know what you think?

Vic

Vic's version: Three independent methods were used by the FRTG to estimate the amount of flow, with the overlap between them being 12,000 to 19,000 barrels per day. One team estimated the flow at 25,000 barrels per day or higher. Following the cut of the riser, the initial estimates of the flow were expected to increase 6 to 20 percent (according to who?). The FRTG will be studying the increased flow closely to better determine the real flow rate.

Version we were sent: Although the consensus of the FRTG is that flow is estimated to be

between 12,000-19,000 barrels per day, the unrestricted flow associated with the time prior to the application of the "top hat/cap" could be up to a 20% increase in flow. It is the FRTG assessment that total flow may stay within originally estimated flow rates. The FRTG will be studying the increased flow closely to better determine the real flow rate.

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Subject: RE: FRTG talking point for S-1 and S-2

David and Scott from CG needed the ONE talking point on FRTG for the S-1 and S-2 by 15:00. I don't know on the full talking points.

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Subject: RE: FRTG talking point for S-1 and S-2

Kevin, thanks!

David,

Please standby. Marcia's deputy, Mark Sogge, is rapidly reviewing these draft talking points. What is our deadline for this review?

Thanks,

Catherine

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David:

Attached you'll find the DRAFT JIC talking points for FRTG. If I had to boil down the last 24 hours developments it would be thus:

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