



Re: FYI

Bill Lehr <sup>t</sup> o Marcia K McNutt  
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Please respond to Bill.Lehr

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Media got it wrong? I'm shocked, shocked!

On 6/3/10 10:06 AM, Marcia K McNutt wrote:

Media got it wrong, and NEVER spoke to me. Sigh. The 6-20% increase WAS CALCULATED by engineers. No one has ANY flow rate data to calculate any increase, and I have made it very clear that it may be difficult to detect changes of this magnitude.

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Richard Harris of NPR also contacted me looking for an opinion. I told him basically the same thing as Omer. However Harris also said that the FRTG calculated the 20% flow increase figure we've seen in the media. I said I wasn't part of any such discussions--maybe some other subgroup of the FRTG did this...

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On Jun 3, 2010, at 9:27 AM, "savas@newton.berkeley.edu"  
> wrote:

> Hello everyone

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> I just had a telephone inquiry from the Wall Street Journal

> Question: "... looking at the pictures, the spill rate seems to be

> much

> higher. Do you have a new estimate?"

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> My answer: " The FRTG is working on it, and we will have a conference

> call on Monday. It would be prudent to wait till after that."

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> Regards

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