



RE: FYI

Franklin Shaffer o savas, wereley, mcnut

06/03/2010 02:47 PM

Cc: ira.leifer, pdy, pmbommer, pedro.espina, Bill.Lehr, Chris.Barker,  
Kathryn\_Moran, aaliseda, rileyj, Lasheras, mark\_sogge

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History: This message has been replied to.

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I just got my email back at 2:30 pm EST. No internet or phone yet. Our main optical line to the lab was cut and shut down internet and phone connection for 2000 people.

Regarding the estimate of 20% increase in oil leak rate after the riser is cut for the LMRP/Top-Hat, I sent an email this morning asking Marcia who did the estimate of 20%, and could we see their calculations. Who did do the estimate of only 20% increase after the riser cut?

I had nothing to do with the 20% increase estimate that's being stated in the press. So I do not want my name associated with it.

Frank

>>> "Marcia K McNutt" 6/3/2010 1:06 PM >>>

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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From: Wereley, Steven T. [mailto:Wereley, Steven T.]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:34 PM

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; "Moran, Kathryn"  
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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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