



Re: FYI: Interesting conversation with William Rees 📄

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That alleviates my concerns. Thanks!

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From: Marcia K McNutt
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We already discussed this and agreed on the process. The final yield is in effect the ultimate "peer review".

From: Mark K Sogge
Sent: 06/05/2010 08:30 AM CDT
To: Marcia McNutt
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Hi Marcia,

I spoke with William Rees yesterday evening, to discuss the peer-review effort he is leading. He had called me back from an airport, so our conversation was pretty hurried. He made several statements that I thought were interesting enough to pass on to you. You may already be aware of them, but in case not...

- Secretary Chu intends to add another method to assess the leak flow: the rate of oil pumped on board the Discover Enterprise. I could not tell if William thought that this estimate will be under the FRTG umbrella or DOE. He gave the impression that this new estimation will supersede [my wording] the other FRTG estimates, and allow the current FRTG Sub-teams to wrap up pretty quickly.

- Once each Sub-team has submitted their (already peer-reviewed) final report to the FRTG, William will look at each one and "ascertain which has the highest level of credibility" [his words]. Then use that to brief upward.

- He anticipates that the briefing will be very high level, and will involve you giving the results of the estimation, followed by him explaining "why they should believe" the results.

- William is still negotiating for who will be on the final report peer-review team. Secretary Chu would like

it to include other Nobel laureates, though Williams was unsure if that was practical.

As I mentioned, the conversation was somewhat hurried, and I don't know if all of his statements were literal. My concern is that William might be developing a final review process without the benefit of your input; though perhaps you have already given it. In any case, I will contact William again after we have sketched out - with Anne and Lori - our DOI approach to the report wrap up, to be sure we are moving forward on the same page.

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