



## News on Flow Rate

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Ira Leifer, a member of the FRTG is making news. I heard that he was quoted in the WA Post and WA Times. Found this online

"According to a scientist on the government's Flow Rate Technical Group, the mess BP made got worse when it tried to fix it. It has gotten so bad that Ira Leifer, an associate researcher at the Marine Science Institute of the University of California says that it could be leaking as much as 100,000 barrels a day"

The whole story can be found at: <http://blogs.alternet.org/grantlawrence/tag/ira-leifer/>

Since the Team plans to get a revised number out later this week, should we get a PR out from Marcia to take some of the heat off the topic?

These are the latest bullets that were provided to the CG for an update on the FRTG

The Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) continues work to refine estimates of the oil flow rate from the riser before the Top Hat device was installed. BP has provided new video that will be used by the Plume Analysis Team to estimate the flow rate after the riser was cut; results may be available by the end of this week

The Mass Balance Team is finalizing their report, which may also be available by the end of this week

The Reservoir Analysis and Nodal Analysis teams are proceeding with data collection, analysis, and modeling

The FRTG has been asked to work with Secretary Chu's team in DOE to coordinate results and ensure that the FRTG issues a gov't response that is consistent with the results of all parties.

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