



Re: BY 0900, 10 JUNE: FLASH ACTION (FRTG): Q&As 3331-3333

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Cc: "Sogge, Mark K", "Garcia, Martha N"
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At this point, we can't preview that there will be an announcement of updated flow rates. Better to just say the FRTG is working on developing updated assessments.

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To: Lee-Ashley, Matt

Cc: Sogge, Mark K; Garcia, Martha N; Lawrence.E.Greene@uscg.mil <Lawrence.E.Greene@uscg.mil>

Sent: Wed Jun 09 21:06:51 2010

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Matt: Please advise if these answers are appropriate for release at 9 am tomorrow. I am assuming you will wait on the press release for the post-riser-cut estimates?

Marcia

(NIC-HQ) Q&A #3331: Please provide the most recent flow-rate estimate promulgated from NIC/FRTT and the date of that estimate.

The Flow Rate Technical Group (FRTG) is going to release later today new assessments for the flow rate for the Deepwater Horizon well both pre-riser cut and post-riser cut. The new assessments will include both lower and upper bounds for the FRTG team analyzing video and a slight revision in the bounds for the team which conducted the mass balance assessment. For the time being, the NIC is using a value of 19,000 barrels of oil per day pre-cut and 21,000 barrels per day post-cut of the riser (to account for modest loss of impedance) for the flow from the well based on their May 27th best estimate.

(NIC-HQ) Q&A #3332: Was this estimate following the completion of the current top-hat/vented containment system? If not, is there an anticipated timeline or estimate forthcoming on a new estimate? The estimates to be released later today will include the flow estimate after the removal of the riser. The current top hat containment system is recovering approximately 15,000 to 17,700 barrel of oil per day (BP makes these numbers public and they are being posted on a DOE web site). Therefore, after the completion of the top hat containment system, the release of oil is the difference between the revised oil estimates and the amount being contained by the top hat.

(NIC-HQ) Q&A #3333: Is the NIC or FRTT aware of any independent or contracted flow-rate estimates outside of their own work? If so, by whom - and please comment on the FRTT's evaluation of these estimates as appropriate. The NIC and FRTG are aware and using estimates of total flux from the well provided by a team from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Those results will also be reported publically later today and incorporated in the assessment of oil release rate.

From: Lawrence.E.Greene@uscg.mil [mailto:Lawrence.E.Greene@uscg.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 8:16 PM

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FRTG is on it.

Regards,

CDR Larry Greene, Ph.D.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Offutt, Todd CDR

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 3:40 PM

To: Greene, Lawrence CDR

Cc: Watson, Elizabeth LCDR; Moland, Mark CDR; Grawe, William; Pond, Robert

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Importance: High

Larry,

Pls see the following Qs posed after CAPT Lloyd's hearing today. Req due date is NLT 0900 on 10 June. r/TJO

-----Original Message-----

From: Campbell, Christina

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 3:36 PM

To:

Subject: FOR FLASH ACTION (NIC-HQ): Q&As 3331-3333

Sirs/Ma'am,

Science & Technology (Investigations & Oversight Subcommittee) has requested a response to the below questions.

TIMELINE: No later than 0900, 10 Jun

If the requested deadline cannot be met; please provide the reason and your estimated ETA. This will allow us to manage expectations.

BACKGROUND: Following CAPT Lloyd's testimony at the hearing, above staff cornered Mr. Helton (NOAA Witness) and CAPT Lloyd (CG Witness) and began asking questions about current flow-rate projections. Both NOAA & CG maintained that info was promulgated from and with transparency through FRTT, however staff appeared to imply that there are other independent or other contracted flow-rate estimates than what have been currently published - and these are not being made public or sufficiently transparent.

ASSIGNMENTS:

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(NIC-HQ) Q&A #3332: Was this estimate following the completion of the current top-hat/vented containment system? If not, is there an anticipated timeline or estimate forthcoming on a new estimate?

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