

Fw: Mass Balance team Open File Report (Labson et al.) approved: thoughts on release?

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From: Vic Hines <vhines@usgs.gov>

To: Victor F Labson <vlabson@usgs.gov>

Date: 06/15/2010 09:35 AM

Subject: Fwd: Mass Balance team Open File Report (Labson et al.) approved:  
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Vic

Can you take a look at the attached draft release and give me your thoughts/additions/corrections using track changes? Since your numbers have already been released, I've focused this one on your report being complete and available.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Vic

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vic Hines <vhines@usgs.gov>

Date: June 15, 2010 7:58:10 AM PDT

To: "Rodriguez, Julie" <Julie\_Rodriguez@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Sogge, Mark K" <mark\_sogge@usgs.gov>, "Garcia, Martha N" <mgarcia@usgs.gov>

Subject: Re: Mass Balance team Open File Report (Labson et al.) approved:  
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Even though the results have been released, I think we need to do a short news release on the report being available. The real question is whether to just post the release to the USGS website (since this is a USGS Open File Report), or push it out wider. I'll get a release ready and we can discuss distribution later.

Vic

On Jun 15, 2010, at 5:28 AM, Rodriguez, Julie wrote:

Mark,

Thanks for the heads up! We will most likely do a more low key roll out since the numbers are already out there but I will check with our team here to get their thoughts.

Vic – What do you think?

Julie

From: Mark K Sogge [mailto:mark\_sogge@usgs.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 8:24 AM  
To: Hines, Vic; Rodriguez, Julie  
Cc: Garcia, Martha N  
Subject: Mass Balance team Open File Report (Labson et al.) approved: thoughts on release?

Vic, Julie -

The USGS Open File Report (Labson et al.; attached) that gives the results from the May 17th mass balance analysis received USGS Director's approval from Bill Werkheiser yesterday. He passed it on to Barbara Wainman, who was going to work it up through JIC for release approval.

The report presents the estimated range for the lower bound of discharge at 12,500 to 21,500 bbl/day. These results (which are slight updates to the preliminary mass balance estimates) have already been released to the public.

Standard procedure is to have our Open File Reports are posted to the USGS publication warehouse site, which is open to the public. I have asked Barbara to await a final OK from me or Marcia before the live posting. She agreed, though we don't want to wait very long after JIC approval..

Based on conversations last week, I know that Marcia is generally in favor of getting this published/released. What are your suggestions on the release? Do we want a Press Release, or do a more low-key roll out?

Mark

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