



Re: FRTG estimate of oil for June 20, 2010

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The range of oil released as of June 20, 2010 is 2,170,000 to 3,720,000 barrels

Background: On June 15, 2010, an improved estimate of how much oil is flowing from the leaking BP well was announced. The most likely flow rate of oil is between 35,000 and 60,000 barrels per day. This improved estimate is based on more and better data that is available after the riser cut - data which helps increase the scientific confidence in the accuracy of the estimate. As the Government continues to collect additional data and refine these estimates, it is important to realize that the numbers can change. In particular, because the upper number is less certain, it is important to plan for the upper estimate plus additional contingencies immediately.

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