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Subject: RE: experts statements

should we distribute this document if asked? I would suggest at a minimum chopping off the attachments that show a diversity of opinion before distributing. Also I would suggest getting something official posted before the press extracts different stories from all of us...

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The press is going nuts. We haven't distributed the report as it didn't look like your final so up to you all. Here were my talking points

Three independent estimates (plume, mass balance, RITT) indicate that the flow rate is at least 12000 barrels per day

Two independent estimates (first two) are indicating that the flow could be as high as 19,000 barrels per day

The plume team is only looking at lower bounds. Flow rates of 25,000 barrels per day or higher are possible. The team is still working to improve estimates and determine time scales of variability in flux.

We also are awaiting results from reservoir modeling.

Good luck with the media, everyone!

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Bill and Marcia, will our report be distributed or has it been distributed? I'm getting requests to distribute it. Can or should I do that?

Marcia said she's send talking points. That would be helpful. I don't know about the others but I'm getting media requests now.

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On May 23, 2010, at 4:57 PM, "Bill.Lehr@noaa.gov" <Bill.Lehr@noaa.gov>
wrote:

> Dear Dr. McNutt,
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> Attached is the statement agreed to by the flow experts regarding
> estimating the leak rate from the Deepwater Horizon spill.
> <TeamStatement.docx>