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Subject: RE: NIST uncertainty estimate

Hi all. My intention was to be naïve with my last comment about uncertainty. What does uncertainty represent if not the range of possible values? I think someone will do the math and I did and ask us about it. We should have an answer about how we can have an uncertainty without an upper bound...

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Hi Steve,

Only if you assume that the flux is representative based on the 1.5 cycles recorded. True one could make that assumption. But . . .

BP was streaming (decent quality) video this AM from the riser which looked largely unchanging over the three hours I had it in the corner of my desktop. I would propose using that data for an upper estimate and applying Pedro's calculation to get the uncertainty.

Warmest regards,

Ira

On May 26, 2010, at 1:52 PM, Wereley, Steven T. wrote:

Hi all. In a moment of calm I was reflecting on our conversation this afternoon. Doesn't Pedro's uncertainty analysis give us a route to calculating some kind of upper bound? If the lower bound is x and the uncertainty is 40%, $x/0.4$ gives us the expected value and $x/0.8$ gives us the upper bound, to 95% confidence interval. If that isn't the case, then what does the uncertainty mean?

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Bill,

Enclosed the NIST uncertainty estimate for the PIV estimation of the leak on top of the BOV. Bottom line: whatever the PIV guys say +/- 40% (see final page). Because the gas/oil ratio dominates the uncertainty, similar values are likely for PIV estimates at other leak sites.

I am yet to respond to the questions of Ira and Peter, but I will look at those now.

Pedro

On 5/26/10 9:59 AM, "Bill Lehr" <bill.lehr@noaa.gov> wrote:
Attached is mydraft report to the FRTG

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- Please send corrections to me as soon as possible
- Juan, your ppt will be included as an appendix
- Pedro, I put your old version in as a placeholder because the new one was not displaying properly. Perhaps you could send it to me as a pdf file?
- Jim, Alberto, and Omer, I need your bios

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