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Hi Chris,

I just started an assignment to help Marcia McNutt with USGS activities related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. One of my tasks is to serve on a small interagency team that is looking to understand the nature, fate, and transport of water column oil resulting from the spill. Approximately 3 weeks of monitoring data are available from water sampling within 10 KM of the release locations. The team is conducting modeling to get a handle on what is moving, and where.

Over the next days to weeks, the team will be synthesizing data and conducting analyses, and may put out a preliminary report. I am a terrestrial ecologist, with no technical background in this arena. My role is to stay engaged in the overall process, and to look for potential linkages with USGS scientists. Sonya Jones gave me your name as someone who might be interested in the work of this team. If that is the case, I would like to talk to you further. I am not looking to burden you with being on this technical team, but rather to see where this group's activities and your interests may intersect.

Are you available for a phone call Tuesday? If so, please let me know a time that works for you (early morning is best from my perspective).

If this is not something of interest, please let me know.

Thanks!

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