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The preliminary report came out as a NIC product, without any USGS authorship affiliation... it was actually sort of a hybrid press release/report. It went through the standard

The component results from each Sub-team - upon which the preliminary report was built - were not yet in print form. They have been subsequently undergoing report production and peer-review, before inclusion as "chapters" in the final FRTG report. The Mass Balance Sub-team is USGS led, and producing two USGS Open File Reports. The other Sub-teams are not USGS led, and are producing less "formal" reports, though each will be peer-reviewed.

Clear as mud?

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mark,

How did Dr. McNutt clear the flow rate technical team report?

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-Steve

Mark K Sogge wrote:

Hi Steve,

Any product that indicates authorship/co-authorship by someone in USGS must also go through our USGS Fundamental Science Practices (FSP), which includes peer-review, Bureau approval, etc.. Not always a quick process, but one that USGS takes seriously and we have found to be extremely valuable... especially on high profile or controversial work. This is on top of the JIC and OMB steps already noted.

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This is something to keep in mind as we craft a process for JAG products. It is also why I asked not to be listed on the current Brooks McCall analysis report; since I did not contribute technically to that report, there was no need to unnecessarily trigger this FSP process.

On the flip side, the USGS does have a technical report series called Open File Reports; these are often used to publish preliminary information in a citable and nicely formatted report. So this might be one option for some of the JAG-related products in the future (though there are time and cost issues to resolve).

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Steve,
Regarding clearance of reports, there is a special "Deepwater" process run by OMB through which all reports, presentations, testimony, etc are supposed to be cleared.

Jerry

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All,

I am thinking that you all are the senior federal representatives on the newly formed JAG. This group will run through the National Incident Command (NIC) and its reports will be cleared there. This is the first report. Some issues:

There is a need to clearly take control of these reports from BP and their contractors. They need to be Agency reports. Not to interrupt flow, but I have parsed the group into the federal representatives and the others with their involvement described as data coordination and synthesis and NOT final report writing. Next, we need a process of sign off by the Agencies so that the results are endorsed by you all. I think this is mostly just keeping people in the loop and making sure your leadership (and mine) know a report is eminent and approximately what it will contain. Finally, I want us to give the final okey dokey on the reports before they go public. I anticipate we will pull

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together the report and its appendices (figures mostly) then post on a website. I am thinking the ERMA website is as good as any and various Agencies can point to it in a link. Happy to have comments on this. So, once we see the almost final draft of the report, lets get a call together. I anticipate sending our report to the NIC when completed.

appreciate your thoughts, attached are my comments on the draft.

-Steve