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thats what I originally thought but vic and I talked about this and DOI actually put out the press release so i thought they'd be the ones that would want to answer.

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This is the NOAA thing and they should answer all questions about it not us

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Am forwarding for you to address but pls let us know if we can assist with anything.

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Subject: Volume estimates for the Macondo well oil spill

USGS recently published a joint report with NOAA, with estimates of the total amount of oil that escaped from the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Given that the oil spill involved raw, unprocessed fluids escaping from the well, I'd like to understand how the oil volumes were estimated - obviously the fluids coming from the well would have included natural gas and water, as well as crude oil. Can you confirm that the 4.9 million-barrel estimate for the spill in that report only included crude oil, and did not include other fluids such as natural gas? And what information can you provide on the techniques used for the estimates?

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