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I think the whole document should be distributed. If nothing else, it shows how very carefully you considered the problem and how much work was put into it. Can Frank's videos be posted?

From: "Wereley, Steven T." [wereley@purdue.edu]

Sent: 05/27/2010 04:25 PM AST

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I agree--it's fine with me to distribute the appendices too. I thought maybe the appendices would give the press ammunition that there really isn't a consensus in the group.. in any case, I'm happy to go either way.

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Hi Bill, I personally don't see any problem with distributing the report with Appendices. That way the report reflects the various methods and calculations that we worked with. The body of the report represents the final consensus, while the appendices represents different approaches that took us to that consensus.

Talk to you soon.

Best,

On May 27, 2010, at 9:16 AM, Bill Lehr wrote:

On it right now. I would encourage everyone not to distribute the draft. There is a reason why it is called a draft. Hope to get the final done today so if you have additional comments, send them to me. I like Steve's idea of a short version without the the appendices for public release but, as I have said all along, no one will be censored and the final report includes everybody's clarifying comments and calculations. Let me know what you think.

on 5/27/10 9:01 AM, Wereley, Steven T. wrote:

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,

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

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