

**Subject:** Notes from NRT Call Saturday April 24, 2010 at 1000

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Notes from NRT Meeting with Principals Saturday at 1000.

Margaret Spring and Bill Conner represented NOAA. The call was lead by Secretary Napolitano. ADM Thad Allen was on the call but didn't say much.

- RADM Mary Landry briefed the status:
  - Clean up has been suspended due to adverse weather conditions.
  - New observations indicate that crude oil continues to leak from the pipe connected to the blow out preventer. This represents more than just residual oil in the riser pipe and is estimated to flow at a rate of 1000 bbl per day (42000 gallons per day). NOAA SSC agrees that this is a reasonable representation of the flow rate.
  - The estimate is that 2000 bbls are on the surface. Most of the oil is found within an area 20x20 miles.
  - An area command has been established in Robert, Louisiana. SSC Charlie Henry is supporting the Area Command, SSC Ed Levine continues to support the ICP in Houma. Mary Gill is in the BP Command Center in Houston.
  - There is no chance of land fall within 24 hours. Landfall within 72 hours is very unlikely.
- BP Chief Operations Officer presented on options for stopping the release
  - BP is considering working on the blowout preventer to stop the flow or drilling relief wells. Working with the blow out protector could fix the problem or cause a major release. Drilling relief wells will take 45 to 90 days. A decision will be made in a day or two as to which way to proceed..
  - Regardless of the long term fix selected, BP is also preparing to construct dome collectors that will be put in place over the 2 points in the pipe from which oil is leaking. The collectors would be cleared by pipes that would carry oil to the surface. Collectors have not been deployed in water this deep and there is no estimate as to when they could be put in place.
- There will be a local press conference at 1600 CDT. Landry indicated that she might ask Charlie to participate.
- Another NRT call was scheduled for tomorrow at 1000 EDT.

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