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To: Walter, Regis
CC: John Tarpley; Doug Helton
Subject: Re: Latest situation report

Sorry for any confusion. Without any estimates from BP, I was using 10-20,000 bbls/day as a working number for planning (that is why it said my best guess for planning). That value was not released, just served as a planning number given nothing official had been generated by the spiller. This morning, BP stated the worse case discharge could be between 62,000 and 110,000 bbls/day. It is possible that the value will be less due to physical obstructions and hydrostatic press effects with depth depending where the separation might be. There are a lot of unknowns. There is a lot of speculation as to the current situation, and ROVs are being deployed to assess the seep sea control and riser connection and overflights to assess surface pollution. Would should know more soon.
Take care,
Charlie

Walter, Regis wrote:

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> Charlie,
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> When reading the report you state:the maximum potential release
> would be between 62,000 and 110,000 (worse
>
> case).
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> Is this number (62,000 - 110,000) the TOTAL amount of oil expected to
> leak before capping or is this bbls per day?
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> I assume that the 10,000 - 20, 000 bbls for planning purposes is also
> bbls per day?
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> Thanks in advance.
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