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Sent: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 15:43:58  
To: GS FOIA 0134 <foia0134@usgs.gov>  
Subject: Fw: Calculation Data

Sincerely,

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From: Sky Bristol <sbristol@usgs.gov>  
To: Clarice Ransom <cransom@usgs.gov>  
Cc: Stephen Hammond <sehammon@usgs.gov>, Heidi K Koontz <hkoontz@usgs.gov>  
Date: 08/04/2010 05:34 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Calculation Data

Clarice,

I understand from Heidi that you are handling inquiries like the one from a congressional staffer forwarded below. I know I screwed up in sending even any sort of benign factual response about the Oil Budget Calculator, for which the USGS is partially responsible. I apologize for the rookie mistake. The follow-up question is not so benign, and I refer it to you for handling and any further action. I've also referenced Steve Hammond, current USGS liaison to National Incident Command. Please provide any further guidance, other than to NEVER NEVER respond, on how you want these sorts of things handled should they arise again. Please let me know if you need any further information on this.

Thank you, and my apologies for making a dumb move.

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Begin forwarded message:

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From: "Ohly, John" <John.Ohly@mail.house.gov>  
Date: August 4, 2010 2:43:02 PM MDT  
To: "'Sky Bristol'" <sbristol@usgs.gov>  
Cc: Stephen Hammond <sehammon@usgs.gov>  
Subject: RE: Calculation Data

Thank you, Sky.

I greatly appreciate the prompt response.

Do you all intend to publish/make public the specific data/calculations/statistical model used for the report? An additional point of clarification - it would tremendously helpful if could provide some detail of the peer-review process for the reports (ie who was involved, how it was executed).

Thank you, again, for your assistance.

Regards,  
John

From: Sky Bristol [mailto:sbristol@usgs.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 4:27 PM  
To: Ohly, John  
Cc: Stephen Hammond  
Subject: Re: Calculation Data

Good afternoon,

The Oil Budget Calculator report that you reference is generated from

an internal web application. That particular note probably needs to be updated to clear up any confusion, but all of the "footnotes" in the web application are included at the end of the PDF file as end notes. The PDF has all of the annotation that the web site does. We'll clear up the confusion in the print report. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

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On Aug 4, 2010, at 2:03 PM, Ohly, John wrote:

Good Afternoon Sky,

I am trying to get a better understanding of the calculations used in the Oil Budget Calculator. In the 8/1 report, under Reference Notes/Chart Deepwater Horizon MC-252 - Cumulative Disposition of Oil, the report states, "See the footnotes (available in the web application by clicking on the labels in the table) for further information on the individual calculations and additional reference material." (

<http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2010/PDFs/DeepwaterHorizonOilBudget20100801.pdf>

). I have been unable to track down what is referenced in the report and want to make sure I am not overlooking anything. Any information you can share to help clarify my understanding of the calculations, or the budget calculator in general, would be greatly

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appreciated.

Regards,

John

John Ohly

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