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Hi Steve,

Thanks for passing this along. My read is that it does not really undercut the earlier "What happened to the oil?" report; it reaffirms much of that report's content. The Sea Grant report does move the conversation forward, in large part to counterbalance perceived inaccuracies about how the media is interpreting the earlier report. It also goes into a finer level of "slicing and dicing" of the fate of the remaining oil components, but that also involved substantial estimation and assumptions (as they acknowledge).

However, the media may see this as a "controversy", so it may generate some interest. I agree with your earlier recommendation - NOAA should be lead for handling any questions we get about both fate-of-the-oil reports. We should focus our communications on the oil budget tool, and not the underlying science assumptions.

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All,

The University of Georgia released their oil budget that states 70% of the oil still remains in Gulf waters. They removed the amount collected from the well from the total figure released and looked at 4.1 million gallons spilled.

I have provided this to Mark Miller for his awareness.

Dave

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