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**Subject:** FW: AP science writer seeks to talk to you about Ira Leifer's fluorescent dye idea  
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FYI, Juan

**From:** Marcia K McNutt [mailto:mcnutt@usgs.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 3:56 PM  
**To:** lasheras@ucsd.edu  
**Subject:** RE: AP science writer seeks to talk to you about Ira Leifer's fluorescent dye idea

Juan -

He could be fishing. Seth sent me a similar email that I just told him no - we were still working and I couldn't talk to him. I doubt Ira has spoken to Seth and that Seth is going off old information, but let me double check. Believe me, Ira is on a very short leash. One false move and I will not hesitate to cut him off.

Marcia

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**From:** Juan Lasheras <lasheras@ucsd.edu> [mailto:Juan Lasheras <lasheras@ucsd.edu>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 6:23 PM  
**To:** <Bill.Lehr@noaa.gov>; "Marcia K McNutt" <mcnutt@usgs.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: AP science writer seeks to talk to you about Ira Leifer's fluorescent dye idea

Marcia,

I would appreciate it if you follow up with your opening statement last night and ask Ira to resign from our group. He is a loose cannon that not only is making a fool of himself, but is a major source of embarrassment to all of us. I have no intention of responding to this e-mail. Ira's statements yesterday were completely baseless. He is a reckless and damaging our scientific credibility.

Also, someone should tell him to stop presenting himself to the press as a "professor" at the University of California. He is not a professor, he is an "associate researcher".

Juan

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**From:** Borenstein, Seth [mailto:SBorenstein@ap.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 11:39 AM  
**To:** jlasheras@ucsd.edu  
**Subject:** AP science writer seeks to talk to you about Ira Leifer's fluorescent dye idea

Dr. Lasheras,

It's Seth Borenstein, science writer at The Associated Press. I'm doing yet another story about flow rate and the FRTG and mostly about an idea that Ira Leifer has floated about injecting fluorescent dye in the riser when containment caps are switched. The idea, he said, would be to get a better estimate on flow rate. He said you would be good to talk to about it. Can you please call me at 202-641-9454 or e-mail me what you think about it and about if you think if the whole FRTG process has gone well, whether it's been misinterpreted by the administration, media and public.

Thanks,  
Seth

Seth Borenstein  
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