

From: Inglis, Andy G
 Sent: Mon May 31 23:00
 To: Dudley, Robert, V
 Subject: FW: Deepwater Horizon
 Importance: Normal

Bob/Kent,

In our communications is conservative way.

Andy

-----Original Message-----
 From: Vercher, Christi
 Sent: 01 June 2010 00:11
 To: 'SCHU'
 Cc: david_hayes@ios.doe.gov
 Subject: RE: Deepwater Horizon

Mr Secretary,

I agree. There are two scenarios:

a) collapse disk failure d
 b) mud down the well to

In line with our approach
 We will ensure our comm

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From: SCHU [mailto:SCHU@hq.doe.gov]
 Sent: 31 May 2010 22:44
 To: Inglis, Andy G (UPSTREAM); Hunter, Tom (Sandia); OConnor, Rod
 Cc: david_hayes@ios.doe.gov; mcnett@usgs.gov
 Subject: RE: Deepwater Horizon slide pack - May 31st 2010

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This is important since we are asking BP to make available to the public the possibility that the rupture disk were blown in the accident.

Steve

Steven Chu
 Department of Energy

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