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Tom -

For several reasons, it might be worthwhile to push the Labs team to come to some sort of closure on whether or not they will be able to estimate flow rate from the data from the closing of the choke from the well integrity test. The reasons are:

1. It is looking extremely less likely each day that we will have any other estimate (collection etc.);
2. Paul Hseih and others need good numbers to reference for their modeling of depletion and other effects;
3. Congressman Markey and others have become increasingly insistent that we produce a better estimate than the current 35-60,000 barrels per day.

In one conversation I had with Congressman Markey, he suggested that we reopen the well and ask BP to resume collection just to get a flow rate estimate! So he is serious. He has written very strong letters to BP, Secretary Salazar, and Admiral Allen on this topic. I get one call per day on this issue.

So what do you think? Is this possible?

Thanks.

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