



# ***Environmental & Operational Monitoring Technologies for In-Situ Burring***

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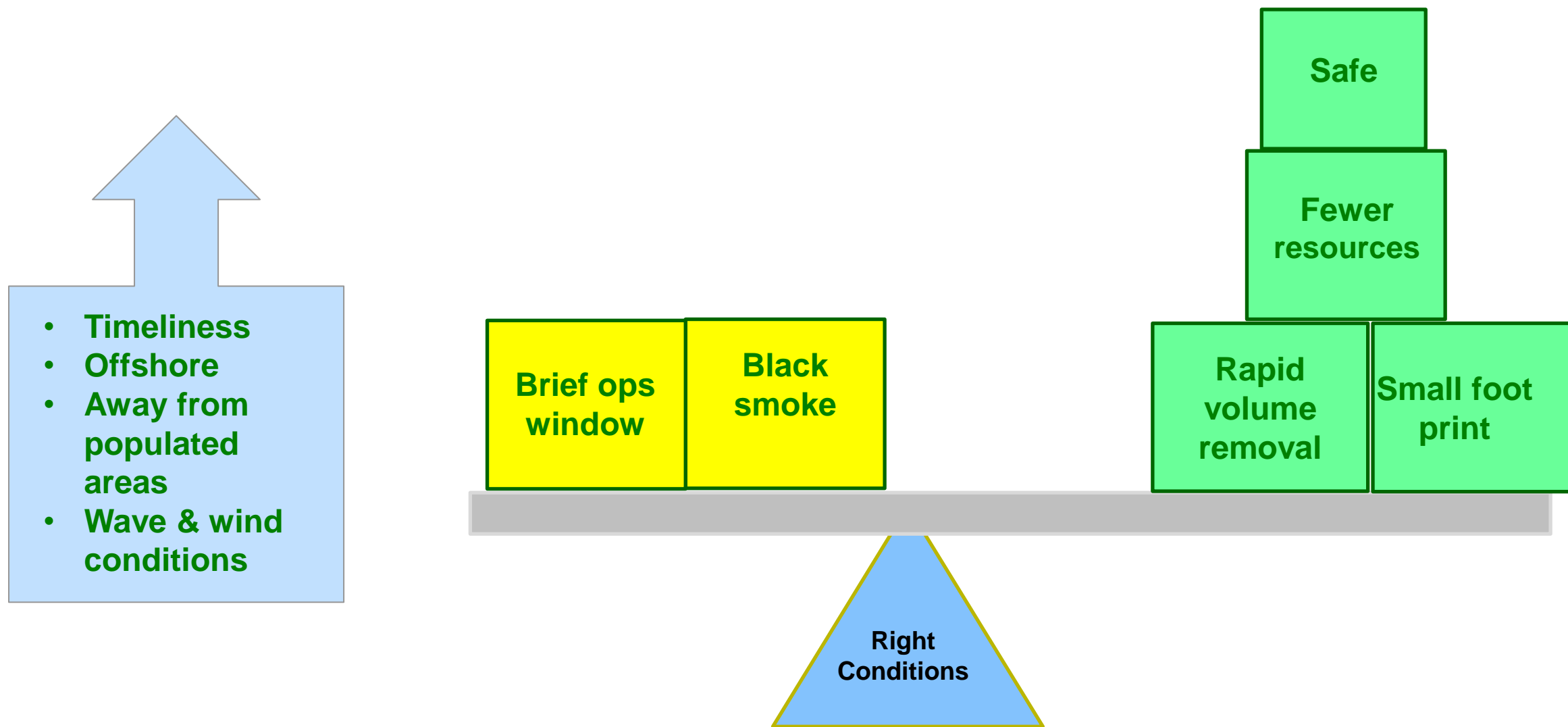
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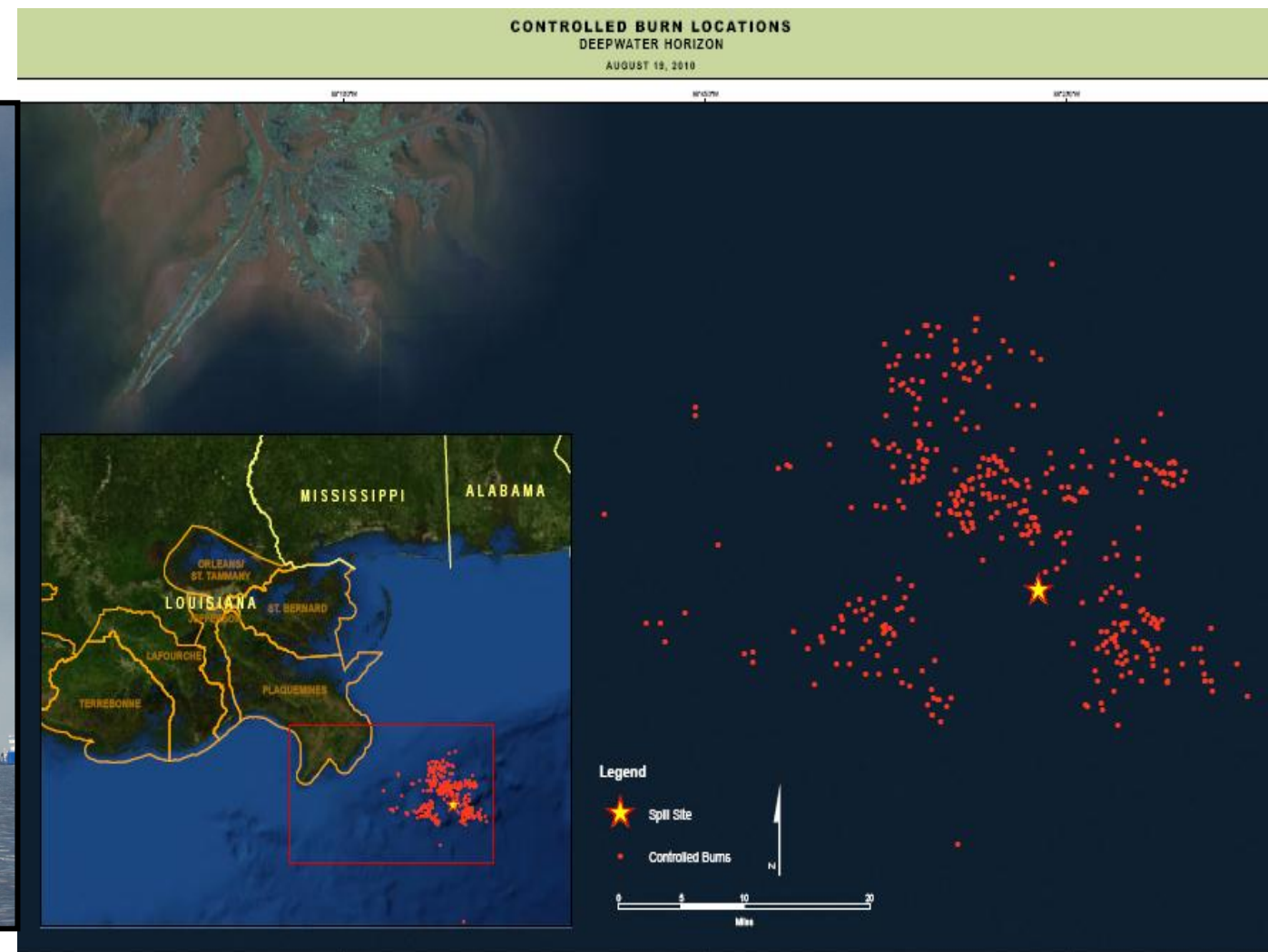
# Weighing the Environmental Cost/Benefits of ISB

**Under the “right” conditions, ISB has a favorable Net Environmental Benefit**



# DWH-ISB Metrics

- 411 Successful Burns
- More than 300,000 bbl. Removed
- Average burn 750 bbl.
- Average Duration 50 Minutes





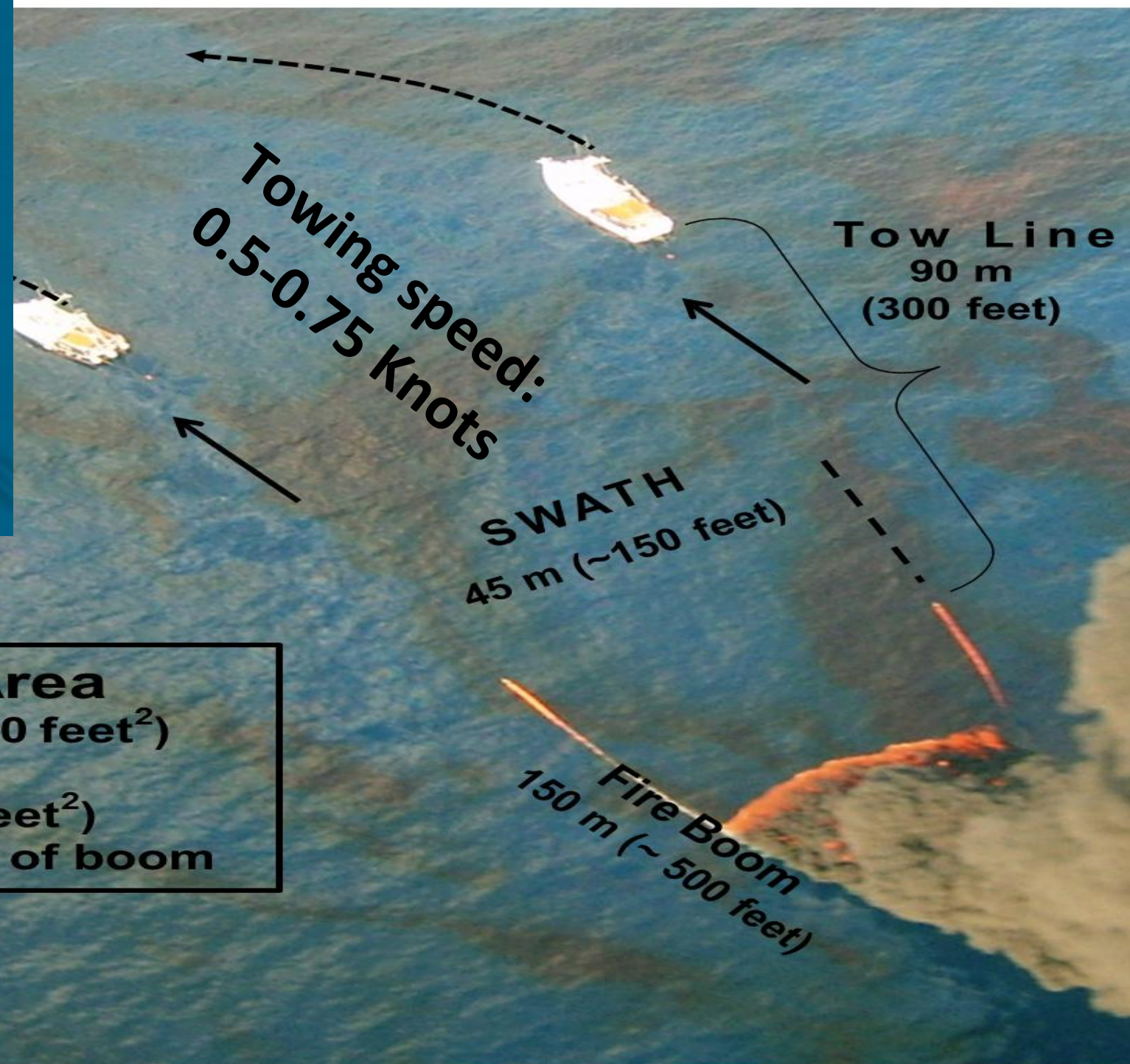
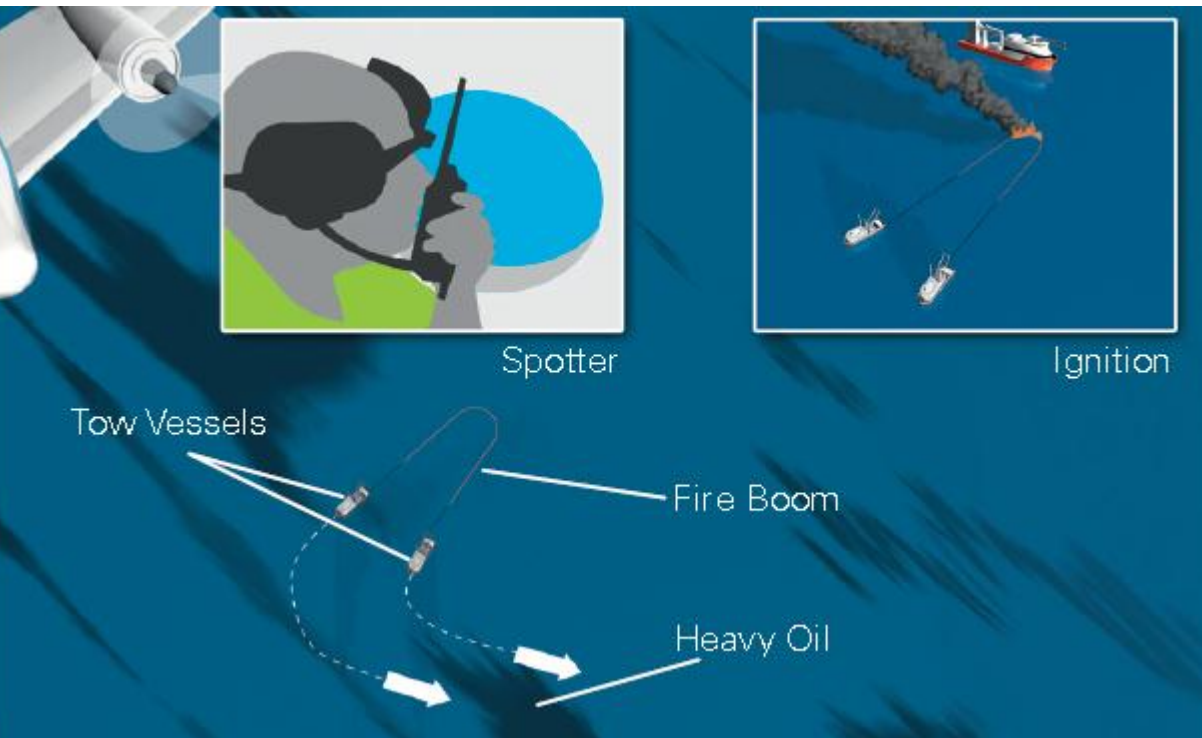
# ISB Monitoring Components

*Directing Operations*  
*Estimating Burn Volume*  
*VOCs & Air Quality*  
*Burn Residue*





# ISB-OPS Monitoring



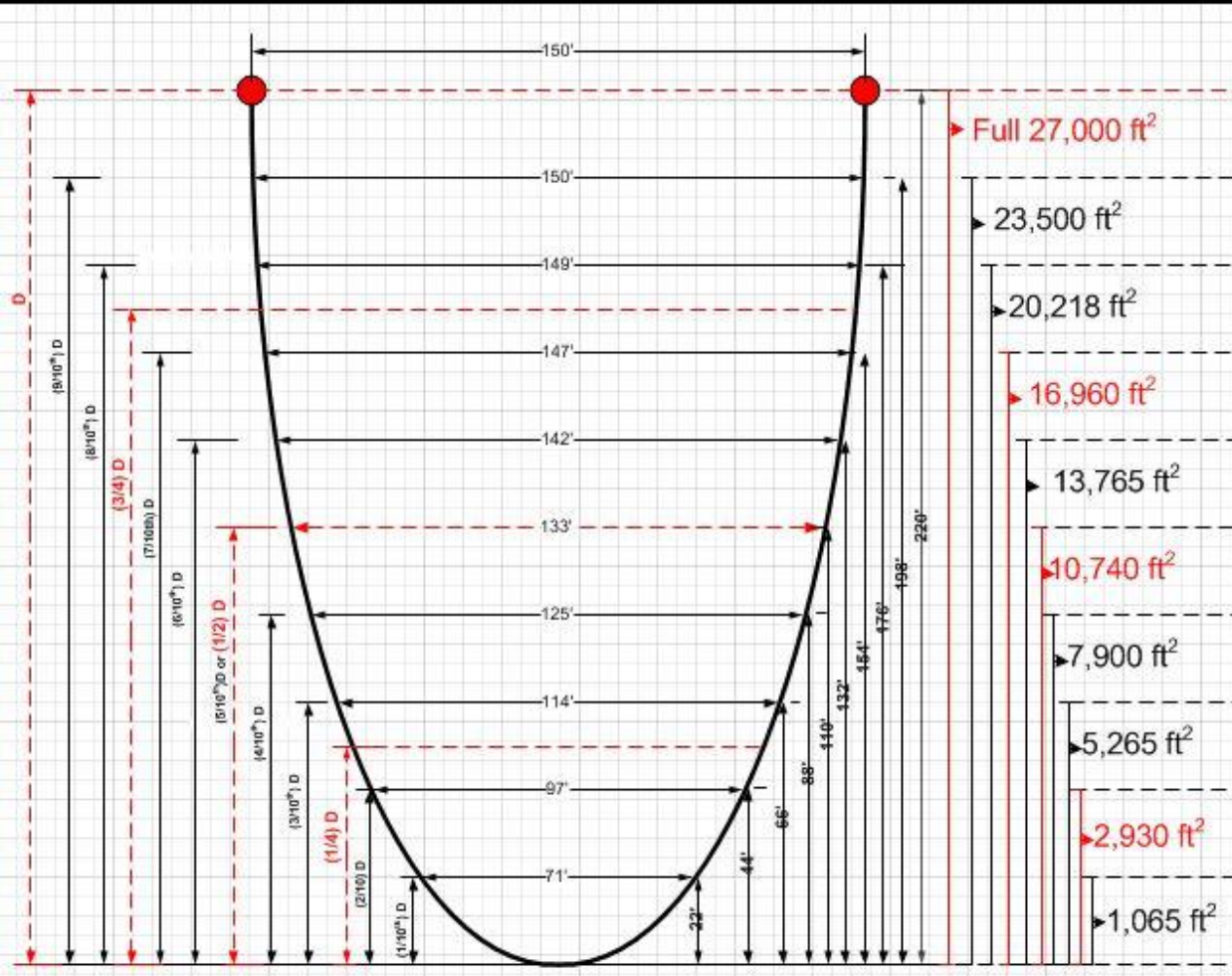
**Nominal Burn Area**  
Typically ~ 650 m<sup>2</sup> (7,000 feet<sup>2</sup>)  
To  
~ 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> (27,000 feet<sup>2</sup>)  
when full to leading ends of boom

**Aerial View**



# Burn Area Estimation

## Fractional Area Coverages For 500 ft. Long Boom



Source: Al Allen 2010

## Controlled In-Situ Burning Field Data Collection Sheet Burn Monitoring Taskforce

Incident Info	Incident Name:	Block 33	Date:	1/12/2012
	Section:	Operations	Group:	In-Situ Burning
	Branch:	Spill Response	Division:	Gulf of Mexico
	Task Force:	Aerial Burn Monitoring		
Site Conditions	Sea State:	Calm	Burn Team #:	7
	Visibility:	Clear	Burn #:	3
	Latitude:	2322	First Observed Time/Condition	12:15 Saw Fire
	Longitude:	7710	Last Observed Time/Condition	12:55 Fire Out
Burn Area Observations				<p>General Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Burn observed outside boom at 12:26</li> <li>-Left burnsite at 12:54</li> </ul>
Burn Area Data	Obs. Time	Area ft <sup>2</sup>	Area ft <sup>2</sup> outside Boom	Comments
	12:15	2000	-	Saw Fire
	12:18	4800	-	
	12:26	11000	1000	
	12:33	7800	200	
	12:55	850	-	

# Burn Volume Estimation

1- Burn Area

2- Burn Duration

3- Burn Rate (ASTM F 1788-97)

## Burn Volume Estimation

$$V_{(gal)} = A_{(ft^2)} \times t_{(min)} \times BR \left( \frac{gal}{ft^2 \cdot min} \right)$$

$$\text{Min. Burn Rate} = \frac{0.05 \text{ gal}}{ft^2 \cdot min}$$

Burn Area = 2000 ft<sup>2</sup>

Burn Duration t = 2 min

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Burn Volume } V &= 2000 \times 2 \times 0.05 \\ &= 200 \text{ gal} \\ &= 4.7 \text{ bbl} \end{aligned}$$



Total Estimated Min.Burned Volume =  $\Sigma V$

$$\text{Max. Burn Rate} = \frac{0.07 \text{ gal}}{ft^2 \cdot min}$$

Burn Area = 2000 ft<sup>2</sup>

Burn Duration t = 2 min

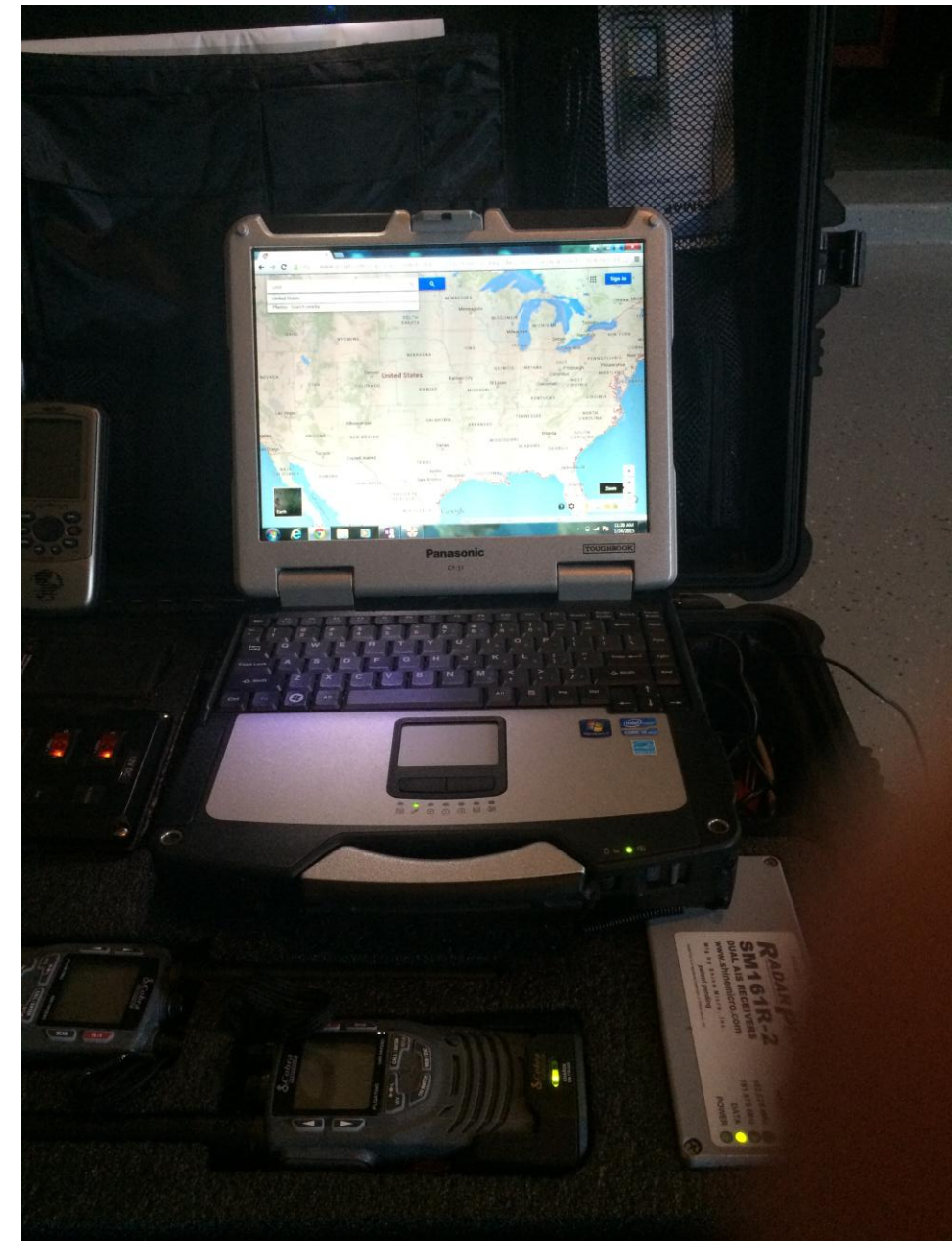
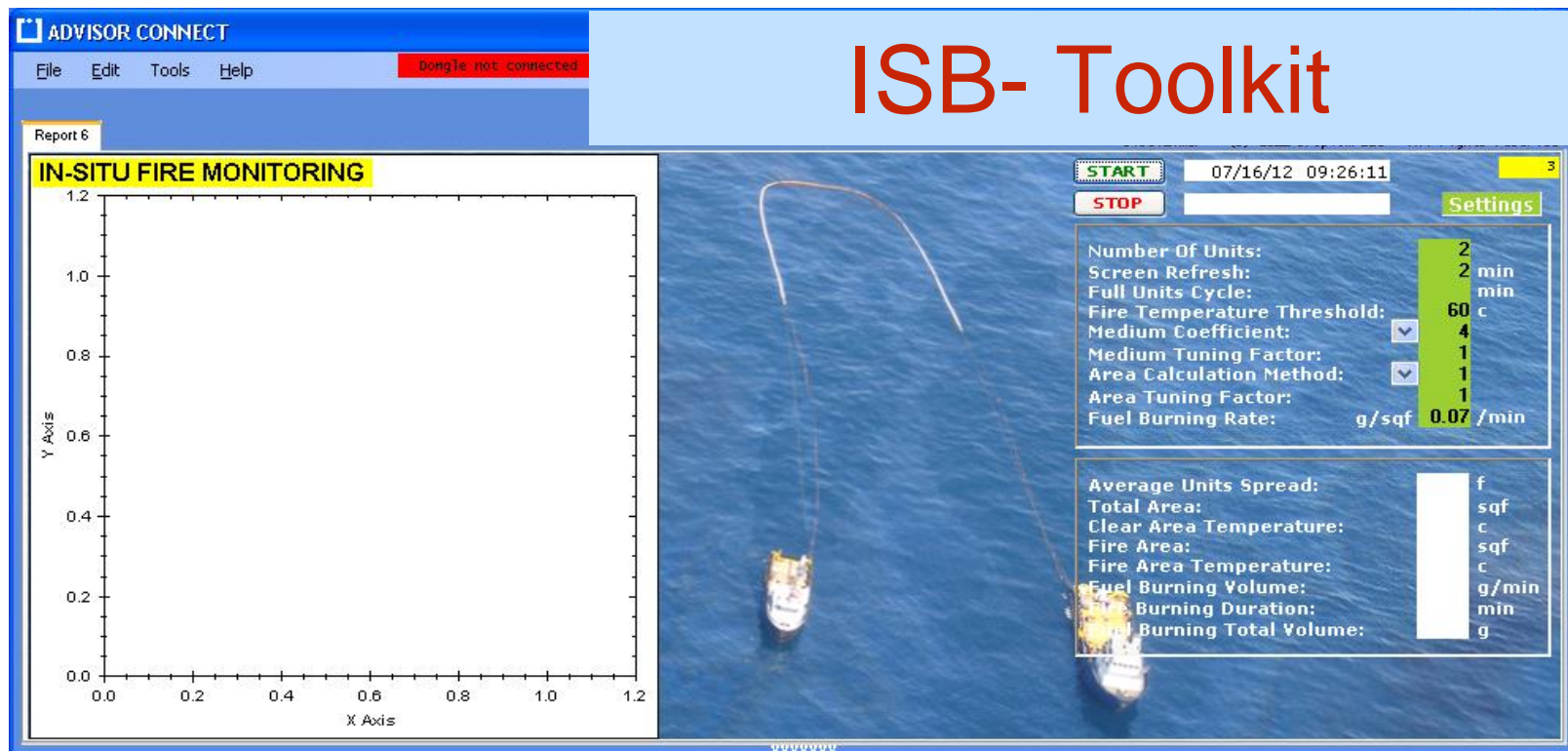
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Burn Volume } V &= 2000 \times 2 \times 0.07 \\ &= 280 \text{ gal} \\ &= 6.7 \text{ bbl} \end{aligned}$$



Total Estimated Max.Burned Volume =  $\Sigma V$

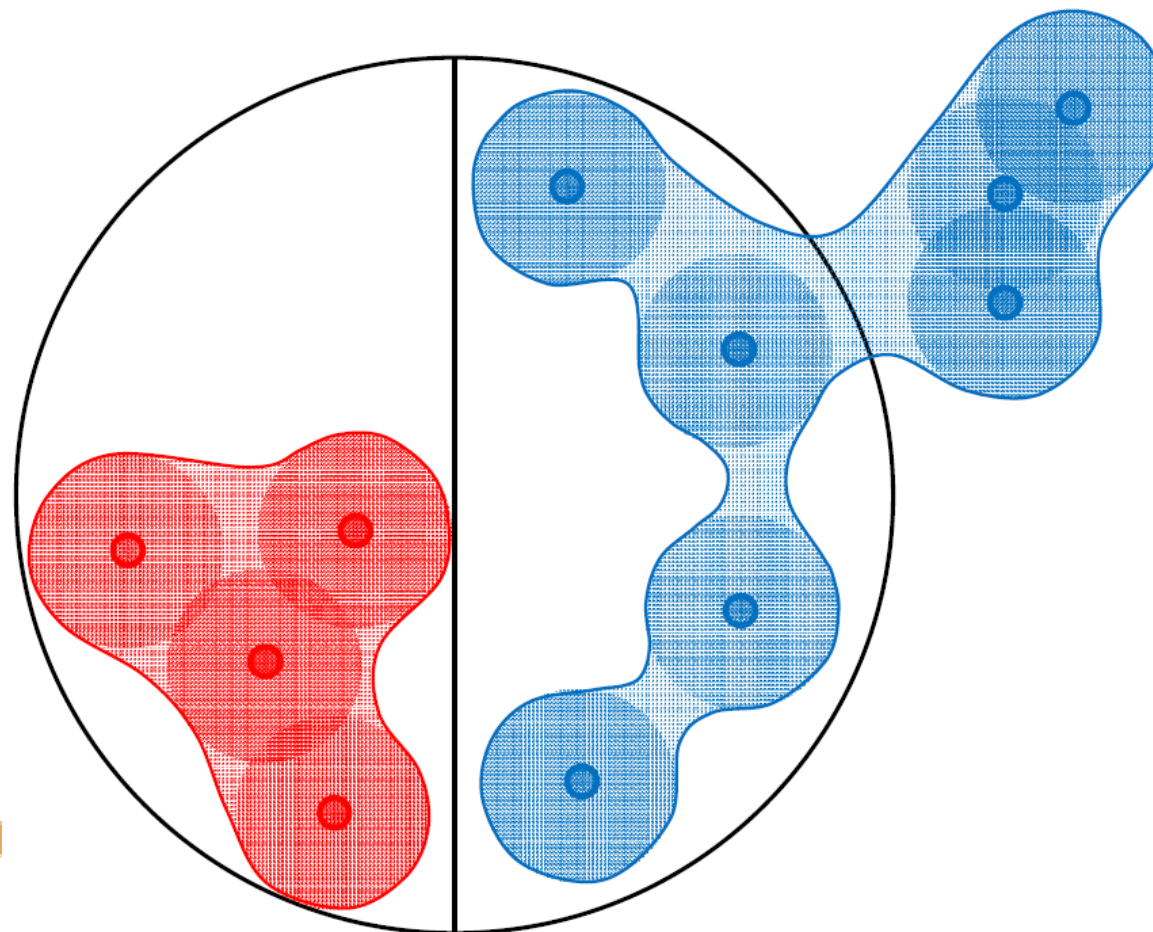
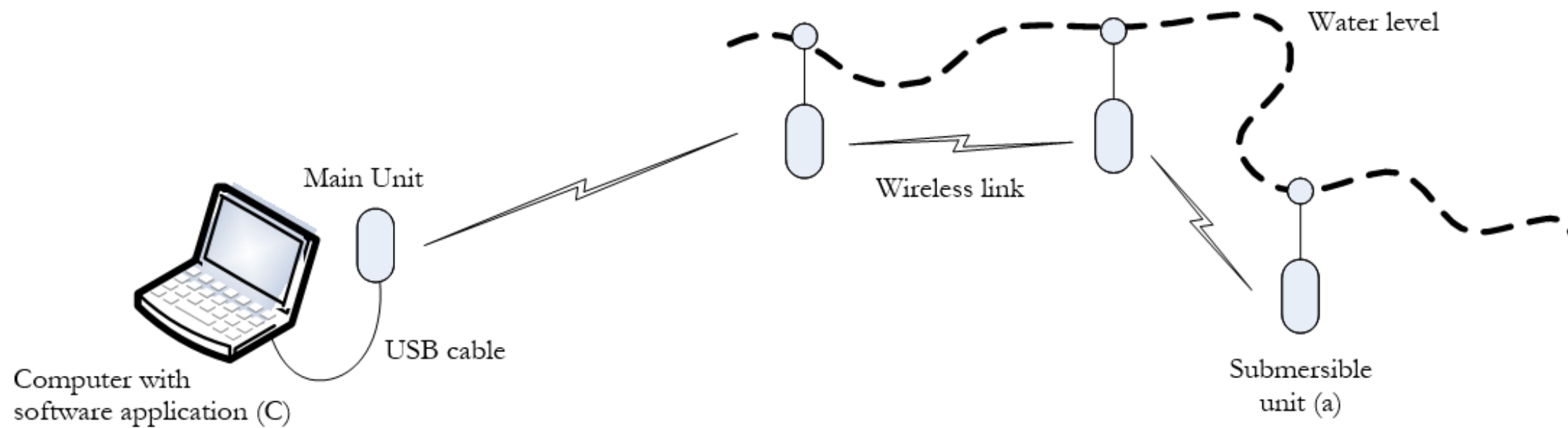


# ISB Toolkit- Available in July 2015



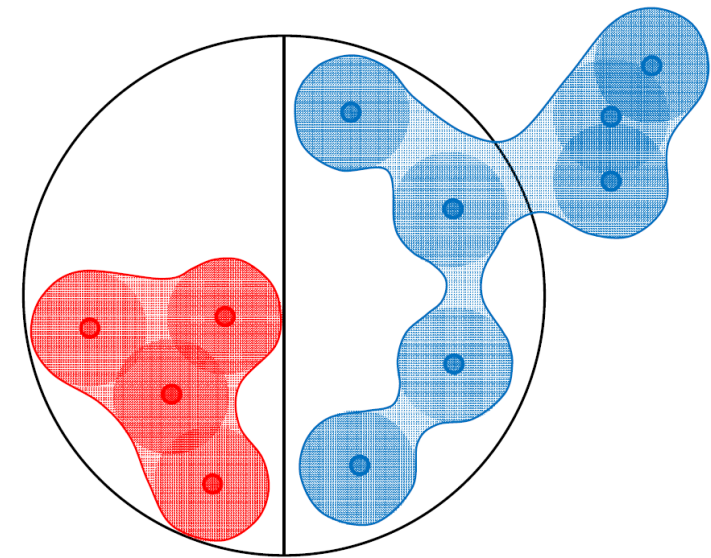


# Burn Monitoring Technologies



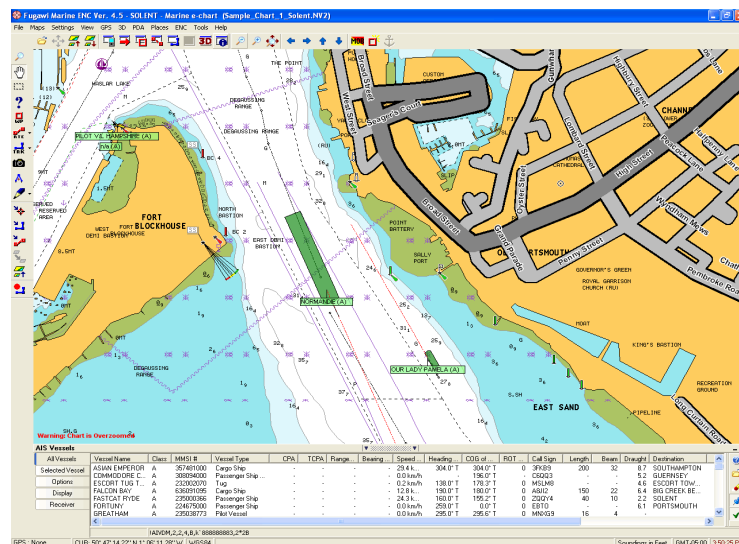


# Burn Test at TEEX





# OPS Monitoring Technologies



**Trillium  
Orion HD25**  
visible and long-wave infrared (LWIR)





# ISB-ENV. Monitoring



Personnel were NOAA-trained to watch for and protect wildlife prior to, during, and after burns.

IH Specialists traveled with the burn teams and monitored smoke particles, volatile organic compounds, and oil exposure.





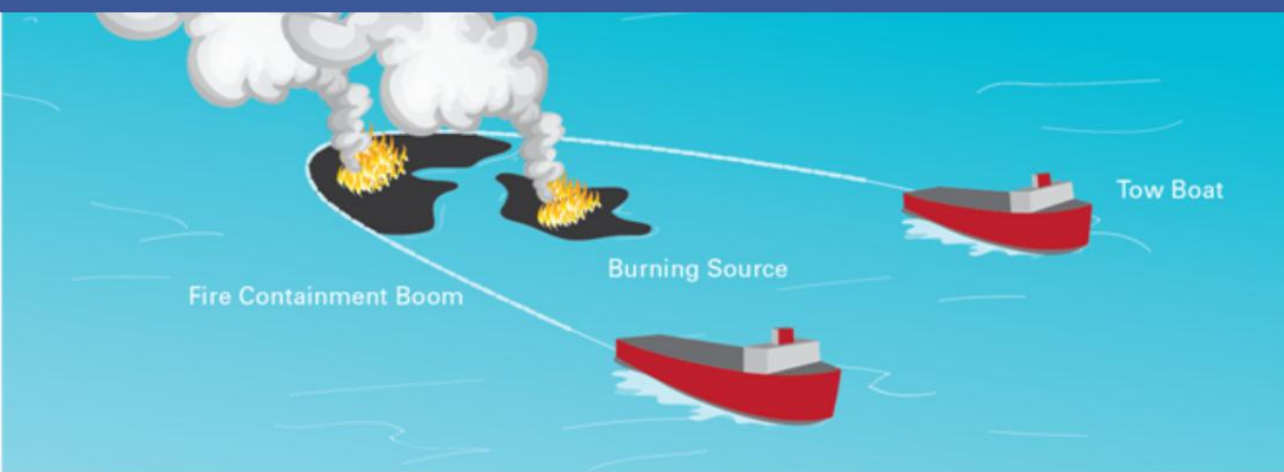
# Burn Removal Potential (BRP) Calculator

**Make quick educated decisions on Burn Potential**

●●○○ T-Mobile 6:51 AM 99%

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System Input



Fire Containment Boom Burning Source Tow Boat

Metric System English System

Volume Discharged (liter)

Number of Burn Teams

Amount of contained oil

Burn Duration (hrs)

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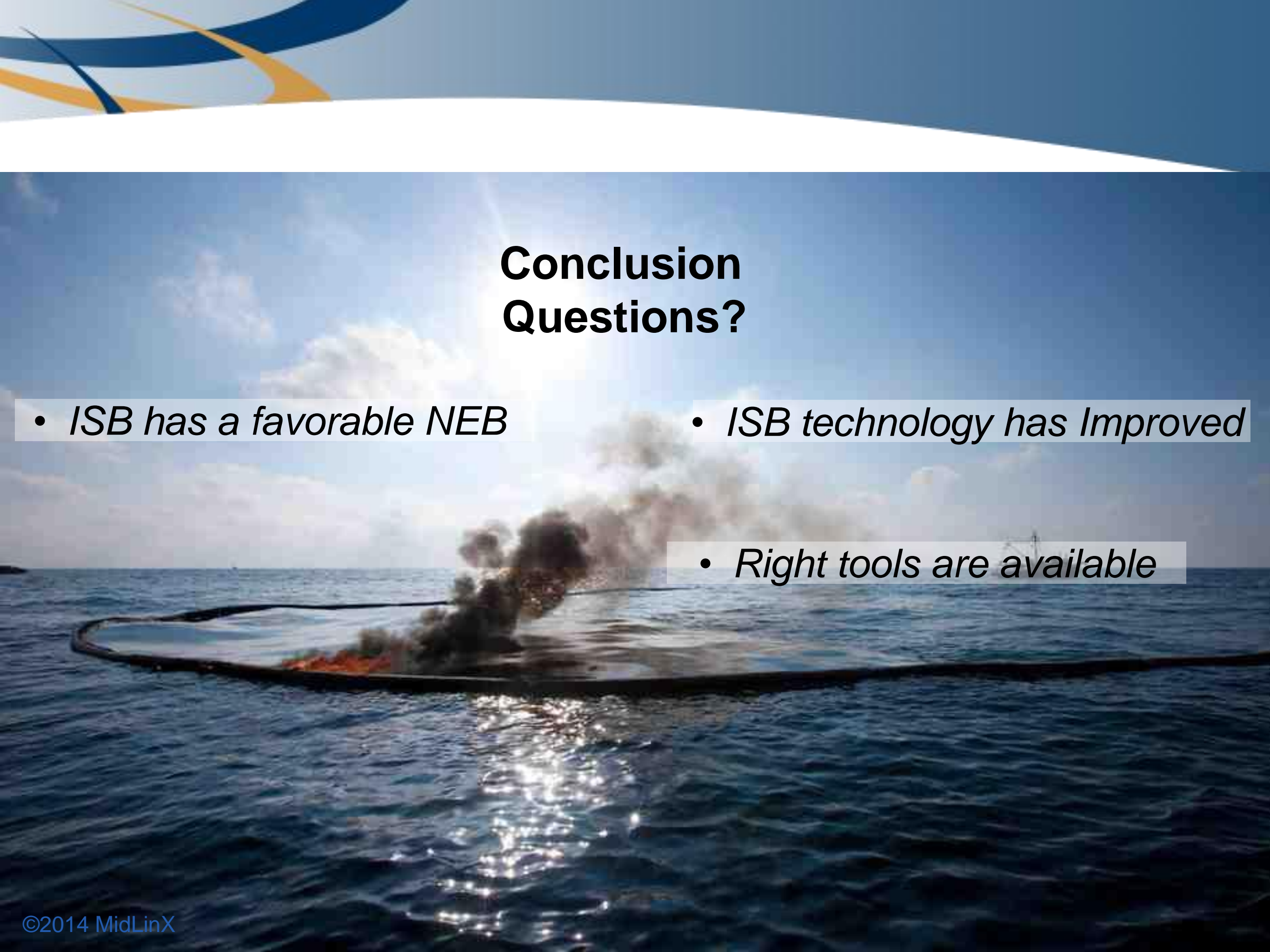
Output

Burn Removal Potential (BRP)

Volume burned/day (liter)	502.992	
% Oil Burned/Day	16.766	
Fire Boom Usage/Day (m)	6.25	
Hours to burn discharged volume	17.893	

**FREE**





## Conclusion Questions?

- *ISB has a favorable NEB*
- *ISB technology has Improved*
- *Right tools are available*