

***Interactive comment on “Response of the Black Sea methane budget to massive short-term submarine inputs of methane” by O. Schmale et al.***

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The effects of episodic massive underwater methane inputs on the Black Sea atmosphere and the fate of the released methane have been already discussed by Kourtidis et al, Effects of methane outgassing on the Black Sea atmosphere, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 6, 5173-5182, 2006 (<http://www.atmos-chem-phys.net/6/5173/2006/acp-6-5173-2006.html>). Although the authors do not bother to refer to this previous work, I believe they should do so and state clearly in their manuscript what is new in the present, submitted manuscript.

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