



Gulf Coast Incident Management Team
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**Announcement Regarding Consistency Approval Process
For Activities in Support of MC252 Incident Response**

To: Political Subdivisions or Supporting Contractors of Political Subdivisions:

This letter sets forth the process to incur costs, make commitments or otherwise take action that results in a claim for, or other expectation of, funding or reimbursement by BP (and all affiliates) for expenses related to the April 20, 2010 blowout of the Macondo Well, the sinking of Transocean's Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, and the subsequent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico (the "Incident").

For a political subdivision of a State or other government entity or any contractor of a political subdivision of a State or other government entity (referred to herein as "Government Claimants") to recover for response and removal costs arising out of the Incident, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ("OPA") requires Government Claimants to demonstrate that the costs incurred are reasonable, necessary and approved by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator or otherwise consistent with the National Contingency Plan. Through the course of the Incident response efforts, Unified Command often pre-approved many activities as "consistent with the National Contingency Plan" to ensure that costs incurred by Government Claimants were "reasonable and necessary" and thus reimbursable by BP.

Today, many of the activities across the Gulf Region related to the response and removal phase of the Incident have ceased, while some others continue. Largely, BP's efforts have shifted to a new remediation and restoration phase. These activities are different from the initial response phase, and are focused primarily on oil impacted areas. Given the changing nature of the response to the event, it is important that Government Claimants who wish to continue to seek reimbursement for ongoing response activities obtain current pre-approvals to ensure that their activities remain consistent with the National Contingency Plan during this next phase. To this end, effective February 1, 2011:

1. All pre-approvals issued to a Government Claimant for response and removal activities obtained prior to November 1, 2010 should be considered expired and no longer in effect, regardless of whether the pre-approval resulted in a Purchase Order number, a 213, a Master Service Agreement or Work Release being issued to the claimant. Any Government Claimant affected by this expiration of authority should communicate with Incident Command to obtain any further pre-approvals that may be requested for ongoing activities;
2. All pre-approvals issued to a Government Claimant for response and removal activities obtained after November 1, 2010, should be considered expired and no longer in effect 90 days after issuance, or on an earlier date if an earlier date is specified by Incident Command at the time of issuance or if the pre-approval is revoked prior to the expiration of the 90 day period.

Communications to Incident Command for the quarterly pre-approvals needed to continue response and removal activities should be directed to the Incident Command Branch in your area. Your submission should include the proposed activity, the costs expected to be incurred, the expected duration of the activity or expense, and the reasons why you believe the activity is reasonable and necessary. The contact information for each of the Incident Command branches is listed below:

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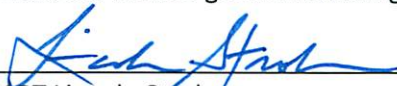
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We appreciate your continued cooperation as we work toward our shared goal of restoring the Gulf.



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