

April 11, 2013

Dave Bullock
Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key
Longboat Key Town Hall
501 Bay Isles Road
Longboat Key, FL 34228

Re: BP Oil Spill Litigation -- TIME SENSITIVE / URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED

Dear Mr. Bullock,

This letter is to address our recommended next step regarding your BP oil spill claim.

As you are aware, we filed an Oil Pollution Act ("OPA") Presentment Claim on behalf of Town of Longboat Key on January 18, 2013. That OPA Presentment Claim was filed to preserve your rights to proceed against BP America Production Co. and BP Exploration & Production, Inc., and BP p.l.c. ("BP") for the losses incurred as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill. The OPA Presentment Claim filing not only placed BP on notice of your claim for damages, but also was intended to satisfy a pre-suit requirement under the OPA statute.

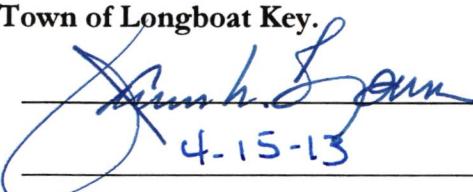
By law, BP was given 90 days from the date of the filing to respond to the demand made in the OPA Presentment Claim. Ninety days will soon pass, and we have not yet received a response from BP. As a result, we recommend proceeding with a lawsuit against BP. We also recommend including claims against the Transocean and Halliburton entities who may be potentially liable for damages from the oil spill in the lawsuit.

As some read the Oil Pollution Act to require that any litigation arising out of or resulting from the BP oil spill to be brought within three years of the date of the spill began, or in this case April 20, 2010, the date of the initial blowout and explosions onboard the *Deepwater Horizon*, we are preparing to file suit for all of our OPA Presentment clients by April 19, 2013. Before doing so, however, we of course need written authorization from you to file such a lawsuit.

To grant us authorization to go ahead with the preparation and filing of such a Complaint on your behalf, ***please place your signature in the space provided below, and return this letter to our offices by email or fax no later than Monday, April 15, 2013.***

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of this letter and authorize Motley Rice, LLC to proceed as requested herein with filing of a lawsuit to protect and preserve my claims against those defendants referenced herein on behalf of Town of Longboat Key.

Signature: 

Date: 4-15-13

Also, please be aware that we have options as to where your Complaint will initially be filed. At this time, we believe that your lawsuit is best positioned in the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division (your home district). This does not mean it will ultimately be resolved in the Court we select, although that is our hope. If you have a strong preference in this regard, please do not hesitate to let us know. Otherwise, we will understand that by your signature above, you give us permission to use our best judgment in making this decision on your behalf.

Thank you very much, and we will look forward to receiving a reply from you by Monday, April 15, 2013. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns at all, I can be reached directly at the phone number listed in my contact information above.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Kevin R. Dean
KRD/vt

cc: Robert Turffs, Esq.