

Position of Claims Administrator on Process Issues

The Claims Administrator has reviewed Paragraphs 4.4.5 and 4.4.6 of the Settlement Agreement. The Claims Administrator will accept Claim Forms that are not signed by an Economic Class Member who is represented by an attorney if the attorney provides the Settlement Program with a power of attorney as set forth more fully below. The Parties agree with the Claims Administrator's position.

An attorney representing an Economic Class Member may electronically file a Claim Form signed only by the attorney without the signature of an Economic Class Member. In such case the attorney must simultaneously file with that Claim Form a power of attorney (which power of attorney may be contained in an attorney's retainer agreement) from the Economic Class Member authorizing the attorney to act on behalf of the Economic Class Member to pursue claims arising out of the Deepwater Horizon Incident. The Settlement Program shall accept the Claim Form if the Settlement Program determines that the power of attorney conveys sufficient authorization for the attorney to submit the Claim Form. If the Settlement Program determines that the power of attorney does not convey sufficient authorization, the Settlement Program shall treat the Claim Form as if it is unsigned and seek to obtain an appropriate authorization or signature by the Economic Class Member. This paragraph shall not apply to Sworn Written Statements. Sworn Written Statements are only required in the special circumstances required under the Settlement and must be executed by the Economic Class Member either electronically or by hand in accordance with Section 4.4.5 and 4.4.6 of the Settlement Agreement.