

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig
“Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf
of Mexico, on April 20, 2010

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MDL 2179

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SECTION: J(2)

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Applies to:
No. 12-970 and All Cases

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JUDGE BARBIER

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MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON

ORDER

[Modifying Orders Regarding Confidentiality of Claims Information]

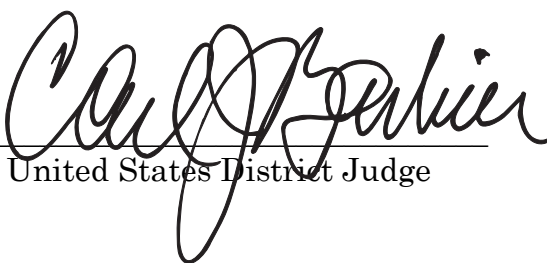
The Court previously issued orders regarding the confidentiality of claims information in the Deepwater Horizon Economic and Property Damages Settlement (“Economic Settlement”). (See Rec. Docs. 6822, 6573, 15643). For example, the Court has ordered that “[a]ll Claims Information shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed except as allowed by this Order or subsequent Order of the Court.” (Rec. [Doc. 6822](#) ¶ 4). The Court hereby modifies its prior confidentiality orders as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that information pertaining to a claimant and/or its claim with the Economic Settlement will no longer be automatically treated as confidential once that particular claimant or claim *is before this Court* (e.g., when a claim is the subject of a request for discretionary review or a motion filed in this Court).¹ However, a party may still file a motion requesting that a document be filed under seal or that certain information be maintained as confidential, which the Court will consider on a case-by-case basis.

¹ Nothing in this Order shall affect confidentiality while a claim is pending in the Economic Settlement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court's docket for a request for discretionary review that is filed after the issuance of this Order will no longer be restricted as set forth in the Order of December 8, 2015 [Approving Amended Rules Governing Discretionary Court Review of Appeal Determinations] (Rec. [Doc. 15643 ¶ 2](#)).

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 16th day of December, 2019.


United States District Judge