

**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**

**MDL NO. 2179**

**SECTION: J**

**JUDGE BARBIER  
MAGISTRATE SHUSHAN**

**ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFF PROFILE FORM**

Pursuant to Pretrial Order #11 entered by Judge Barbier on October 19, 2010, the parties were required to agree on the contents of a plaintiff profile form (PPF).<sup>1</sup> Rec. doc. 569. The parties’ submissions were reviewed. There was a further discovery conference with the undersigned on November 1, 2010.

The plaintiffs’ one page PPF form will be modified to add six categories which indicate the nature of the claims asserted by a claimant. The PPF may be completed and signed by the attorney. In addition, where the personal injury/death category is checked, the claimant (not the attorney for the claimant) will have to: (a) identify all medical providers; (b) present signed medical release authorizations; and (c) present signed authorizations for employment information.

The PPF will be used to authorize release of all information in the possession of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (“GCCF”) and the BP Claims Office (“BPCO”) pertaining to each claimant. All information obtained from GCCF and BPCO will be: (1) subject to the Court’s protective order

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<sup>1</sup> The form itself is titled “plaintiff fact sheet.”

(Pretrial Order No. 13); and (2) shared among all parties.

The deadline for completion of PPFs is November 22, 2010. The plaintiffs shall produce the forms to GCCF and BPCO on a rolling basis as they are completed.

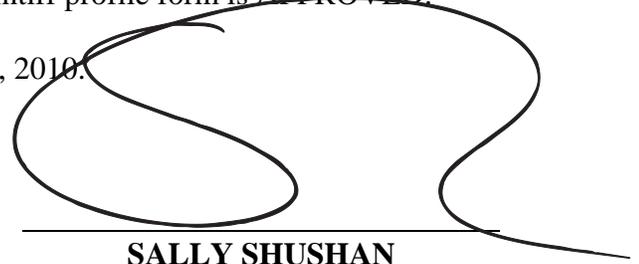
It was reported that one attorney has approximately 23,000 claimants and inquiry was made as to whether the attorney may produce the information in the form in which it is maintained rather than complete individual PPFs. The PSC shall have that attorney contact a representative of the defendants to determine whether this will be satisfactory to the defendants.

The following issues were deferred: (1) costs incurred in sharing information received by defendants from GCCF; (2) what happens with persons who did not make a claim with GCCF or who provided incomplete information to it; and (3) whether a claimant who checked one of the first five categories but not the personal injury/death category will be required to provide authorizations for release of employment information.

After the conference, the parties submitted a revised form and it is satisfactory.

IT IS ORDERED that the attached copy of the plaintiff profile form is APPROVED.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2010.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SALLY SHUSHAN', is written over the signature line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**SALLY SHUSHAN**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**

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JUDGE CARL BARBIER

PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name/Maiden	Suffix
Phone Number		E-mail Address	
Address		City / State / Zip	
INDIVIDUAL CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>		BUSINESS CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>	
Employer name		Business Name	
Job Title / Description		Type of Business	
Address		Address	
City / State / Zip		City / State / Zip	
Social Security Number		Tax ID Number	
Attorney Name		Firm Name	
Address		City / State / Zip	
Phone Number		E-mail Address	
Original Case Caption			
Originating Court		Original EDLA Civil Action Number	
Claim Filed with BP?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Claim Filed with GCCF?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, BP Claim No:		If yes, GCCF Claimant Identification No:	
<b>Claim Type (Please check all that apply)</b>			
Damage or destruction to real or personal property <input type="checkbox"/>		Earnings/Profit Loss <input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal Injury/Death <input type="checkbox"/> Removal and/or clean-up costs <input type="checkbox"/>		Loss of Subsistence use of Natural Resources <input type="checkbox"/>	
Brief Description/Primary Valuation of Claim (for personal injury claims, identify all health care providers and employers 2008 to present and complete authorization forms for each.)			

Both BP and the Gulf Coast Claims Facility ("GCCF") are hereby authorized to release to the Defendants in MDL 2179 all information and documents submitted by above-named Plaintiff and information regarding the status of any payment on the claim, subject to such information being treated as "Confidential Access Restricted" under the Order Protecting Confidentiality (Record Doc. No. 269/Roshto), and subject to full copies of same being made available to Plaintiffs through Liaison Counsel.

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**Attorney Signature**

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**Date**

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**Print Name**

The contents of this form are "Confidential Access Restricted" and subject to PTO No. 13 (Order Protecting Confidentiality) and are submitted pursuant to PTO No. 11, Section V(C).