

**MINUTE ENTRY
FALLON, J.
APRIL 18, 2007**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

PATRICK JOSEPH TURNER, ET AL. * CIVIL ACTION
VERSUS * NO. 05-4206
MURPHY OIL USA, INC. * SECTION "L"(2)

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

A status conference was held on this date in the Chambers of Judge Eldon E. Fallon regarding the future course of proceedings concerning those plaintiffs who opted out of the Settlement Program and other plaintiffs whose cases are related to and consolidated with the above-caption case. Linda Nelson, Hugh P. Lambert, Jean Paul Overton, Jonathan Womack, David Batt, Samuel Beardsky, Keith Couture, Joseph Piacun, Sidney Torres, J. Wayne Mumphrey, F. Gerald Maples, Clayton M. Connors, Paul W. Turner, D. Scott Carlile, Lynn Eric Williams, Jr., Scott W. Smith, Val Exnicios, and Roberta L. Burns attended on behalf of plaintiffs. Paul Thibodeaux, Louis Grossman, Phil Wittmann, Kerry Miller and Danny Dysart participated on behalf of the Defendant.

At the conference, the Court stated that the most appropriate manner of dealing with related cases is to group the cases in zones with one zone to include the class certified area and other zones to encompass other geographic areas outside the class certified area. The Court will select approximately four representative cases in each zone for all zones that are outside as well as inside the class-certified area. Likely representative cases are those that concern properties

bordering or located in the middle of a zone.

The Court envisions that it may try damages first and liability second. The damages issue for multiple cases in the same zone may be heard by one jury, with each zone taking one day to be tried. After the damages issue in all cases have been completed, a second jury will decide the liability issue for all related cases. The Court will also order that all claimants complete Lone Pine orders requiring expert reports attesting to the presence of oil and resulting damage.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall confer by June 11, 2007 to establish zones and select approximately five cases that they consider to be representative of each zone. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall attend a status conference in the Courtroom of Judge Eldon E. Fallon on June 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. At the status conference, the Court will set the zones after hearing the parties' joint proposal, select cases that appropriately represent each zone, and set trial dates for these cases.

Lone Pine orders will be issued by the Court at a later date, and the plaintiffs will be given an appropriate period of time in which to complete such orders.

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