

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

Applies to:  
12-CV-968: BELO

JUDGE BARBIER  
MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON

**BELO CASES INITIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

The court has conferred with liaison counsel for both sides concerning initial proceedings in these cases, which are governed by the Back End Litigation Option (“BELO”) provisions of the Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement Agreement (“the Settlement Agreement”) entered by the parties and approved by the court. Record Doc. No. 6427-1 at pp. 60-73 (settlement agreement); Record Doc. No. 8218 (approval order).

Having considered the competing case management order proposals (“Proposed CMO”) submitted by counsel, together with their recently submitted memoranda, which I have ordered separately filed in the record, the oral representations of counsel during the status conferences, the record and the applicable law, the court finds that the parties through their Settlement Agreement have resolved the principal common issues that were the basis for including these claims in MDL No. 2179. The court further finds that the issues reserved for further litigation in the BELO provisions of the Settlement Agreement are so highly particularized as to individual plaintiffs that they substantially predominate over any common issues that might merit extensive consolidated discovery procedures of the type proposed by counsel, as evidenced by the prohibition in the Settlement Agreement against class action

allegations in all BELO cases. The court also finds that the parties' proposals to incorporate by reference their class action pleadings in C.A. No. 12-968 and make them applicable to individual BELO cases, Proposed CMO at ¶'s A(2) and (11), would unnecessarily confuse, convolute and complicate subsequently filed BELO cases. In light of the parties' inability to agree upon a form of short standardized complaint and the anticipated highly individualized nature of BELO lawsuits, the court rejects the parties' suggestion that form pleadings and their largely inapplicable previously filed class action complaint and answer be employed. In addition, the interests of the parties, the public and the court in judicial economy and efficiency and in avoiding undue delay in the resolution of these claims if the lengthy consolidated discovery procedures proposed by the parties are adopted far outweigh any minimal efficiencies the proposed procedures might achieve. The settlement agreement is clear that litigation of these claims in the most appropriate venue was a principal intention of the BELO provisions. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the following case management order, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 16, is hereby entered:

I. PLEADINGS

(1) All aspects of all BELO lawsuits, including but not limited to their pre-conditions, scope, nature, content, issues to be litigated, relief to be sought and parties involved, are limited to what is provided in the Settlement Agreement.

(2) Except for BELO lawsuits already filed before entry of this order, all individual BELO complaints must be titled “BELO Complaint,” and the caption of the complaint must be in the form attached to this order as Exhibit “A.”

(3) At a minimum, a BELO complaint filed after entry of this case management order must allege: (A) the particular United States District Court in which plaintiff contends venue is most appropriate, including (i) plaintiff’s current judicial district of residence and (ii) plaintiff’s judicial district of residence at the time of the alleged exposure; (B) identification of plaintiff’s physical/medical condition allegedly caused by the exposure; (C) the date of first diagnosis of that condition; (D) the general circumstances of plaintiff’s exposure, including (i) identification of the agent to which plaintiff was exposed (e.g., oil, chemical dispersant, etc.); (ii) location[s] of where the alleged exposure or other injuries occurred; (iii) level and duration of exposure, if known; and (iv) whether plaintiff’s exposure occurred while he was an oil spill cleanup worker and, if so, the name and address of his oil spill cleanup direct employer.

(4) BP Exploration & Production, Inc. and BP America Production Company (hereinafter collectively “BP”) are the only two defendants who may permissibly be named as defendants in any BELO complaint. BP has agreed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d) to waive, and the court hereby orders that they have waived, formal service of summons and complaint. Except for previously filed BELO cases, immediately upon docketing of any BELO complaint, the Clerk of Court must provide electronic notice of the filing and a copy of the BELO complaint, through and in accordance with the court’s electronic case

management filing procedures and system, to BP at the designated email address BP has provided to me, which I have provided to the Clerk. Within 24 hours of its receipt of the Clerk's electronic notice and complaint copy, BP must confirm its receipt by email response to the Clerk at the email address that I have directed the Clerk to provide to BP. No other filings, documents or communications of any kind will be sent to this designated BP email address by the court. All claimants, plaintiffs and/or their counsel are hereby prohibited from sending filings or communications of any kind to this BP email address. If BP receives any communications sent to this email address, other than the Clerk's initial notice and complaint copy, it must notify the Clerk by email sent to the same Clerk's email address used to confirm receipt of each BELO filing within 24 hours of receipt, and the Clerk will notify me so that I may take action, if appropriate.

(5) No later than thirty (30) days after the date of filing of a BELO complaint, BP must file an answer to that complaint. As to venue, if the answer denies plaintiffs' allegation of the particular United States District Court in which plaintiff contends venue is most appropriate, the answer must specify the particular United States District Court in which BP contends venue is most appropriate. BP's BELO case answers will not be deemed to have waived any defenses under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12.

## II. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

No later than ninety (90) days after the date of filing of an individual BELO complaint, all parties in that action must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide the

other parties with the information and/or materials required in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A), together with the following:

(1) By plaintiffs to defendants:

(A) the completed Plaintiff Profile Form attached to this case management order as Exhibit “B,” signed by plaintiff under penalty of perjury, together with production of all medical records and other documents referenced in Paragraphs 53 and 55 of the profile form.

(B) Signed Authorizations for Release of (i) Medical Records Information, (ii) Employment Records Information, (iii) Social Security Records Information, (iv) Social Security Earnings Information and (v) Records Provided to Deepwater Horizon Medical Benefits Claims Administrator, all in the form attached to the Plaintiff Profile Form and referenced in its Paragraph 54.

(2) By defendants to plaintiffs:

(A) all information, data and/or tangible materials, if any, about plaintiff in the BP medical encounters database and/or oil spill cleanup worker database;

(B) all non-privileged information, data and/or tangible materials concerning job duty, job assignment and/or time records, if any, in BP’s possession, custody or control relating to plaintiff; and

(C) all contracts and/or agreements between BP and plaintiff’s direct employer(s), if any, concerning oil spill response work, including but not limited to requirements, policies and procedures concerning health, safety and welfare of oil spill response workers.

III. TRANSFER/REALLOTMENT

(1) No later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of filing of an individual BELO complaint, counsel for all parties in that action must jointly file in the record a written statement advising the Magistrate Judge either

(A) that they have stipulated that the case should (i) remain in the Eastern District of Louisiana for further proceedings, or (ii) be transferred to another particularly identified United States District Court in another district for further proceedings, in which case the Magistrate Judge will enter an order as soon as possible effectuating the parties' agreement; or

(B) that no agreement as to where further proceedings should be conducted has been reached.

(2) If no stipulation as to the venue of further proceedings has been reached, both sides must, no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of filing of an individual BELO complaint, file their motions for transfer of venue to a particularly identified United States District Court for another district or to conduct further proceedings in the Eastern District of Louisiana, noticed for submission on the Magistrate Judge's next available motions submission date and supported by a memorandum of fact and law addressing the factors set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and applicable case law.

IV. MOTIONS

(1) The parties are prohibited from filing motions during the initial proceedings governed by this case management order, except for the following:

(A) to dismiss an individual BELO complaint without prejudice for failure to complete the conditions precedent to filing such a complaint as required in the Settlement Agreement;

(B) to transfer venue to another United States District Court or reallocate the case to a section of the Eastern District of Louisiana, as provided above;

(C) to compel or for a protective order concerning the disclosures required above;

(D) to amend or modify this case management order, either as it applies to (i) BELO cases as a whole and/or (ii) the particular BELO case in which it is filed; and

(E) to seek District Judge review of the Magistrate Judge's orders pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a).

(2) Before filing any of the motions listed above, counsel must confer in a good faith effort to resolve the matter that is the subject of the anticipated motion by agreement. All such motions must be accompanied by the certification of counsel for the movant that the required conference has occurred and either that there is no objection to the motion or that no resolution by agreement could be reached.

(3) Except for any motion described in ¶ IV(E) above, the motions listed above must be submitted to the Magistrate Judge with a proposed order if there is no objection to the motion or with a notice of submission if the motion is opposed. The Local Rules of the Eastern District of Louisiana apply to all motions.

(4) All motions prohibited from filing by this order will not be deemed waived and are specifically preserved for later filing before any subsequently assigned presiding judge.

V. DISCOVERY

No discovery may be commenced and all discovery in all BELO lawsuits is STAYED at this time. Discovery is prohibited until after any BELO lawsuit is transferred to another court or reallocated within the Eastern District of Louisiana as provided above. After transfer or reallocation, special procedures for discovery, consolidation or other matters, if any, will be determined by the presiding judge in the transferee court or reallocated section.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to provide a copy of this case management order to the Claims Administrator to make available to any BELO claimant who files a Notice of Intent to Sue in accordance with Section VIII of the Settlement Agreement.

(2) Upon filing of each BELO complaint after entry of this order, the Clerk of Court will file and docket in the record of that individual case: (A) the BELO portion of the Settlement Agreement, Record Doc. No. 6427-1 at pp. 60-73; and (B) this case management order. A revised version of this order will be separately entered in and made specifically applicable to the three previously filed BELO cases.

(3) Each BELO complaint and all post-complaint filings in each individual BELO case will be filed and docketed exclusively in the record of that individual case and not in the record of MDL No. 2179.

(4) Attorneys representing the parties to any BELO case and admitted to practice and in good standing in any United States District Court are hereby automatically admitted pro

hac vice in this court for purposes of any individual BELO case, and the requirements of Local Rules 83.2.4 and 83.2.5 are waived. Association of local counsel is not required.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 30th day of January, 2015.

  
JOSEPH C. WILKINSON, JR.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

CLERK TO NOTIFY:

HON. CARL BARBIER  
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EXHIBIT A TO  
BELO CASES INITIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO.

BP EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION, INC.  
AND BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY

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MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON

Related to: 12-968 BELO  
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**BELO COMPLAINT**

EXHIBIT B TO  
BELO CASES INITIAL PROCEEDINGS  
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**PLAINTIFF PROFILE FORM**

**PLAINTIFF'S FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer every question to the best of your knowledge. You are signing and submitting this Plaintiff Profile Form under penalty of perjury and must provide information that is true and accurate. If you cannot recall all of the details requested, please provide as much information as you can. For each question where the space provided does not allow for a complete answer, please attach as many additional sheets of paper as necessary to fully answer the question.

If you are asked to identify a person (such as doctors or witnesses), give the name and last-known address and telephone number.

**NOTE:** Please provide information regarding the person who claims injury. The terms "you" and "your" refer only to that person, not to the individual who may be completing this form in a representative capacity (except Nos. 12-18). If the person who claims injury is deceased, the personal representative should respond as of the time immediately prior to his or her death unless a different time period is specified.

**YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Current address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

2. Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Maiden or other names used or by which you have been known, and the dates during which you were known by such names: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
6. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Each address (other than your current address) at which you have lived during the last ten (10) years, and list the dates of residence for each one:

Address	Dates of Residence

8. Driver's License Number and State Issuing License: \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Have you ever had your driving privileges suspended or limited based on your health or physical condition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. If so, when and for what reason(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Employment Information:

A. Current employer (if not employed, last employer):

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Occupation/Job Duties

B. Past employers (last ten (10) years):

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Occupation/Job Duties

10. Have you ever been out of work for more than thirty (30) days for reasons related to your health (other than pregnancy)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If "Yes," when were you out of

work and why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. If you are represented by counsel, please provide the following information:

Plaintiff's primary attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

If you are completing this form in a representative capacity (*e.g.*, on behalf of the estate of a person or a minor), please complete the following:

12. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. In what capacity are you representing the individual or estate? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. What is your relationship to the person claiming to be injured? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. If you were appointed as a representative by a court, state the following:

Court, Court Term, & Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Date of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If you represent the estate, when and where did the decedent die? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLAIM**

19. Are you claiming that you have developed or may develop bodily injury as a result of exposure to the oil spill and/or chemical dispersant used in response to the oil spill?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

20. Describe in as much detail as possible the bodily injury (or medical condition) you claim resulted from your exposure to the oil spill and/or chemical dispersant?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. Describe in as much detail as possible the circumstance(s) in which your exposure to the oil spill and/or chemical dispersant occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A. Where did the exposure(s) occur? \_\_\_\_\_

B. When did the exposure(s) occur? \_\_\_\_\_

C. To what substance or chemical were you exposed, if you know? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

D. For how long were you exposed to this substance or chemical? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

22. Who witnessed your exposure to this substance or chemical? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

23. During your alleged exposure, were you provided by BP or any other entity protective clothing, gear, equipment, etc.? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

A. Identify the specific clothing, gear, equipment, etc. you were provided: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. When and how often were you provided such clothing, gear, and equipment? \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Where or from whom were you provided the clothing, gear, equipment, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. During your alleged exposure, did you wear and/or use protective clothing, gear, equipment, etc.? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. Identify the specific clothing, gear, equipment, etc. worn and/or used: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. When and how often did you use and/or wear such clothing, gear, and equipment?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Where or from whom did you obtain the clothing, gear, equipment, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. If you did not use the clothing, gear, equipment provided to you, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

25. Name of doctor(s) (or other healthcare providers) who diagnosed your injury (or condition)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

A. For each doctor (or other healthcare provider) identified in the prior question, when did he/she make the diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Have you had any discussion with physician(s) or other healthcare provider(s) about whether your alleged injury or injuries are, or might be, related to exposure to the substance or chemical listed in answering Question 21(C)?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Name & Address of Healthcare Provider	Date of Discussion	What Was Said

26. Who else (beside your doctor or healthcare providers) knows about your injury (or condition)? \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Does the alleged injury, or do the alleged injuries, persist today?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. Do you still receive treatment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

B. If so, from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Have you ever suffered this type of injury or condition before (i.e., before the date given in your answer to Question 21(B))? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If "Yes,"

A. When? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Who diagnosed the injury (or condition) at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

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C. Who treated the injury (or condition) at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

29. Do you claim that your exposure to the oil spill and/or chemical dispersant worsened an injury (or condition) that you already had or had in part?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If "Yes,"

A. What injury (or condition) was made worse? \_\_\_\_\_

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30. Are you claiming a mental and/or emotional condition as a consequence of exposure to the oil spill and/or chemical dispersant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. Identify each healthcare provider (including but not limited to primary care physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors) from whom *you have* sought treatment for psychological, psychiatric, or emotional condition during the last ten (10) years: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Describe the condition for which you received consultation/treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Dates of consultation/treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Medications and other treatments prescribed or recommended by the provider:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

31. Identify all persons who possess information concerning your injury and/or your medical conditions. (Please attach additional sheets as necessary.)

A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

What do they know about your injury or condition? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
What do they know about your injury or condition? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
What do they know about your injury or condition? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Do you claim or expect to claim that you lost earnings or suffered impairment of earning capacity as a result of any physical, mental, or emotion injury that you allege?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. What was your annual income at the time you were injured? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. How long do you claim that you were unable to work due to the claimed injury or had impaired capacity (please provide dates)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. How much do you claim in lost wages? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE AND OTHER COMPENSATION INFORMATION**

33. Have you filed a worker's compensation claim in the past 10 years?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If "Yes," please state:

A. Year claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Where claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Claim number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Nature of the injury (or condition): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Period of disability: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. If your claim for compensation has been approved, please describe the amount of compensation received or to be received. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please copy and attach additional pages if necessary to provide a complete response.)

34. Have you made a social security disability claim in the past ten years?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ If "Yes," please state:

- A. Year claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Where claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Claim number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Nature of the injury (or condition): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Period of disability: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. State whether your claim for compensation has been approved or denied: \_\_\_\_\_
- G. If your claim for compensation has been approved, please describe the amount of compensation received or to be received. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please copy and attach additional pages if necessary to describe more than one claim.)

35. Have you made any other form of disability claim in the past 10 years?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ If "Yes," please state:

- A. When was the claim filed? \_\_\_\_\_

- B. With whom was the claim filed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. What was the nature of the disability? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. For how long were you disabled? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. State whether your claim for compensation has been approved or denied. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- F. If your claim for compensation has been approved, please describe the amount of compensation received or to be received. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please copy and attach additional pages if necessary to describe more than one claim.)

36. Have you made a claim for compensation for your claimed injuries with any insurance company, Medicare, or any other party that may be responsible for providing you with compensation in the past 10 years? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes," please state:
- A. Year claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Where claim was filed: \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Claim number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Nature of the injury (or condition): \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Period of disability: \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. State whether your claim for compensation has been approved or denied: \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. If your claim for compensation has been approved, please describe the amount of compensation received or to be received. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please copy and attach additional pages if necessary to provide a complete response.)

37. Have you ever filed a lawsuit or made a claim alleging personal injury, *other than* the present lawsuit? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. When did you file the lawsuit? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Who were the parties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. What was the case/civil action/docket number? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. What claim did you make? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Describe the result of the lawsuit, including the amount of any compensation that you received. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

38. Have you ever filed a lawsuit or made a claim, *other than* the present lawsuit, seeking damages for the injuries you claim in this case? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. When did you file the lawsuit or claim? \_\_\_\_\_

B. If you filed a lawsuit:

i. Who were the parties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ii. What was the case/civil action/docket number? \_\_\_\_\_

iii. What claim did you make? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

iv. Describe the result of the lawsuit, including the amount of any compensation that you received. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. If you filed a claim that was not a lawsuit, please describe the circumstances of that claim and the result: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY**

39. Have you ever been exposed to substances or sources of contaminants and/or toxins other than the ones alleged in this lawsuit? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "Yes,"

A. Describe in as much detail as possible the circumstances in which your exposure to such substances or sources occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

i. Where did the exposure(s) occur?

ii. When did the exposure(s) occur?

iii. To what contaminant and/or toxins were you exposed?

iv. What was your level of exposure to each contaminant and/or toxin, if you know?

v. For how long were you exposed to each contaminant and/or toxin?

40. Smoking history. Check the answer and fill in the blank applicable to your history of smoking and/or tobacco use:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Never smoked or chewed.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Smoked in the past, but stopped

i. When did you start? \_\_\_\_\_

ii. When did you stop? \_\_\_\_\_

iii. What did you use? Cigarettes/cigars/pipe tobacco/chewing tobacco/snuff.  
\_\_\_\_\_

iv. Amount you smoked or chewed: on average \_\_\_ per day for \_\_\_ years.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Smoke now

i. When did you start? \_\_\_\_\_

ii. When did you stop? \_\_\_\_\_

iii. What did you use? Cigarettes/cigars/pipe tobacco/chewing tobacco/snuff.  
\_\_\_\_\_

iv. Amount you smoked or chewed: on average \_\_\_ per day for \_\_\_ years.

41. Have you ever experienced, been diagnosed with, or been treated for the following:

A. Health conditions, including but not limited to:

Anemia Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Bacterial Infection Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetes Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Obesity Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Disorder Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Skin Disorder(s) (e.g. rashes, blisters)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Stroke	Yes: _____	No: _____
Seizures	Yes: _____	No: _____
Muscle Disorder	Yes: _____	No: _____
Paralysis	Yes: _____	No: _____
Severe Headaches or Migraines	Yes: _____	No: _____
Cancer	Yes: _____	No: _____
Allergies	Yes: _____	No: _____
Compromised Immune System	Yes: _____	No: _____
Severe Allergic Reaction	Yes: _____	No: _____
Cardiovascular Disease (including high blood pressure)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Heart Attack	Yes: _____	No: _____
Chest Pain	Yes: _____	No: _____
Kidney Disease	Yes: _____	No: _____
Liver Disease	Yes: _____	No: _____
Respiratory Illness(es)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Ocular (Eye) Condition(s)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Conditions affecting the ears and hearing (including tinnitus)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Conditions affecting the nose and sinuses (including rhinosinusitis)	Yes: _____	No: _____
Mental Health Issues	Yes: _____	No: _____

B. Alcohol: Number of drinks per day: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of drinks per week: \_\_\_\_\_

42. If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, for *each* condition:
- A. When was it diagnosed? (identify condition and month/year)
  - B. Who diagnosed it? (identify condition and health care provider)
  - C. Who treated it? (identify condition and health care provider)

**YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION**

43. Have you ever been married? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes," for each spouse, please identify:
- A. Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Spouse's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
44. Have any of your children, parents, siblings, or close relatives (aunts, uncles, or grandparents) suffered from any of the conditions listed in Question 40? If "Yes," identify each such person below and provide the information requested.
- A. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Relationship to Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Current Age (or Age at Death): \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Type of Condition: \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. If Applicable, Cause of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR DOCTORS**

45. Your current family and/or primary care physician:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

46. Your primary care physicians for the past ten (10) years:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

47. Each hospital, clinic, or healthcare facility where you have received inpatient treatment or been admitted as a patient during the past ten (10) years:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Approximate Dates</b>	<b>Reason for Admission</b>

48. Each hospital, clinic, or healthcare facility where you have received outpatient treatment (including treatment in an emergency room) during the last ten (10) years:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Approximate Dates</b>	<b>Reason for Treatment</b>

49. Please list any and all surgeries, procedures, and hospitalizations that you have had in the past ten (10) years that you have not already described above.

Approximate Date	Reason for and Description of Procedure	Doctor Name and Address (including hospital or facility)

50. Please list any and all surgeries, procedures, and hospitalizations that you have had at any time that you have not already identified above for diseases or medical conditions similar to the injury you are alleging in this lawsuit:

Approximate Date	Reason for and Description of Procedure	Doctor Name and Address (including hospital or facility)

51. Each physician or healthcare provider not already identified above from whom you have received treatment in the last ten (10) years:

Name	Address	Approximate Dates	Reason for Admission

52. Each pharmacy that has dispensed medication to you in the past ten (10) years:

Name	Address

**YOUR DOCUMENTS**

53. Please indicate if any of the following documents and things are currently in your possession, custody, or control, or in the possession, custody, or control of your lawyers.
- A. Medical records. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.
  - B. Decedent's death certificate (if applicable). Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.
  - C. Report of autopsy of decedent (if applicable). Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.
54. Authorizations—Please sign and attach to this Fact Sheet the authorizations for the release of records appended hereto.
55. Documents in your possession—If you have any of the following materials in your custody or possession, or in the possession, custody or control of your lawyers, please attach a copy to this Fact Sheet, but only to the extent that production of such documents in the attorney's possession does not violate the work product doctrine or attorney client privilege.
- A. If you have been the claimant or subject of any worker's compensation, Social Security or other disability proceeding, all documents relating to such proceeding.
  - B. Copies of all medical records, bills, and any other documents from physicians, healthcare providers, hospitals, pharmacies, insurance companies, or others who have provided treatment to you in the past ten (10) years or that you otherwise identified in this Fact Sheet.
  - C. All documents constituting, reporting, summarizing, or referring to any medical test, psychological test, psychiatric test, intelligence test, mental health test, or standardized test of any kind ever taken by or administered to plaintiff in the past ten (10) years.

- D. All documents constituting, concerning, or relating to oil spill clean-up instructions, policies, and/or procedures; warnings regarding exposure; or other materials distributed with or provided to you in connection with your exposure to the oil spill.
- E. Copies of photos of any protective gear, clothing, shoes, or equipment worn by you at any time during your exposure to the oil spill. (Plaintiffs must maintain the originals of the items requested in this subpart.)
- F. All statements obtained from or given by any person having knowledge of facts relevant to the subject of this litigation.
- G. All documents which mention or refer to any alleged health risks or hazards related to the oil spill and/or exposure thereto in your possession at or before the time of the injury alleged in your Complaint.
- H. All journals, diaries, notes, letters, emails, social media entries/postings, or other documents written by you or received by you which refer to your health or well-being, including any injuries or illnesses, or which refer to the oil spill or the risks of exposure to the spill.
- I. If you claim you have suffered a loss of earnings or earning capacity, your federal tax returns for each of the last five (5) years.
- J. If you claim any loss from medical expenses, copies of all bills from any physician, hospital, pharmacy or other healthcare provider.
- K. Copies of letters testamentary or letters of administration relating to your status as a plaintiff (if applicable).
- L. Decedent's death certificate and autopsy report (if applicable).

- M. Any release executed by you or another person authorized to act on your behalf in connection with the allegations that form the basis of your claim.
  
- N. All documents that you submitted to the Deepwater Horizon Medical Benefits Claims Administrator (Garretson Resolution Group) concerning any claim for compensation.

**VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the information provided in this Plaintiff's Profile Form, and I declare under penalty of perjury subject to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that all of the information is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I have supplied all the documents requested in the Section entitled "Your Documents" in this Plaintiff's Profile Form, to the extent that such documents are in my possession or in the possession of my lawyers, and to the extent that production of such documents in the attorney's possession does not violate the work product doctrine or attorney client privilege.

I have signed and supplied the authorizations attached to this Verification.

I acknowledge that I have an obligation to supplement the above responses if I learn that they are in any material respect incomplete or incorrect.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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

*Applies to:* I2-cv-968: BELO

MDL No. 2179

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF  
MEDICAL RECORDS PURSUANT TO 45  
C.F.R. § 164.508 (HIPAA)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the individual named above, hereby authorize my health care provider(s), health plan(s), and health insurer(s) to disclose my health records to **[TBD and provided] and/or their designated agents ("Receiving Parties")**. These records shall be used or disclosed solely in connection with the currently pending BELO litigation involving the person named above.

I hereby grant any reimbursement claim, lien holder or state or federal agency, and the contract representatives of either, permission to share with the **Recipient** all reimbursement claim and lien information and confirming **health records** regarding any conditional payments made, or medical care performed, by the claim / lien holder relating to the following conditions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(collectively referred to as "lien information").

As referred to above, my **health records** include any and all of the following:

Records of my medical condition(s), diagnoses, and treatment, including, but not limited to, physician's records; surgeons' records; discharge summaries; progress notes; consultations; pharmaceutical records; medication sheets; patient information sheets; consents for treatment; medical reports; x-rays and x-ray reports; CT scans, MRI films, photographs, and any other radiological, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy films; interpretations of diagnostic tests; pathology materials, slides, tissues, and laboratory results and/or reports; consultations; physical therapy records; drug and/or alcohol abuse records; HIV/AIDS diagnosis and/or treatment; physicals and histories; correspondence; psychiatric records; psychological records; psychometric test results; social worker's records; other information pertaining to the physical and mental condition; all hospital summaries and hospital records including, but not limited to,

admitting records; admitting histories and physicals; case records, discharge summaries; physician's orders, progress notes, and nurses' notes; medical record summaries; emergency room records; all other hospital documents and memoranda pertaining to any and all hospitalizations and/or out-patient visits; and

Any and all insurance records; statements of account, bills or billing records, or invoices; any other papers concerning any treatment, examination, periods or stays of hospitalization, confinement, or diagnosis pertaining to my health.

I understand that the information in my **health records** may include information relating to sexually transmitted disease, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services, and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse.

I understand that this authorization will permit counsel in this case to communicate with my healthcare providers concerning the medical records disclosed pursuant to this authorization.

In the event that this facility or medical provider requires execution of a proprietary authorization for the release of medical records, I shall execute such authorization within 30 days of my attorneys or I receiving from the Receiving Parties or their designated agents the required form. Similarly, if the policies of this institution or medical provider require a more recently-dated execution of this authorization than the one provided, I shall re-execute this authorization within 30 days of the Receiving Parties alerting my attorneys or I of that fact.

I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time. I understand that if I wish to revoke the authorization, I must do so in writing and must provide my written revocation to any and all of my health care providers, health plans, or health insurers, state or federal agencies and all other third party lien holders to which the revocation will apply. I understand that the revocation will not apply to any disclosures that have already been made in reliance on this authorization prior to the date upon which the disclosing health care provider, health plan, health insurer, or such other third party receives my written revocation.

I understand that my authorization of the disclosure of my **health records** and **lien information** is voluntary and that I therefore can refuse to sign this authorization. I also understand that I do not need to sign this authorization in order to obtain health treatment or to receive or be eligible to receive benefits for coverage of health treatment.

I understand that, once disclosed to the **Recipient**, my **health records** and **lien information** may not be protected by federal privacy law and could be further disclosed to others without my authorization.

This authorization expires upon final resolution of my BELO claim in the Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement in MDL 2179.

I have a right to receive and retain a copy of this authorization when signed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of PLAINTIFF [PRINT]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title of AUTHORIZED  
REPRESENTATIVE authorized to act  
on behalf of PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to PLAINTIFF

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

*Applies to: 12-cv-968: BELO*

MDL No. 2179

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF  
EMPLOYEE/PLAINTIFF RECORDS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I, the **EMPLOYEE** named above, do hereby **AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT** my past or current **EMPLOYER** identified above to disclose and release to **[TBD and provided]** and/or its duly authorized representative any and all records, files, documents and other information concerning my employment with the above-named **EMPLOYER**.

This authorization expires upon a final resolution of my BELO claim in the MEDICAL BENEFITS CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT in MDL 2179.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed **Employee** Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Employee** Signature

To be filled out by an Authorized Representative for an **Employee** who is a minor, incapacitated or incompetent person, or deceased person:

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Name of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE authorized to act on **Employee's** behalf

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Signature of AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE authorized to act on **Employee's** behalf

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Relationship to **Employee**

**Consent for Release of Information****Instructions for Using this Form**

Complete this form only if you want us to give information or records about you, a minor, or a legally incompetent adult, to an individual or group (for example, a doctor or an insurance company). If you are the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian, acting on behalf of a minor child, you may complete this form to release only the minor's non-medical records. We may charge a fee for providing information unrelated to the administration of a program under the Social Security Act.

**NOTE:** Do not use this form to:

- Request the release of medical records on behalf of a minor child. Instead, visit your local Social Security office or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY-1-800-325-0778), or
- Request detailed information about your earnings or employment history. Instead, complete and mail form SSA-7050-F4. You can obtain form SSA-7050-F4 from your local Social Security office or online at [www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf).

**How to Complete this Form**

We will not honor this form unless all required fields are completed. An asterisk (\*) indicates a required field. Also, we will not honor blanket requests for "any and all records" or the "entire file." You must specify the information you are requesting and you must sign and date this form. We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

- Fill in your name, date of birth, and social security number or the name, date of birth, and social security number of the person to whom the requested information pertains.
- Fill in the name and address of the person or organization where you want us to send the requested information.
- Specify the reason you want us to release the information.
- Check the box next to the type(s) of information you want us to release including the date ranges, where applicable.
- You, the parent or the legal guardian acting on behalf of a minor child or legally incompetent adult, must sign and date this form and provide a daytime phone number.
- If you are not the individual to whom the requested information pertains, state your relationship to that person. We may require proof of relationship.

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect the information requested on this form. We will use the information you provide to respond to your request for access to the records we maintain about you or to process your request to release your records to a third party. You do not have to provide the requested information. Your response is voluntary; however, we cannot honor your request to release information or records about you to another person or organization without your consent. We rarely use the information provided on this form for any purpose other than to respond to requests for SSA records information. However, the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)) permits us to disclose the information you provide on this form in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable an agency or third party to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and or coverage;
2. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level;
3. To comply with Federal laws requiring the disclosure of the information from our records; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of SSA programs.

We may also use the information you provide when we match records by computer. Computer matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. We use information from these matching programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect payments or overpayments under these programs. Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and other Social Security programs is available on our Internet website, [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or at your local Social Security office.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 3 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.** You can find your local Social Security office through SSA's website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Offices are also listed under U.S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. **Send only comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.**

Consent for Release of Information

You must complete all required fields. We will not honor your request unless all required fields are completed. (\*signifies a required field).

TO: Social Security Administration

\*My Full Name

\*My Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

\*My Social Security Number

I authorize the Social Security Administration to release information or records about me to:

\*NAME OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:

\*ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*I want this information released because:

We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

\*Please release the following information selected from the list below:

You must specify the records you are requesting by checking at least one box. We will not honor a request for "any and all records" or "my entire file." Also, we will not disclose records unless you include the applicable date ranges where requested.

- 1.  Social Security Number
- 2.  Current monthly Social Security benefit amount
- 3.  Current monthly Supplemental Security Income payment amount
- 4.  My benefit or payment amounts from date \_\_\_\_\_ to date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.  My Medicare entitlement from date \_\_\_\_\_ to date \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.  Medical records from my claims folder(s) from date \_\_\_\_\_ to date \_\_\_\_\_  
If you want us to release a minor child's medical records, do not use this form. Instead, contact your local Social Security office.
- 7.  Complete medical records from my claims folder(s)
- 8.  Other record(s) from my file (you must specify the records you are requesting, e.g., doctor report, application, determination or questionnaire)

I am the individual, to whom the requested information or record applies, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor, or the legal guardian of a legally incompetent adult. I declare under penalty of perjury (28 CFR § 16.41(d)(2004)) that I have examined all the information on this form, and any accompanying statements or forms, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly or willfully seeks or obtain access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000. I also understand that I must pay all applicable fees for requesting information for a non-program-related purpose.

\*Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (if not the subject of the record): \_\_\_\_\_ \*Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses must sign this form ONLY if the above signature is by mark (X). If signed by mark (X), two witnesses to the signing who know the signee must sign below and provide their full addresses. Please print the signee's name next to the mark (X) on the signature line above.

1. Signature of witness	2. Signature of witness
Address(Number and street, City, State, and Zip Code)	Address(Number and street, City, State, and Zip Code)

**REQUEST FOR SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS INFORMATION**

Use This Form If You Need

**1. Certified/Non-Certified Detailed Earnings Information**

Includes periods of employment or self-employment and the names and addresses of employers.

OR

**2. Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings**

Includes total earnings for each year but does not include the names and addresses of employers.

**DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO REQUEST YEARLY EARNINGS TOTALS**

Yearly earnings totals are FREE to the public if you do not require certification.

To obtain FREE yearly totals of earnings, visit our website at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

**Privacy Act Statement  
Collection and Use of Personal Information**

Section 205 of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect the information on this form. We will use the information you provide to identify your records and send the earnings information you request. Completion of this form is voluntary; however, failure to do so may prevent your request from being processed.

We rarely use the information in your earnings record for any purpose other than for determining your entitlement to Social Security benefits. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of Social Security programs.

A complete list of routine uses for earnings information is available in our Systems of Records Notices entitled, the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System (60-0059), the Master Beneficiary Record (60-0090), and the SSA-Initiated Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (60-0224).

In addition, you may choose to pay for the earnings information you requested with a credit card. 31 C.F.R. Part 206 specifically authorizes us to collect credit card information. The information you provide about your credit card is voluntary. Providing payment information is only necessary if you are making payment by credit card. You do not need to fill out the credit card information if you choose another means of payment (for example, by check or money order). If you choose the credit card payment option, we will provide the information you give us to the banks handling your credit card account and the Social Security Administration's (SSA) account.

Routine uses applicable to credit card information, include but are not limited to:

(1) to enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security to effect a salary or an administrative offset or to an agent of SSA that is a consumer reporting agency for preparation of a commercial credit report in accordance with 31 U.S.C. §§ 3711, 3717 and 3718; and (2) to a consumer reporting agency or debt collection agent to aid in the collection of outstanding debts to the Federal Government.

A complete list of routine uses for credit card information is available in our System of Records Notice entitled, the Financial Transactions of SSA Accounting and Finance Offices (60-0231). The notice, additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and our programs and systems is available on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or at your local Social Security office.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement** - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 11 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **Send only comments relating to our time estimate above to:** SSA, 6401 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401.

**REQUEST FOR SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS INFORMATION**

1. Provide your name as it appears on your most recent Social Security card or the name of the individual whose earnings you are requesting.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (SSN) - - One SSN per request

Date of Birth: / / Date of Death: / /

Other Name(s) Used  
(Include Maiden Name)

2. What kind of earnings information do you need? (Choose **ONE** of the following types of earnings or SSA must return this request.)

**Itemized Statement of Earnings \$136** Year(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes the names and addresses of employers)

Year(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

If you check this box, tell us why you need this information below.

Check this box if you want the earnings information **CERTIFIED** for an additional \$56.00 fee.

**Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings \$56** Year(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(Does not include the names and addresses of employers) Yearly earnings totals are **FREE** to the public if you do not require certification. To obtain **FREE** yearly totals of earnings, visit our website at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

Year(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you would like this information **sent to someone else**, please fill in the information below.

I authorize the Social Security Administration to release the earnings information to:

Name

Address

State

City

ZIP Code

4. I am the individual to whom the record pertains (or a person authorized to sign on behalf of that individual). I understand that any false representation to knowingly and willfully obtain information from Social Security records is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or one year in prison.

**Signature AND Printed Name of Individual or Legal Guardian**

SSA must receive this form within 120 days from the date signed

Date: / /

Relationship (if applicable, you must attach proof)

Daytime Phone:

Address

State

City

ZIP Code

Witnesses must sign this form **ONLY** if the above signature is by marked (X). If signed by mark (X), two witnesses to the signing who know the signee must sign below and provide their full addresses. Please print the signee's name next to the mark (X) on the signature line above.

1. Signature of Witness

2. Signature of Witness

Address (Number and Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Address (Number and Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

**REQUEST FOR SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS INFORMATION****INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR REQUEST**

You may use this form to request earnings information for only **ONE** Social Security Number (SSN)

**How do I get my earnings statement?**

You must complete the attached form. Tell us the specific years of earnings you want, type of earnings record, and provide your mailing address. The itemized statement of earnings will be mailed to ONE address, therefore, if you want the statement sent to someone other than yourself, provide their address in section 3. Mail the completed form to SSA within 120 days of signature. If you sign with an "X", your mark must be witnessed by two impartial persons who must provide their name and address in the spaces provided. Select **ONE** type of earnings statement and include the appropriate fee.

**1. Certified/Non-Certified Itemized Statement of Earnings**

This statement includes years of self-employment or employment and the names and addresses of employers.

**2. Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings**

This statement includes the total earnings for each year requested but *does not* include the names and addresses of employers.

If you require one of each type of earnings statement, you must complete two separate forms. Mail each form to SSA with one form of payment attached to each request.

**How do I get someone else's earnings statement?**

You may get someone else's earnings information if you meet one of the following criteria, attach the necessary documents to show your entitlement to the earnings information and include the appropriate fee.

**1. Someone Else's Earnings**

The natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child, or the legal guardian of a legally declared incompetent individual, may obtain earnings information if acting in the best interest of the minor child or incompetent individual. You must include proof of your relationship to the individual with your request. The proof may include a birth certificate, court order, adoption decree, or other legally binding document.

**2. A Deceased Person's Earnings**

You can request earnings information from the record of a deceased person if you are:

- The legal representative of the estate;
- A survivor (that is, the spouse, parent, child, divorced spouse of divorced parent); or
- An individual with a material interest (e.g., financial) who is an heir at law, next of kin, beneficiary under the will or donee of property of the decedent.

You must include proof of death and proof of your relationship to the deceased with your request.

**Is There A Fee For Earnings Information?**

Yes. We charge a \$136 fee for providing information for purposes unrelated to the administration of our programs.

**1. Certified or Non-Certified Itemized Statement of Earnings**

In most instances, individuals request Itemized Statements of Earnings for purposes unrelated to our programs such as a private pension plan or personal injury suit. Bulk submitters may email [OCO.Pension.Fund@ssa.gov](mailto:OCO.Pension.Fund@ssa.gov) for an alternate method of obtaining itemized earnings information.

We will **certify** the itemized earnings information for an additional \$56.00 fee. Certification is usually not necessary unless you are specifically requested to obtain a certified earnings record.

Sometimes, there is no charge for itemized earnings information. If you have reason to believe your earnings are not correct (for example, you have previously received earnings information from us and it does not agree with your records), we will supply you with more detail for the year(s) in question. Be sure to show the year(s) involved on the request form and explain why you need the information. If you do not tell us why you need the information, we will charge a fee.

**2. Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings**

We charge \$56 to certify yearly totals of earnings. However, if you do not want or need certification, you may obtain yearly totals **FREE** of charge at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Certification is usually not necessary unless you are advised specifically to obtain a certified earnings record.

**Method of Payment**

**This Fee Is Not Refundable. DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may pay by credit card, check or money order.

- **Credit Card Instructions**  
Complete the credit card section on page 4 and return it with your request form.
- **Check or Money Order Instructions**  
Enclose one check or money order per request form payable to the Social Security Administration and write the Social Security number in the memo.

**How long will it take SSA to process my request?**

Please allow SSA 120 days to process this request. After 120 days, you may contact 1-800-772-1213 to leave an inquiry regarding your request.

**REQUEST FOR SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS INFORMATION**

**• Where do I send my complete request?**

Mail the completed form, supporting documentation, and applicable fee to: <b>Social Security Administration</b> Division of Earnings Record Operations P.O. Box 33003 Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3003	If using private contractor such as FedEx mail form, supporting documentation and applicable fee to: <b>Social Security Administration</b> Division of Earnings Record Operations 6100 Wabash Ave. Baltimore, Maryland 21215
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**• How much do I have to pay for an Itemized Statement of Earnings?**

<b>Non-Certified</b> Itemized Statement of Earnings	<b>Certified</b> Itemized Statement of Earnings
\$136.00	\$192.00

**• How much do I have to pay for Certified Yearly Totals of Earnings?**

Certified yearly totals of earnings cost \$56.00. You may obtain non-certified yearly totals *FREE* of charge at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Certification is usually not necessary unless you are specifically asked to obtain a certified earnings record.

**YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD**

As a convenience, we offer you the option to make your payment by credit card. However, regular credit card rules will apply. You may also pay by check or money order. Make check payable to Social Security Administration.

CHECK ONE	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Credit Card Holder's Name (Enter the name from the credit card)	_____
	First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name
Credit Card Holder's Address	_____
	Number & Street
	_____
	City, State, & ZIP Code
Daytime Telephone Number	(        )        -
	Area Code
Credit Card Number	_____ - _____ - _____
Credit Card Expiration Date	_____ / _____
	(MM/YY)
Amount Charged See above to select the correct fee for your request. Applicable fees are \$56, \$136, or \$192 SSA will return forms without the appropriate fee.	\$ _____
Credit Card Holder's Signature	_____

<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	Authorization	
	Name	Date
	Remittance Control #	

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

*Applies to:* 12-cv-968: BELO

MDL No. 2179

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF  
RECORDS PROVIDED TO *DEEPWATER  
HORIZON* MEDICAL BENEFITS  
CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the individual named above, hereby authorize the *Deepwater Horizon* MEDICAL BENEFITS CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR ("CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR") to release all data, documentation, and records pertaining to me in the possession, custody, or control of the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR to **[TBD and provided] and/or their designated agents ("Receiving Parties")**. These records shall be used or disclosed solely in connection with the currently pending BELO litigation involving the person named above.

As referred to above, data, documentation, and records pertaining to me include any and all of the following: documents submitted to the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR relating to claims for compensation arising from a medical condition, illness, or injury allegedly caused by the DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT; the following forms and all information and documents submitted as part of these forms and in support thereof: the Mediation Information Form, the Proof of Claim Form, the Notice of Intent to Sue, and the Request for Review Form; medical and other health records; employment records; documents provided by my attorneys; and any and all other data, documentation, and records provided to the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR pertaining to me.

This authorization expires upon final resolution of my BELO claim in the Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement in MDL 2179.

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Name of PLAINTIFF [PRINT]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title of AUTHORIZED  
REPRESENTATIVE authorized to act  
on behalf of PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to PLAINTIFF