### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

PATRICK JOSEPH TURNER, ET AL

**CIVIL ACTION** 

NO. 05-4206

**VERSUS** 

CONSOLIDATED CASES

MURPHY OIL USA, INC.

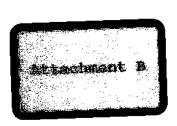
SECTION "L" (2)

# <u>TO REJOIN PLAINTIFF CLASS</u>

TO: ALL PEOPLE RESIDING OR OWNING PROPERTY NEAR THE MURPHY OIL USA REFINERY, WHO PREVIOUSLY OPTED OUT OF THE PLAINTIFF CLASS. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

By prior written notice both mailed and published in newspapers, all members of the plaintiff class certified by the Court in this case were advised of the right to not participate in the class action, by opting out of the plaintiff class. This same, prior notice also advised that all decisions to opt out of the plaintiff class needed to be communicated in writing, no later than June 1, 2006. If you are receiving this Notice, the records show that you chose to opt out of the class.

Since the passing of the opt out deadline, the Parties have proposed a class settlement.



Only class members will be to participate in this settlement, i.e.: Persons or entities who/which on August 29, 2005 were residents of or owned properties or businesses in the Class Area, as certified by the Court on January 30, 2006, and as depicted in the attached map, Exhibit I.

Because of the proposed settlement, the Court agrees to allow an opportunity for you to rejoin, or opt back into, the plaintiff class. Specifically, if a Class Member previously opted out of the Class, but did not settle with Murphy Oil USA, Inc. ("Murphy"), that Class Member may now rejoin the Class to participate in the Settlement Program. In addition, even those Class Members in an area described as the "Buyout Zone" who resided on owned property or businesses and who previously opted out and settled with Murphy, may now rejoin the Class and participate in the Settlement Program. The "Buyout Zone" is the area generally defined as the area between the north side of St. Bernard Highway and the south side of the 20 Arpent Canal, on the first four streets and corresponding cross-streets (both sides) west of the Refinery, i.e., both sides of Jacob, Despaux, Ventura, and both sides of Lena, including Ohio (both sides from Lena to the Refinery); Missouri (both sides from Lena to Refinery) and East Judge Perez Drive (both sides from Lena to Refinery). Every class member will receive settlement benefits. Conversely, if you remain opted out of the class, you cannot receive any of the payments or benefits under the settlement.

Accordingly, if you previously opted out of the class but now wish to rejoin and become a member of the class, you will be allowed to do so, provided you communicate this decision in writing by signing the attached form entitled "Decision to Rejoin Class," Exhibit II. This is the only form which will be recognized for the purpose of rejoining, or opting back into, the plaintiff class in this matter. The form must be signed by you, or by an attorney acting on your behalf, and it must be e-mailed, faxed, or sent by regular mail, to both Sidney Torres, Liaison

Counsel for Plaintiffs, and Kerry Miller, Liaison Counsel for Murphy. Mr. Torres' contact information is as follows:

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If you choose to rejoin, or opt back into, the plaintiff class, you must communicate your decision to do so no later than Friday, December 3, 2006. In other words, the attached form, signed by you, or your attorney, must be received by this deadline of December 3, 2006. Otherwise your decision to rejoin or opt back into the plaintiff class will not be recognized in this case. You are strongly encouraged not to delay in your decision or wait until the deadline nears. The sooner you opt back into the class, your claim will be processed for payment under the class settlement program.

If you have an individual attorney at this time, you are encouraged to consult with him or her prior to making your decision. In addition, if you have questions concerning your legal rights as a rejoining member of the class action, more information about the case is available on the Court's Web site, <a href="www.laed.uscourts.gov">www.laed.uscourts.gov</a> (follow the "Murphy Oil" link). To find out more about the class action, you also may contact any of the lawyers listed below as class counsel:

Mickey P. Landry

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The above notice is approved for mailing and publication this 10th day of October, 2006.

ELDON E. FALLON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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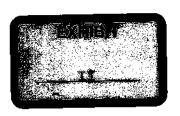
MURPHY OIL USA, INC.

## **DECISION TO REJOIN CLASS**

I (we), the undersigned claimant(s), or attorney appearing on behalf of a claimant in connection with the case against Murphy Oil USA, Inc. ("Murphy") arising out of the late August/early September oil spill at Murphy refinery in Meraux, Louisiana, hereby declare the intention and decision to rejoin the plaintiff class which has been certified by the Court in Turner v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc., C.A. No. 05-4206 (c/w others), U.S. District Court, E.D. La.

I (we) confirm that, by doing so, any previous action by me or on my behalf to opt out of the plaintiff class, is hereby revoked.

The following individuals were minor residents of my/the claimant's household at the time of the oil spill and/or I am the legal representative of the individuals listed herein and I am authorized to act on their behalf, and by this action I hereby declare the intention and decision to



revoke any prior opt-out on their behalf and to have them also rejoin the plaintiff class in this matter:

<u>Name</u>	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Address at time of spill
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2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
		SIGNATURE	
		Printed Name:	
		Current Address:	
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		Today's Date:	