

GCCF OIL SPILL CLAIMS PROCESS

Starting August 23rd, any claims for emergency advance payments related to the oil spill disaster will be handled by the new Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) administered by Kenneth Feinberg. Following is a summary of the new claims process to assist you in seeking compensation for a loss suffered as a result of the Deepwater Horizon incident. For more information, please contact your HBK advisor.

WAYS TO FILE

Businesses and individuals may file claims with GCCF in any of the following ways:

Online: www.gulfcoastclaimsfacility.com
By fax: (866) 682-1772
By email: info@gccf-claims.com
In person: Visit one of the 35 GCCF Claim centers, open 7 days a week from 8 am to 7 pm. (Note: all offices will have extended hours from 8 am to 9 pm through September 5th.)

By mail: Gulf Coast Claims Facility ("GCCF")
Kenneth R. Feinberg, Administrator
PO Box 9658
Dublin, OH 43017-4958

By overnight or certified mail:
Gulf Coast Claims Facility ("GCCF")
Kenneth R. Feinberg, Administrator
5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A
Dublin, OH 43017

NEW CLAIMS FORM

The GCCF website details the specific information you should have available when you file your claim. The new claim form allows you to select one or more types of claims for injury or damage sustained as a result of:

- Removal and Clean Up Costs
- Real or Personal Property Damage
- Lost Earnings or Profits
- Loss of Subsistence Use of Natural Resources
- Physical Injury/Death

METHODS OF PAYMENT

If your claim is approved for payment, you may choose to receive a paper check or have payment deposited directly into your bank account via wire transfer. GCCF will report all payments made to federal and state taxing authorities.

EMERGENCY ADVANCE VS FINAL PAYMENTS

You may use the GCCF Claim Form to apply for Emergency Advance Payments for one month up to six months of losses as well as final payment for all damages suffered.

According to GCCF's Claim Form Instructions, if you are applying for Emergency Advance Payments of one to six months' worth of losses, you do not need to sign a release or waive any rights to file additional claims as a result of the spill. However, in order to receive a Final Payment, you will have to sign a release. We recommend that you consult an attorney prior to signing any release or legal documents connected with your Final Payment.

PRIOR BP CLAIMS

Even if you have already filed a claim with BP, you still need to re-submit your claim to GCCF. In some cases, documentation for claims filed before August 23rd may have been transferred to GCCF for review, but you should contact them to verify that they have received all your supporting information.

LINKS

Gulf Coast Claims Facility:
www.gulfcoastclaimsfacility.com

Alabama State Department of Revenue, Oil Spill FAQ
www.ador.state.al.us/oilspill.html



Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore, PC
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants
www.HBKCPAS.com
© 2010

For more information, please contact your HBK advisor or call your local HBK office:

Foley: (251) 943-5499
Fairhope: (251) 928-2443
Spanish Fort: (251) 626-0846
Brewton: (251) 867-3801