

# What Oil Spill Response Workers Should Know Today

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*A proposed settlement that could help injured response workers who participated in the 2010 Gulf oil spill cleanup effort is under review. "*

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Much controversy has surrounded oil giant BP in the years following the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf, particularly when it comes to the payout of oil spill claims.

## BP Looks to Block Unjustified Settlements

"BP has renewed its request for a federal appeals court to permanently block settlement payments to businesses that can't trace their losses directly to the company's 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico."

For more information about BP's efforts, please visit <http://www.wkrg.com/story/24337448/bp-looks-to-block-unjustified-settlements>.

In addition to businesses, and those living in contaminated zones, injured response workers have also faced serious legal challenges when it comes to their settlement claims. Many who participated in cleanup efforts sustained injuries from oil contamination in addition to contaminants from the dispersants used to break up oil during the cleanup.

## BP's 'widespread human health crisis'

"A newly published study conducted by doctors at Houston's University Cancer and Diagnostic Centers and reported in the American Journal of Medicine, sheds more light on the potential health repercussions for the more than 170,000 people who worked in some capacity to clean up the 2010 disaster.

The study shows that people hired to clean up Gulf of Mexico beaches and marshes during the 2010 oil spill have significantly altered blood profiles that, just as Shaw and other toxicologists warned, put them at increased risk of developing liver cancer, leukemia and other disorders."

For more information about BP's 'widespread human health crisis,' please visit

<http://news.yahoo.com/bps-widespread-human-health-crisis-193526160.html; ylt=A0oG7ngmYMxSzX8Am8xXNyoA; ylu=X3oDMTEzNDZ0YXA1BHNIYwNzcgRwb3MDOQRjb2xvA2FjMgR2dGlkA1ZJUDM0MV8x>.

Although many response workers today have lost hope that their injury claims will be considered, a settlement has been proposed that is being reviewed by legal advocates and health officials. If approved, thousands of workers placed at risk for their participation may be compensated for medical expenses and other related damages they have incurred.

The BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk is a resource available to injured oil spill cleanup workers who are [seeking information](#) about their medical and legal options today. According to the help desk, injured response workers should know that past rejections do not mean that their claims will be deemed invalid in accordance with the provisions of the recent proposal. The latest proposal is geared towards helping those who were previously left out of funded groups, but as studies like the one conducted by Houston's University Cancer and Diagnostic Centers' doctors show, have been placed at risk for serious health complications.

Those who participated in cleanup efforts following the 2010 Gulf spill and sustained injuries can [contact](#) the BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk today for more information about how they can receive help.

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