

Media Advisory

National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

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National Oil Spill Commission Announces Agenda for New Orleans Meeting on July 12, 13

The agenda for the first meeting of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling will include testimony from Gulf Coast Citizens, from BP, and from leading federal government officials, including the Director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, formerly called the Minerals Management Service.

The Commission, chaired by Senator Bob Graham and former EPA Administrator William K. Reilly, will hold its first public meeting in New Orleans on July 12th and 13th in the Jefferson Ballroom of the Hilton Riverside hotel. More information is available at www.oilspillcommission.gov.

First Public Meeting

Agenda

Date and Time: Monday, July 12, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins both days at 7:00 a.m. Public comments will be heard on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Monday, July 12, 2010

7:00 a.m. On-Site Registration

9:00 a.m. Meeting is Called to Order
Chris Smith, Department of Energy, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

Opening Remarks by Commissioners

9:30 a.m. Panel 1: Status Briefing
The Commissioners will hear from Federal government officials and BP on the status of the spill and clean-up efforts.

- Rear Admiral Peter Neffenger, Deputy Incident Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Kent Wells, Senior Vice President, BP North America

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Panel 2: Economic Impacts on the Gulf Coast
The Commissioners will hear from a variety of panelists regarding the economic impacts of the oil spill on the fishing, tourism, and drilling industries in the region.

- Michael Hecht, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater New Orleans Inc.
- Acy Cooper, Vice President, Louisiana Shrimp Association
- Sal Sunseri, Owner of P&J Oyster Company
- Jeff Angers, President of the Center for Coastal Conservation

12:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Panel 2: Economic Impacts on the Gulf Coast (continued)

- Keith Overton, Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, TradeWinds Island Resorts and Chairman of the Board, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- T. Jay Collins, President and Chief Executive Officer, Oceaneering

- Sean Duffy, President and Chief Executive Office, Gulf States Maritime Association
- Larry Dickerson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.

- 3:30 p.m. Break**
- 4:00 p.m. Public Comments**
- 6:00 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Co-Chairs & Meeting Adjourns**

<p>Tuesday, July 13, 2010</p>

- 7:00 a.m. On-site Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting is Called to Order**
Chris Smith, Department of Energy, Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
- Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**
- 9:15 a.m. Panel 3: Status Briefing**
The Commissioners will hear from Federal government officials on the status of the spill and clean-up efforts.
- Michael Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior
 - Charlie Henry, Scientific Support Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - Mathy Stanislaus. Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. Panel 4: Local Elected Officials**
The Commissioners will hear from several local officials regarding the overall impacts of the oil spill on the Gulf Coast communities and their economies.
- Charlotte Randolph, President of Lafourche Parish, LA
 - David Camardelle, Mayor of Grand Isle, LA
 - A.J. Holloway, Mayor of Biloxi, MS

12:00 p.m. Lunch

NOTE: There will be a press availability with the Co-Chairs from 12:15 to 12:45 in the Norwich Room.

1:30 p.m. Panel 5: Community and Ecological Impacts

The Commissioners will hear from local leaders about the social impacts on the Gulf Coast communities as well as experts on the ecological impacts of the oil spill on Gulf ecosystems.

- Sharon Gauthé, Executive Director, Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing
- Grace Scire, Gulf Coast Regional Coordinator, Boat People SOS
- Ed Overton, Professor Emeritus, Department of Environmental Sciences, Louisiana State University
- Christopher Reddy, Associate Scientist of Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

2:30 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Public Comments

4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks by Co-Chairs & Meeting Adjourned