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## New Website Urges Gulf Coast Residents Affected by BP Oil Spill to Act Now

Gray Reed & McGraw Launches [www.BPGulfSpillClaims.com](http://www.BPGulfSpillClaims.com) to Help Potential Gulf Coast Claimants Navigate Process

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(Houston) – The law firms of Gray Reed & McGraw and Lubel Voyles announce the launch of [www.bpgulfspillclaims.com](http://www.bpgulfspillclaims.com), a new website designed to help those who suffered damages or business disruption resulting from the April 2010 British Petroleum oil spill along the Gulf Coast navigate the claims process.

Approximately \$4,250,000,000 is expected to be paid out to thousands of people in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The average claim value exceeds \$100,000. Money from the settlement fund will help Gulf Coast residents rebuild homes, businesses and financial security in the wake of the disaster.

The website offers visitors relevant information to help potential claimants understand whether they qualify as an “eligible class member.” Eligible class member businesses receive compensation for all losses regardless of actual facts and circumstances. As long as the business can meet certain criteria, they qualify to receive compensation even if they cannot prove with certainty they suffered losses as a result of the oil spill.

The website also features a map of the affected areas considered in the settlement agreement.

Last December, the United States Supreme Court denied BP's request to reverse their settlement agreement, requiring them to pay claims to people impacted by the spill. Those wanting to file a claim are encouraged to file quickly, as the June 8 deadline looms.

“We look forward to helping hard-working families receive what is owed to them nearly five years after this economic and environmental disaster,” Gray Reed attorney Jim Reed said.

### About Gray Reed & McGraw

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