

**Information about the Final and Quick Payments
for BP and Gulf Coast Claims Facility Claimants**

December 17, 2010

The top legal advisors to the governments in the Gulf States wrote a notice on December 16, 2010. They recommend that you do not sign the release or accept a final or quick payment from the Gulf Coast Claims Facility or BP before you fully understand what it means.

What you need know:

1. The most you can claim for a final or quick payment is:
 - \$ 5,000 for individuals
 - \$25,000 for businesses
2. Think about all of the possible losses you will ever have due to the oil spill. Can you be sure that it will never be more than \$5,000 or \$25,000?
3. If you accept the final or quick payment, you will never be able to make another claim. Even if:
 - a hurricane causes more oil to wash on shore.
 - the fishing waters are closed in the future due to oil.
 - the fish die out in a few years due to oil.
 - other unknown events happen.
4. You can still file interim claims to cover your current losses without signing a release.

Please get legal help before you sign a final release. You can also call the Louisiana Attorney General's Office at 225-326-2079.

Note: Prepared by the Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans

Please attach this note to the actual Notice from the Attorneys General from Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida dated 12/16/2010.