Another BP Trial Postponement: Will the Day Ever Come? by James Bond

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The latest news regarding the biggest environmental trial in the history of the U.S. concerning who was responsible for the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill is in:

"â€¦the court ordered that Phase 1 of the Limitation and Liability trial shall be re-set for Jan. 14, 2013."

After millions of dollars worth in damages, thousands of angry and disappointed Gulf residents and tons of paperwork filed by claimants, the federal judge that will eventually decide whether or not to approve a class-action settlement against British Petroleum has decided to waitâ€¦and waitâ€¦and wait some more.

How much longer must claim petitioners go until they get an approval and well-due compensation for the damages, loss of business and properties, and the drastic changes they made to their lifestyles because of three multi-billionaire companiesâ€™ incompetence? How did they rise to the topâ€”b bribing the courts or bribing the residentsâ€”when they canâ€™t even share the blame and due compensations amongst themselves?

Even the U.S. government is unhappy with the holdup:

â€œâ€¦the trial delay sought by BP and other defendants will delay more than just a judicial proceeding; it will inevitably delay recovery and restoration for fragile Gulf resources, the interests of which can only be vindicated by actions of the United States and the various states affected by BP's conduct. To prevent that wholly unnecessary and harmful result, we respectfully request and urge the Court to deny BP's motion to delay trial.â€•

The Justice Department was looking forward to hearing the trial this summer. Now, the American population must wait until after the November 8th â€œfairness hearingâ€• before U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier makes a final decision.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is just Phase 1 of the trial. There were originally three phases to this court show, with the first initially scheduled to start on February 27th, 2012. After BP and the Plaintiffâ€™s Steering Committee reached a deal that could compensate the thousands of claimants for their losses, Judge Barbier decided to postpone the trial indefinitely. And this only revolves around BPâ€™s $7.8 billion dollar settlements for private claimsâ€”it does not even include federal government claims, nor does it include Transoceanâ€™s and Halliburtonâ€™s roles in this devastating disaster.

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