

FINAL POLICY

POLICY 489: FRAUD/AUDIT: DENIAL OF FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

I. Introduction.

The purpose of the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Department of the Claims Administrator's Office ("FWA") is and has been to prevent, detect, investigate, and deter fraud through the claims review process under the Deepwater Horizon Economic and Property Damages Settlement Program (the "Settlement Program").

II. Policy Statement.

The FWA will deny all claim(s) of any type determined to be fraudulent and will refer the Claimant to the Department of Justice ("DOJ") for possible investigation and prosecution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Claimant will be notified by the Settlement Program when a Claim is being investigated for fraud. Such claim will not be paid while the investigation is pending. Upon a determination of fraud and issuance of a Denial Letter by the Settlement Program, all Claims made by the Claimant will be flagged for fraud examination. Any Claim may be voluntarily withdrawn with prejudice by the Claimant prior to a determination of fraud and issuance of a Denial Letter by the Settlement Program. A withdrawal of a claim will not be considered an admission of fraud or construed as such and will conclude the claim and the investigation of that claim. Upon such voluntary withdrawal of the Claim under investigation, other Claims filed by the Claimant will continue to be processed and, to the extent eligible, paid. As the June 8, 2015 Claims Deadline has now expired, the Claimant will not be permitted to re-file any voluntarily withdrawn Claim(s).