

MINUTE ENTRY
WILKINSON, M. J.
FEBRUARY 4, 2019

IN RE: OIL SPILL BY THE OIL RIG
“DEEPWATER HORIZON” IN THE
GULF OF MEXICO ON APRIL 20, 2010

MDL NO. 2179

SECTION “J”

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

JUDGE BARBIER
MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON

Civil Action Nos. 12-970, 15-4143,
15-4146 and 15-4654

CLAIMS APPEAL DETERMINATION AND REASONS


[Halliburton and Transocean Settlement]

The Claims Administrator has provided me with the Appeal Determination Notice, Appeal Form, Court Review Request, Claim Form, Settlement Program Appeal Determination Letter and several email submissions by claimant's counsel concerning the appeal of [REDACTED], Claim No. [REDACTED] ("claimant"), denying his claim for payment from the Halliburton/Transocean Settlement Agreements.

Having reviewed these materials, the determination of the Claims Administrator is **AFFIRMED** essentially for the reasons provided by the Claims Administrator, which are wholly consistent with the Settlement Agreements, the Allocation and the court's orders approving the Settlement Agreements, the Distribution Model and the law supporting them. The hunting lease upon which claimant relies is not a "proprietary interest" establishing "control over the property tantamount to full ownership" sufficient to

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establish Wetlands Real Property payment eligibility. Distribution Model, Record Doc. No. 18797 at p. 2 (quoting In re: Deepwater Horizon, 784 F.3d 1019, 1025–26 (5th Cir. 2015)).


JOSEPH C. WILKINSON, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**CLERK TO NOTIFY:
HON. CARL J. BARBIER
and
HESI/TRANSOCEAN SETTLEMENT
CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR**

