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Mr. Daniel Doohar
Department of Justice
P.O. Box 23985
Washington, DC 20026

Re: DOJ plea agreement with BP

Good morning Dan:

It is time for me to touch base with you again. As you recall, our firm and many of our clients, some whom lost love ones in the explosion, took issue with the BP plea agreement with the DOJ in the Texas City investigation. We frankly felt that the \$50 million dollar fine and 3 years probation was not severe enough for the conduct associated with this tragedy. The terms of the plea of probation included the requirement that BP fully live up to the conditions set by OSHA in their separate settlement agreement to properly renovate the facility. As you know from today's news, OSHA has determined that settlement has been violated and that BP did not fulfill the obligations set out in that plea. OSHA has found hundreds of continuing willful and egregious violations of government safety standards.

Your department advised me that you would aggressively monitor the status of the OSHA/BP plea until the expiration of it's' terms in September of this year. Now that the deadline has expired, and BP has been found noncompliant on hundreds of individual issues, we hope to see the DOJ initiate the appropriate steps to set aside the plea agreement between the DOJ and BP. Our firm continues to stand ready, willing and able to provide additional assistance in any way possible to see that the DOJ actively prosecutes BP for these violations of the terms of their probation.

As we have a number of clients who still retain a high degree of interest in these proceedings, as do the many thousands of our USW members our firm represents who continue to work at this and other refineries around the country, we hope to hear back from your department regarding any additional plan of action.

Sincerely,



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