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## Top Administration Officials Discuss Ongoing Oil Spill Response with BP Leadership

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WASHINGTON—Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Interior (DOI) Ken Salazar, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson and Department of Energy Secretary Stephen Chu today met with BP CEO Tony Hayward and BP American Chairman and President Lamar McKay to discuss ongoing, coordinated response efforts and receive an update on BP's spill mitigation plans for potentially affected Gulf Coast states.

Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, Secretary Chu and Administrator Jackson and other senior Administration officials requested an update on how BP plans to ensure an effective response in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The administration—including the DHS, DOI, the Departments of Defense and Commerce, and the Environmental Protection Agency—has launched and coordinated an all-hands-on-deck, relentless response to this crisis from day one in order to mitigate the spill's impact on public health, the environment and the economy.

As President Obama has made clear, BP will be held accountable for the costs associated with this tragic event.

Today's meeting was the most recent in a series of ongoing coordination and communication activities between top administration officials and BP leadership.

BP is now accepting claims for the Gulf Coast oil spill. Please call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. A BP fact sheet with additional information is available [here](#). For those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution, can call the Coast Guard at 1-800-280-7118. More information about what types of damages are eligible for compensation under the Oil Pollution Act as well as guidance on procedures to seek that compensation can be found [here](#).

Obama Administration Participants in today's meeting representing included:

- Secretary Napolitano
- Secretary Salazar
- Administrator Jackson
- Secretary Chu
- Larry Summers, Director, National Economic Council
- Carol Browner, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy
- Cecilia Rouse, Member, Council of Economic Advisers
- Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Melody Barnes, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
- John Holdren, Advisor to the President for Science and Technology, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality

BP Participants

- Lamar McKay, BP America Chairman and President
- Tony Hayward, BP CEO
- David Nagel, Executive Vice President, BP

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