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NPR: Logan on BP Lawsuits

Dean David A. Logan speaks with KUHF, Houston's NPR affiliate, about lawsuits filed by BP on the first anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon blowout.

National Public Radio, Houston: "[BP Files Lawsuits on Anniversary of Spill](#)" by Andrew Schneider

April 22, 2011: BP is marking the first anniversary of the Gulf Coast oil spill by filing claims of more than \$100 million against its former Deepwater Horizon partners in federal court in New Orleans. Andrew Schneider reports.

The one-year anniversary of the Macondo well blowout marked the deadline for filing civil litigation. BP met the statute of limitations by suing Transocean for more than \$40 billion in damages. BP already has similar claims pending against former well partners Anadarko and Mitsui. All three companies are countersuing.

BP is also filing claims against cement contractor Halliburton and blowout preventer manufacturer Cameron International — alleging negligence and, in the case of Halliburton, fraud.

David Logan is dean of Roger Williams University Law School.

“This just sort of adds a degree of difficulty to what’s already a distinctly complicated series of civil claims, against the backdrop of potential criminal actions, against the backdrop of potential civil fines, and against the backdrop of the Gulf Coast compensation fund. This will be, in some respects, the most complex litigation that’s ever taken place in the United States.”

Logan notes that the only precedent for the case, the Exxon Valdez spill, involved a single company and took more than 20 years to settle.

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