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Of BP Oil Spill Explosion on April 20, 2010

Dick Gregory's Last Legacy

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Summary and Media

Tony Hayward, the Global President of BP (British Petroleum) and BP in general, initially downplayed the spill, stating on 17 May 2010 that the environmental impact of the Gulf spill would likely be "very very modest" and calling the spill "relatively tiny" in comparison with the size of the ocean.^{[21][22][23]} By 27 May, Hayward changed his assessment, calling the spill an "environmental catastrophe" in an interview with [CNN](#)

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Deepwater-Horizon-oil-spill-of-2010>

Articles on Dick Gregory's Mission and Operation People for Peace, Inc.

<http://baystatebanner.com/news/2011/sep/07/dick-gregory-protests-bps-treatment-of-oil-spill/>

<http://aaenvironment.blogspot.com/2011/08/activists-dr-faye-williams-and-dick.html>

<http://www.disasternews.net/news/article.php?articleid=4325>

Please read this summary and time line regarding the BP Oil Spill and their actions concerning the underserved and underrepresented of the poor in the Gulf Coast Region, making them financially whole. BP had a devastating disastrous event killing 11 and injuring 17, on an Oil Platform in the Gulf of Mexico. Dick Gregory fought for the poor, the underserved and underrepresented. BP Oil Corporation Executive and Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, claim told our group to organize and collect all of the claims for the underserved and they would pay the claims. BP executives in the Houma, LA Office, Houston, TX office and London, England BP office ask us to collect these claims and they would pay the claims. These claimants are still outstanding and have not been paid. But, yet all of BP Executive told our group the underserved claimants would be paid. This fight for the underserved was Dick Gregory's last social project and the footage was aired on Oprah Winfrey's feature: "Legends who paved the way" where Dick Gregory was fighting for the BP oil Spill payments. Please review.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEvM0bQS4es>

<https://www.colorlines.com/articles/bps-dumping-oil-spill-waste-communities-color-study-finds>

Dick Gregory told a story to Art Rucker, the facilitator of the BP movement, about eating meat. "In Chicago many years ago, Dick said, there was a group that controlled the meat market in and around Chicago." Dick said, "After learning from sources that the meat that was being sold in the white community was cheaper than in the Black community, in Chicago, the same meat and White folks told me, I told Black people don't buy the meat. We boycotted, after several weeks of boycotting, the owners of the meat producers learned their profits had dropped so drastically in 6 weeks because Blacks stop buying the meat. I later learned white folk stop buying the meat also. Stay Woke, hump! BP has a Service Station and the Queen in London owns BP, the Queen got her share from the Shaq of, let's boycott BP Service Stations in the White communities. Hump! "

<http://www.newsweek.com/what-bp-doesnt-want-you-know-about-2010-gulf-spill-63015>

Dick Gregory, never lived to see his legacy of the underserved and underrepresented being paid. Bp promise they would pay the claims we mobilize for the underserved. We need the checks to be paid by the courts or Bp for this underserved group of claimants.

Please review below:

https://www.houmatimes.com/news/sclc-partners-headed-to-london-to-see-bp/article_61aaf6e3-ae0c-5488-b863-3d1b268a5664.html

<https://www.nationalcongressbw.org/dick-gregory-foundation>

http://www.blackradionetwork.com/group_says_bp_ignoring_black_spill_victims

President Barack Obama sanctioned BP to fulfill the losses of Billions to this devastation of the Bp Oil Spill in 2010. Ken Feinberg was appointed as CZAR of BP payments through GCCF. Ken Feinberg, Czar for BP claims, met with our group over 67 times personally and on the phone, over 5 years, guaranteeing payments, but never made settlement. Ken Feinberg said and claimed he loved us and he was a part of the Kennedy Family. Dick always said "Stay Woke." "Hump!"

Please review.

<https://www.nationalcongressbw.org/dick-gregory-foundation?lightbox=dataitem-j6wf806j2>

<http://sfbayview.com/2011/07/proposed-settlement-from-bp-488540000/>

<http://www.mypanhandle.com/news/special-report-on-bp-oil-spill-and-claims-that-remain-unsettled/459916485>

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Protesters-target-BP-Houston-2227954.php>

Dick Gregory was the first to say that Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, was not working to resolved claims. He was the BP Czar with a formula to pay the rich and powerful for political favors from the Bp Oil Disaster Funds. Let's not trust Ken Feinberg! Later after 2 years or more U S Federal Judge Carl Barbier, ruled that Ken Feinberg , Czar of BP worked for BP world headquarters receiving a salary of \$850,000.00 monthly plus expenses and staff. Dick had already spoken of this the first time when he got involved with this underserved and underrepresented of the poor in the Gulf Coast Region. Dick said these people are very corrupt and would use the ministers, you and the people to settle this spill, but for our group to be paid and they requested this movement, remember BP would rather see these people dead before paying them. So let's work and get them mobilize and see what the Queen of England would do, she owns BP.

Dr. Art Rocker was the Facilitator and organizer of the BP claims for the underserved and underrepresented in the Gulf Coast region from May – November 2010 organizing the poor, churches, underserved, minorities and small businesses. Art Rocker served as Assistant to both Chairwoman Emeritus of the National SCLC Dr. Vivian Tucker and Dr. Bernard Lafayette, who is the present Chairman of the National SCLC. Dick Gregory told Art Rocker “stay woke” start your own movement with ministers in the Gulf Coast region, since BP Oil Executive told you to organized and place the last part of the name as “Peace.” Dick Gregory stated this movement is for the poor Blacks and minorities that have been damaged due to this disaster. Dick Gregory and Dr. E. Faye Williams immediately spoke of the psychological effect on the underserved communities and the BP Oil spill. Also, our group had talk so many times with BP Oil Executives and they all said they would pay the claims of the underserved, they need our group to organized the claims and gave our group formula, but never paid.

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/2014/07-08/spill.aspx>

This became the birth of Operation People for Peace, Inc. Afterward we determine in short time order that we needed a lawyer and a female, due to the fact in the Gulf Coast region 65% of our claimants was female ministers and small businesses, and single moms. We then attached with Dr. E. Faye Williams of the

National Congress of Black Women (NCBW) with a strong background working on Capitol Hill. Please review:

<https://www.upi.com/Protest-targets-BP-Houston/71741319134682/>

<https://readthinkwriteteach.com/2012/05/08/two-years-after-the-bp-drilling-disaster-gulf-residents-fear-for-the-future/>

<https://www.mail-archive.com/sixties-l@googlegroups.com/msg06557.html>

<http://www.jacksonadvocateonline.com/environmental-racism-death-from-every-direction/>

Dr. E. Faye Williams's connected our group with congressional hearings where Dick Gregory attended most and maybe all concerning the BP Oil Spill. Also Dr. Faye Williams did press conferences, organizing 1000's of people and 100's of churches, and to our amazement only 5% of the people who represented churches filled out claims. These were mostly women, shrimpers, baby sitters, cooks, boat washers, fishermen, and ministers of small churches, etc. These people averaged the age of 59 years old and had an underground cash economy living off the Gulf of Mexico waters that we learn was historical in this area for 100's of years. The seafood dishes that they sold were on the weekends, and many supported families from fish being caught from the Gulf of Mexico and sold to people in the communities. This economy was huge, with an average income of 4-6K a year, but these people had very little knowledge of filling out information or application and barely could read. They were moms and dads of children that represented what their grandma's taught their children. The average child never attended college but lived and worked for companies that serviced the industry of seafood throughout America and the world, and now these companies are all closed. Dick Gregory articulated this issue very well on many talk shows over America and the World. Please review:

<https://bettina-network.com/blog/archives/tag/dr-e-faye-williams>

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/2014/07-08/spill.aspx>

<https://search.yahoo.com/search?p=dick+gregory+and+bp+oil+spill&fr=yfp-t&fp=1&toggle=1&cop=mss&ei=UTF-8>

<http://www.vidinfo.org/video/2637232/dick-gregory-the-three-main-causes-of-death>

<http://sfbayview.com/2011/10/dick-gregory-protests-bp%E2%80%99s-treatment-of-oil-spill-victims-2/>

<http://louisianajusticeinstitute.blogspot.com/2012/01/dick-gregory-vs-bp.html>

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/dispersant used in bp spill ma.html](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/dispersant+used+in+bp+spill+ma.html)

<https://thinkprogress.org/yet-another-oil-spill-wreaks-havoc-on-the-gulf-of-mexico-and-nearby-coastal-communities-1e3b62d92d1/>

The Chairman of the National SCLC, Bernard Lafayette was encouraging Art Rucker to start another organization and Dick Gregory acquiesced to this idea, due to the fact that so many people are involved. Several articles concerning BP providing funding for Catholics Charities, Red Cross, Salvation Army, White non-profit organizations and millions that was being allocated for their organizations to serve the needs of the underserved and underrepresented in the Gulf Coast region, but never came into the Black communities where BP service stations are located. BP had taken the underserved claimants on the radar. BP Oil Executive told our group to organize the underserved and they would pay our claims. Our claimants they are still not on the radar and have not been paid, by Bp Oil Corporation. Many Blacks were being turned away from the BP Claims centers, GCCF and minority businesses, where Ken Feinberg Czar of BP was with BP. Including Black and Asian Hotel owners that employed over 50,000 minorities in the Gulf Coast region. Still today those part time employees never receive a dime, part time workers, that Ken Feinberg told our group he would develop a formula for this group to be paid with our claims. Feinberg never paid the claims he told OPFP to organize. We determined this when the Asian American Hotel Owner's and the Black Hotel Owner's began to do claims, all of a sudden the door was closed for them to be reimbursed. Asian American Hotel Owner's and Black

Hotel Owner's requested to join with our group Operation People for Peace (OPFP). We then created an opportunity for their hotels in the Gulf Coast Region to get paid. We developed a coalition with this group because 1000's of maids, grass cutters, porters, window washer's etc. with their hotels were part time workers making minimum wage in the Gulf Coast region and these hotels never had experienced a lost like this with 10,000's of tourists not checking into their hotels for months and months. As a result, all the Part time employees who were laid off from hotels have never been paid. OPFP begin to fight for these poor people to get paid. Around this time Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP, promised them funding and told them he was a part of the Kennedy family, and "Kennedy would roll over in his grave if he could not pay these claims." Today they still have not been paid. "Kennedy rolls all the way to the Gulf of Mexico by now, we believe in his grave."

Please review:

<https://phys.org/news/2017-04-bp-oil-billion-natural-resources.html>

<https://www.asianhospitality.com/asian-american-hoteliars-to-protest-bps-slap-in-the-face/>

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/state--regional/claims-czar-takes-heat-from-lawmakers-asian-american-hotel-owners/rVMHHx3fOoJgmjrVlvje2N/>

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/oil-spill-claims-czar-takes-heat-over-concerns-for-transparency-efficiency/1152401>

BP executives continue to meet with our group, encouraging our group that the claims would be paid and never allowed a program that would strengthen and pay the claims they promised Dick Gregory, Dr. Williams, OPFP and minister in the Gulf Coast region that the claims would be paid. BP and the claims process has not provided programs to pay claims for the underserved and underrepresented to be strengthened the Gulf Coast region for their economic losses, and still has a vacuum of discriminations and lack of paying claims to this most vulnerable group, that they promise our group we would get paid. Our group Dick Gregory, Dr. E. Faye Williams, OPFP, and 100's of ministers were the most vocal group,

sanction group by BP and Ken Feinberg Czar of Bp Claims and had organized a group of ministers and minority hoteliers who were contacted several times by BP officials. The official that contacted the Hotelier paid their claims and stated they would pay their worker with our organization. These officials from BP HQ in New Orleans included Iris Cross, Paula Hubbard and Larry of the Houston Headquarters and they promised that the underserved and our people would be paid, as a group and organize this group and we would pay the claims. BP officials met with ministers and our group “promising payments for the underserved.” Every time we met Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP GCCF Claims center, he promised the claims to be paid next week. Every time we met.

Please Review:

<https://edmortimer.wordpress.com/2011/08/03/devastating-report-exposes-unequal-treatment-of-bp-illness-claims/>

BP Black officials, under the leadership of Iris Cross and Paula Hubbard, continue to speak with our group, meeting with our group, and making promises stating the underserved and underrepresented would get paid. Dick Gregory spoke about the past of BP World Corporation and being a part of the Shaq of ... and the Queen of England having major ownership of this Bp World Corporation.

<http://www.newyorkbeacon.net/files/be1836s.pdf>

<https://www.justice.gov/enrd/file/834516/download>

<http://www.blackmeetingsandtourism.com/Publications/Black-Meetings-Tourism/2012/November-December-2011/Rough-Sledding-Continues-For-BP-Disaster-Victims.aspx>

Dick Gregory’s last effort in the area of fighting for civil rights and human rights for 1000’s of people was for people in the Gulf Coast Region. A man, who had been jailed several times and fasted for weeks at a time, finally received his last accolade.

Therefore, we are asking you to review this time line and get on board for Dick Gregory’s last effort of getting poor people paid due to the oil spill disaster in the

Gulf Coast region. Dick Gregory was promise a solution to get the claims paid for the underserved and organized this group. Dick Gregory, Dr. E. Faye Williams, OPFP, and ministers with our group attended over three U. S. congressional hearings with Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, and even in the hearing Congressmen were demanding that a formula be sat up for the underserved and underrepresented our group in the Gulf Coast Region . US Congresswoman Sheila Jackson call a meeting for the underserved and for Ken Feinberg to meet with her concerning our group and she had been told our group would be paid. Congressman Cleaver met with Dick Gregory and Art Rocker and told our group that we could bring the petition to him and we gather over 250, 000 names and deliver to his office in Washington DC to deliver to President Obama. Former Governor Haley Barbour of Miss., commented on Dick Gregory being at the congressional hearing, commented Dick Gregory and the underserved should be paid. Also, it was Dick Gregory who uncovered Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, was not an appointed by the President.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?299845-1/gulf-coast-recovery-bp-oil-spill-panel-1>

<https://bettina-network.com/blog/archives/tag/dr-e-faye-williams>

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-112hrg70821/pdf/CHRG-112hrg70821.pdf>

<https://atlantadailyworld.com/2011/06/17/civil-rights-icons-demand-bp-british-petroleum-settle-claims-of-poor/>

<http://bridgethegulfproject.org/blog?page=42&%24Domain=ehyegshxyw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyFGFvxhcxk>

We appeared before the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) they assured our group about a plan for the underserved and underrepresented. Additionally, we sent a petition with over 200,000 plus signatures to Congressman Cleaver to submit to the President Obama. We were assured this would happen. As of today it never happened we are still fighting.

<http://bpclaimshelp.com/bp-claims-process-spurs-d-c-march/>

<https://www.mail-archive.com/sixties-l@googlegroups.com/msg06557.html>

Ken Feinberg Czar of Bp was recommended by President Barrack Obama. Ken Fienberg was the pay CZAR for BP, according to Dick Gregory. Dick Gregory, said he was a paid and personally hired by BP, and Dick was right from day one regarding his appointment with the BP Oil Spill 2010.

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/10/20/protesters-target-bp-houston/>

America had many Congressional Hearings to make this determination, concerning Bp payments plans and Dick Gregory was right. Ken Fienberg, Czar of BP, sends a message to me in 2010 through several news media in New Orleans at a press conference with ministers. I then called him. Ken immediately requested to see our group, told our group he is here to make our group whole. Ken Feinberg, Czar of Bp, claims later he met with 40 Black leaders from communities and 100's of Black ministers all over the Gulf coast region and surprisingly he requested that we meet him in Slidell, LA the home of David Duke. This was the first meeting we had personally with Ken Feinberg. Ken Feinberg, stated that he recognized a Cash Market in the region, our group was told to be paid, with shrimpers, fisherman, maids, babysitters and others, which he consider a legitimate markets. Ken Feinberg told the ministers he wants to pay the claimants, so let the clergy sign for these people and then his CCCF the claims organization would pay the claimants. Ken Feinberg suggested we bundle the claims send them to his office and he would pay them. (See Scan Attachments below page 24-40). Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP said we didn't need a lawyer he would handle the claims and pay them. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson requested Ken Feinberg czar of Bp meet her in Houston at her office and we bring our delegation. We met for 2 hours and Ken Feinberg said he would pay the claims the following month. Feinberg told our group several times he was a part of the Kennedy's, and he would pay the claims.. That was not impressive with our group nor we understood why he continues to make these statements, Dick Gregory said "Stay Woke." Feinberg went on to say he was a part of Obama and our group would be paid the underserved. We knew he was lying because he never said President Obama he said "Obama." Then later Attorney General Eric Holder said

that Feinberg was recommended by the President, he was never appointed. BP Oil Corporation Executive's talking with our group changed their tone, but never paid our group, after telling our group to organize the underserved, he and the BP organization. Feinberg also said we could go to the Coast Guard once he paid our claims and make an appeal. We knew no people in the coast guard could appeal a BP claim, It was not a Court of Arbitration only an Armed Force. We felt that we could walk him down with his Lies, but Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP claims, is a master of "Pinocchio Kennedy" lies.

<http://thefightback.org/2012/01/an-olympic-battle-dick-gregory-vs-bp-and-ken-feinberg/>

<http://www.npr.org/2015/04/20/400374744/5-years-after-bp-oil-spill-effects-linger-and-recovery-is-slow>

OPFP and ministers decided to get lawyers to send the Claims and communicate with Ken Feinberg. He then shook hands with these ministers and said they had a deal he would pay the claims, for the underserved and gave us several formulas to get people paid. Ken Fienberg said that a Catholic priest can sign documents that were being paid by Catholic Charities, with Bp funding, why can't your organization be paid?

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2015/04/feinberg_bp_oil_spill_fund.html

<http://bp-claim.com/gccf-claims-process-wrapping-up/>

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2011/8/17/1007784/>

Later after we organized over 17,000 Black's people legitimate claims, per Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, and the BP headquarters' official, he said the ministers could not sign an agreement. Earlier Ken Feinberg said they could sign, if they were clergy. Ken Feinberg Czar of BP undermines the Lawyer that was working with our group, Ken said we did not need a lawyer he would handle everything. We changed our formula according to what Ken Feinberg, Czar for BP, requested. Then he changed the formula again, against our group. We later learned that Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, was lying. (Review Exhibits of pg 25 -45) Then Feinberg said

putt all claims together and let the minister's sign a sworn affidavit and he would pay. Payment never occurred.

http://www.thetuskegenews.com/news/city-to-investigate-effects-of-bp-oil-spill-on-local/article_9bddf749-9512-5970-b1dc-c2ba5658b2a7.html

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/LK/20160216/News/605203394/SH/>

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2011/8/17/1007784/->

Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, said he would work to get a grant for the underserved claimants. Feinberg suggested that I (Art Rocker) have a private meeting with him the last of November 2010. I agreed and brought over 300 people to confront Ken Feinberg in New Orleans at the Windsor Court Hotel, surprisingly! I never trusted Ken Feinberg. Ken Feinberg was forced to talk with this group. Ken Feinberg told them he would have payments to them by Christmas. But he never paid! Ken Feinberg met with this group over 20-30 times including phone calls, making promises but never fulfilled any promises. After he was later dismissed from BP he informed our group that we had an additional opportunity of getting paid by U.S. District **Judge** Carl **Barbier** and all of our claims would be given to the courts. He lied. Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP, never gave the courts anything, on our behalf. Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP said he had communicated with Judge Barbier and his staff and they knew about the underserved claims that needed to be paid. He then referred me to 3 Lawyers that could be spokesmen for our claims.

<https://rootshed.com/in-wake-of-bp-settlement-sclc-art-rocker-cite-battle-for-justice-far-from-over/>

<https://www.mail-archive.com/sixties-l@googlegroups.com/msg06557.html>

http://www.blackradionetwork.com/group_says_bp_ignoring_black_spill_victims

Our group including Dr. E. Faye Williams, Dick Gregory and OPFP continue to knock on BP Executive leadership desks, including going to London to meet with Mr. Bob Dudley and his Executive Asst Jerome who stated we would receive a check once coming back to America. Iris Cross, the Executive of the BP New

Orleans office said in the event we return to America, the checks would be cut. BP agreed to pay the claims for the underserved. Our group went to BP Oil of North America Headquarters and protested and they all promised our checks are being cut with Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP Claims.

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Protesters-target-BP-Houston-2227954.php>

<http://ricksblog.biz/letter-to-feinberg/>

Ken Feinberg told our group Dick Gregory, Dr. Williams, and Art Rocker in 2015, that, the formula that he suggested that paid over 400 millions dollars was tough to pay, he said you all got a shot at getting paid 30 million on the high side for your claims. Bp and I promise you we would pay the claims. Ken Feinberg suggested this after Cornell Brooks, President of the National NAACP was writing a letter to BP World Headquarters requesting a meeting. Ken Feinberg suggested that our group had to send a letter to Senator Vitter, (US Senator that was a part of David Duke) and U S Congressmen Scalise so they would request this meeting. Three weeks later Ken Feinberg suggested, after Senator Vitter never replied to our letter, that he would make contact with the BP America group, keep in mind he said earlier to our group “the BP people who are now in position don’t really know me.” Art Rocker later contacted Ken Feinberg, the past Czar of BP, and he said let me see what I can do, later, “you can have a meeting with the President of BP America.” Later we met with Mr. John C. Minge, the Chairman/ President of BP North America Inc., and Donna B. Ward, Chief of Staff of BP America, and Randy L. Latta, Chief Financial Officer of BP America in Houston, Texas. Mr. Minge, promised he would get back to our group and try to work a payment plan for our group, two years ago he said this group would be paid. He understood Bp told us to organize the underserved. Still this group has not been paid. Mr. Minge in the meeting, complained about all of the corruption how claims are being paid and it was a shame. He also complained about Accountants and Lawyers getting paid and the poor not being paid. Mr. Minge said he would work our subsistence claims with this group to be paid and to get back with them. They all left an impression with our group that they could work out an opportunity for the

underserved to be paid. However, the last call I had from Ms. Ward with BP was to tell Dr. E. Faye Williams to stop people from calling the BP Headquarters Houston office to give them a time to work something out, for the underserved to be paid. We still have not heard from this Bp executive group who is supposed to be working with our group to get the claims paid for the underserved. We have called them over 15 times or more.

http://www.tricedneywire.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=965:british-petroleum-still-causing-pai

In 2010 of November Dick Gregory said he would come on board the first of the year of 2011.

I, Art Rocker, was exiting from the National SCLC as the Vice Chairman and Special Asst to both National Chairwoman Vivian Tucker and Chairman Bernard Lafayette. I was also the Chairman of the SCLC in the State of Florida but was exiting this role as well in order to take this project to a level where Black claims could be paid. BP was encouraging the minister and myself to organize the underserved and Bp would pay the claims. I spoke to Dick Gregory concerning the matters of BP and other challenges that were occurring in the Gulf Coast region due to the BP oil spill. Dick immediately joined with me and said “start an organization and make sure we mobilize all people that have been damaged by this disaster, particularly Blacks, start an organization, but insure the last name on the name is “Peace.” I then incorporated Operation People for Peace. www.opfp.org and www.OperationPeopleForPeace.com

<http://downtown.11alive.com/news/news/80232-dick-gregory-arrested-while-protesting-bp-oilspill-victims-atlantans-and-activist-dc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0U6ZMeVrB4>

http://nationalnewsreleases.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5123:dick-gregorys-hollywood-star-by-dr-e-faye-williams-&catid=54&Itemid=208

Under the leadership of Dr. E. Faye Williams we were able to consolidate numerous women organizations with NCBW, 100's of minority women businesses, and over 20,000 claimants during this movement in over a 10 month period and 400 or more Black churches. Dick was concerned about Catholic Charities and other groups receiving Millions of dollars for this disaster with 1000's of BP service stations in the Black communities. BP officials had no formula for Blacks in the Gulf Coast Oil Spill and they ask our group to organize the underserved. Dick Gregory and our group had several Press Conferences concerning Blacks and minority hoteliers not being paid claims. Our message was why cannot our Churches receive funding like Catholics Charities? Why does BP denounce our organizations which are ministers and local leadership and BP officials requested we organized the claimants? Dick said that BP sells Gas and other products in our communities but yet don't trust our organization to connect with our communities. Dick and our organization learned it had also been reported by media that BP Claims center for payments was paying 1,000s of people billions of dollars in the Gulf Coast region, but it was not being filtered down to the underserved, minorities, and underrepresented communities.

<http://ricksblog.biz/letter-to-feinberg/>

<http://sfbayview.com/2011/07/proposed-settlement-from-bp-488540000/>

<http://www.wlox.com/story/16522296/gulf-coast-ministers-to-ask-president-to-push-for-more-bp-claims-payments>

While demonstrating and having media conferences, Dick recognized Louisiana had numerous Black women at the forefront and head of households that dealt with the seafood industry. They were coming out in protest of BP to our organization and he brought on Dr. E. Faye Williams to deal with the challenges of women's issues in the Louisiana area. Her roots were out of the same area that the largest area of women owned small businesses with less than \$5,000.00 annually income and small churches where women parishioners and other women including single women were being affected in the 1000's. Dr. Williams began to bring the women together to join with us trying and get funding from BP

Claims center, that promised to pay the claims for the underserved for economic losses.

<http://thedotonline.com/home/?p=1928>

<http://sfbayview.com/2011/07/devastating-report-exposes-unequal-treatment-of-bp-illness-claims/>

Art Rocker contacted Dr. Harry Blake in Shreveport, LA concerning the Black churches since he was serving as executive leadership of National Baptist Convention. Dick Gregory, Dr. E. Faye Williams and OPFP, began to connect with ministers all over the gulf coast region in particular, the coast of Louisiana. OPFP further learned with leadership that the poor were being affected all over the Gulf Coast in the southeast. The BP Oil Spill affected ministers, churches, and small businesses all over Louisiana and the entire S E region and across all denomination in this target area particularly poor people. This Oil spill had devastated the gulf coast region. How? Lack of tithing, lack of the opportunities for these churches to serve and the millions of minorities in the area of serving the needs in the communities in a cash economic from the Gulf of Mexico and the seafood industry, was lost and still has not return. Bp executive ask our group to continue to mobilized the underserved and they would pay the claims.

https://www.democracynow.org/topics/bp_oil_spill/8

<http://www.wbrc.com/story/15725934/activist-groups-seek-fair-share-for-minorities-in-bp-claims>

Dick Gregory, Faye Williams, and Art Rocker began to mobilize ministers of the Gulf Coast region and driving all over 1000's of miles from LA, MS, AL and the Florida Coast region while people filed claims against BP. BP had encourage this group or our group to collect claims for the underserved communities and BP would pay the claims. This group later learned that the fishing industries was an industry that was dominated by 1000's of black folks selling fish from out of the Gulf Coast to poor people weekly and others daily.

<http://www.dominiquediprima.com/?p=2706>

<https://wolbbaltimore.com/1833342/black-oil-spill-victims-demanding-compensation-for-their-losses/>

The fishing industry was cash stable for millions of people on a daily basis and supported underground cash economics. All of their needs were from the water of the Gulf Coast including Black's washing boats, cooking, selling seafood on the corner, working in the fishing industries, keeping children in communities where husband and wives were small fishermen and the baby keeper receiving \$20.00 a full day (7hr) and receiving additional compensation of fresh fish for the families meals. In all their nickel and dimes that they collected from this industries they paid tithing and offering to these churches, 1000's of small churches with 25 or less members, this is gone and still has not returned. BP would never pay their claims. Also, I didn't know that shrimp, gumbo, fish stew and scraps from this industry were subsistence for these people lives. I even learned that the seafood's that came out of the Gulf was a believer by the grace of God from these people was like they loved God and it was an indignant food in these communities and they believed that the water was of God and anything came out was his Blessing, until it was contaminated by the BP oil spill. Also, this same seafood industry created nurseries, babysitters, lawn keepers, mechanic of small boat engines, people patching boats that has been damaged, painters, carpenters that patched the homes of people that was living below US standard and not receiving any government assistant due to the fact they did not want hand outs. These are the claims that Bp official and Ken Feinberg Czar of BP oil spill ask our group to mobilized so that this underserved group could get paid by claims.

<http://www.bradenton.com/news/local/article60643741.html>

<http://www.winknews.com/2016/02/10/workers-await-promised-bp-oil-settlements/>

Lastly, the many of veterans that live out doors and would fish and later learned all the little shacks that people call them over the Gulf coast region they left and was contaminated health wise from the oil and living on the shores of the Bays and near water areas. Iris Cross with BP told our group to organize these claims so that the underserved would get paid. I witnessed people selling seafood on a 5

miles strip from the gulf coast of Louisiana and losing all of these small businesses going north where they sold shrimp , oysters and seafood and close down all over these areas and effective 100,000's of poor people even today, most have died and generation of families are still not fishing. These are the groups that Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP funds, and Mr. John Minge, President of BP America spoke of that needed claims to be paid, the underserved. I later learned from the minority hoteliers including Blacks and Asian's Americans how they were affected the most. People all in the southeast and lived on the coast from time to time would have many visitors and tourist coming staying in these hotel due to their low prices and tourist visiting the Gulfs coast region due to the Gulf Coast waters. These people vacationed all over this area and fishing, meetings friends, church revival homecomings, boating and enjoying the water of the Gulf Coast and their Bays, had losses and still lost, they still don't have rooms rented. I met with the maids of these hotels and they were still unemployed, and were working part-time, as well. They work only 20-25 hour a week minimum wage. 1000's and 1000's of workers, lawn cutter, part time window washer, handymen, they all lost jobs and still never return. Lastly, people who work for various industry food franchisors, major grocery stores, businesses were all told you can file for claim but you cannot pay your part time workers on income losses but we would pay you. Therefore, workers whom was on the clock part time worker was not paid, because Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP, never paid and the BP Executive's still have not considered the poor, nor the US Congressmen, presently. BP and Ken Feinberg Czar of GCCF would pay the business owner lost wages and it was the option of Business Owner to give a check to part time employees. We later learned that BP and Ken Feinberg was giving \$100.00 BP debit credit cards to religious organization in communities, that they claim would be for the underserved, however. Those debit cards never came to the Claimants we had, it went into the hands of the wealthy people and waitresses. This was a golden opportunity to pay the claims of the underserved and underrepresented that they requested we gather these claims. These, Debit cards were never given to Black organizations and their parishioner.

<http://archive.is/FNHr1>

Lastly, this is what prompted Dick Gregory, Dr. E. Faye Williams, OPFP and our group to organize hoteliers, small businesses, blacks and churches- 1000's of them. The underserved and underrepresented to fight for BP to pay the underserved and under represented. BP asked us to organize this group for claims to be paid but never paid these claims. That it is imperative that the underserved and underrepresented get paid. Still has not been paid.

<http://bettina-network.com/blog/archives/3168>

TIMELINES AND MEDIA SUMMARY

<http://www.imgrum.co/tag/BPOilSpill>

May-2010

Discussing why Tony Hayward BP Global President had never discussed the environmental effects of this Oil Spill and reach out to minorities that lived in this area. I continue to do Press conferences all over the Gulf Coast.

Art Rucker's tour of Plaquemines Parish waterways, with Billy Nungesser, the Parish President and U S Congressmen Cho on a boat along with other leaders. Oil spill was so severe people was sick from the smell. The Cameraman drops his camera in the water due to the smell and illness that came over him. There was wild life cover with oil. Devastating not only to the marine life but homes had

been evacuated 1000's due to smell and contamination of Marsh land devastating and bacteria over water. I was sick for 4 days after this tour of the Gulf.

<http://ocean.si.edu/gulf-oil-spill>

<http://www.newsweek.com/oil-spill-us-gulf-mexico-could-be-biggest-deepwater-horizon-disaster-687119>

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We had our 1st ministers meeting in Metairie, La at Rev. Dr. Creecy Church, Zion Baptist, with about 15 pastors and Iris Cross and a gentleman attended the meeting from BP New Orleans office and Larry from BP Corp Office in Houston. They said they would be paying claims for minorities and the underserved and underrepresented. He also told our group that they had concerns and were doing great things in Houma and other areas due to the fact they have offices in Houma, LA. They requested that I send them a list of Black Colleges so that they could began to dialogue with them due to the discussion I had at this meeting.

June-2010

Reviewing the overwhelming affect that this BP Oil spill had made on workers. 100,000's of poor Blacks were suffering with no cash economy and they lived in these areas where the oil effects their environment as well as the adaptability of surviving. The most amazing situation is that the majority of these people was in their early 50's and had families children and grand children all living on the yields of seafood industry for generations out of the Gulf of Mexico. This had to be a trillion dollar industry over the past. BP asked us to mobilize this group and they would pay the claims.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/planetpolicy/2016/04/20/6-years-from-the-bp-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill-what-weve-learned-and-what-we-shouldnt-misunderstand/>

<https://www.marketplace.org/2015/07/02/sustainability/five-years-after-bp-spill-financial-problems-persist>

[http://nnyve.52xue.site/omEfA1CEsZg/Asian American Hotel Owners Association/w.html](http://nnyve.52xue.site/omEfA1CEsZg/Asian%20American%20Hotel%20Owners%20Association/w.html)

Met with Black Hotelier Owner's President Andy Ingraham concerning his hoteliers not being paid claims

Met with Jay Patel and Nash Patel Executive Board of Director members of Asian American Hotel Owners not being paid claims and not being recognize as a body of hotel in disastrous area

<http://www.npr.org/2015/04/20/400374744/5-years-after-bp-oil-spill-effects-linger-and-recovery-is-slow>

Met with Dr. Harry Blake of National Baptist Convention of America and Civil rights and human rights leader.

I began to mobilize ministers attending meeting with Secretary Mabus leadership concerning the Underserved and underrepresented claimants not being paid.

Working with Gail Adams liaison with US Government and Secretary Mabus' office concerning the lack of minority being paid

Attended conferences with Paula Hubbard concerning the BP Oil spill and the lack of minorities being paid.

Met with Iris Cross of BP by phone and personally, concerning BP oil spill and the lack of the poor not being paid. Iris Cross asked our group to mobilize the underserved and they would be paid.

Meeting with maids, janitor, grass cutters, food helpers, baby sitter, shoe shiners, bell hops, others that live on cash economic and small businesses.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1287396/BP-OIL-SPILL-Tony-Hayward-treated-like-Public-Enemy-No-1-US-politicians.html>

July-2010

Begin to mobilize groups and doing Press conferences concerning the BP Disaster and mobilized about 175 ministers in Al, Ms, La and Fl. Attended meeting with

100's of people who were a part of our group discussing the problem with the BP Oil Spill Disaster and meeting with small businesses. BP told our group to mobilize these groups and they be paid.

August 2010

All focus was on the President of the U.S. Barack Obama to resolve this issue it was many outcry in the community for help. Businesses were closing heavily particularly related to the Seafood industry.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/spillionaires-are-the-new-rich-after-bp-oil-spill-payouts/2011/04/11/AFjaqsWD_story.html

September -2010

We mobilized ministers in the Louisiana area over 200 plus came to a meeting and signed up to connect with other ministers in the Gulf Coast Region we knew from this turn out we would have over 500 clergy and community leaders involved.

Ken Fienberg was appointed CZAR of the BP disastrous fund call GCCF.

Ken Feinberg met and requested that Art Rocker and his minister appeal before him in Slidell Louisiana (where David Duke Lived). We mobilized and brought Black minorities businessmen, hotelier minority, ministers and layman about 40 people. Ken Feinberg Czar of BP discussed that he would look to our leadership for the poor and underserved claims, he would pay the claims. We discuss with him the people particularly the poor could not eat seafood's and fear drinking the water. I suggested that it would be some type of subsistence claim for these 1000s of people. He suggested that the clergy could sign the documents and could also submit water claims. He would continue to meet with us and he has developed a claim for clergy to sign an affidavit for claim payments. Ken requested that we get all the claims and he would pay all claims for the underserved and underrepresented and bring them to him in a bundle and he would pay the claims. Ken Feinberg commissioned me in this meeting to bring claims to the table in the Gulf Coast Region for minority. Ken Feinberg the Czar of Bp said I will pay the claims. I later discuss with him how we can receive funding

for this project. He said he would see how that could be worked out, of course, the ministers and I would continue to mobilize regardless.

I spoke to Iris Cross and Executives with BP New Orleans Office she said that since the people are afraid of eating seafood and drinking water maybe they can file a claim. She suggested that Ken Feinberg could pay the claims for this group of people.

October- 2010

After our meeting in Slidell, LA, Ken Feinberg newly appointed Czar of BP funds, met with me one other time personally with two or three clergy encouraging our group to do the claims. Ken Feinberg organized the people we pay the underserved and the poor. Also, he instructed this group to do a budget for facilitating the movement of the underserved to be paid by BP. Ken Feinberg told our group to do a budget and he would pay our group to mobilize the underserved.

OPFP and clergies continued to ask Ken Feinberg, the Czar of BP, when and how we should submit these claims he later told me. You are really doing the Lord's work! "Art Rocker," Ken said..we pay the claims of the underserved . "Gather the claims, fill them out separately, soc sec # or tax id # and send a documentation why they need to be reimbursed." We did so as his request. 100's of claims he later he said we could not receive a reimbursement but he would paid these claims very soon for the underserved and poor people. Soon never came.

Ken Fienberg, Czar of BP told our group to set up a budget for the ministers to organize. We submitted the Budget of 3-500K for 1 year. Later Ken Feinberg said he would just pay the claims and he never did. But Ken Fienberg said that he would pay the claims we organized within 60 days, never happen.

During this month, I received a notice that Ken said maybe he could reimburse me for mobilizing so many people. I informed him that we are signing up 1000's and I am traveling all over the region. Ken said he would have a private meeting with me.

We probably handled over 12000 claims at this point and growing in numbers all over the Gulf Coast Region.

November-2010

OPFP continued to gather claims in the Gulf Coast Region and Ken Feinberg, Czar for BP claims, later told me at this time after we had gather over 14,000 claims by the way the ministers cannot just sign sworn statement. We need more documents at this point. I was totally hysterical why he decided at this at this point or at this time, when earlier he told all of leadership to gather claims and sign statement for the poor.

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CHRG-112hhr70955/html/CHRG-112hhr70955.htm>

Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP requested to meet with me along at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans, alone. I agreed and he was waiting to talk with me alone . I created a surprise visit we had over 300 people that had emerge in that hotel, it was a situation of surprises of ministers and the underserved and underrepresented all over the Hotel at 5:00pm when people trying to check into the Hotel it was Ken Fienberg Czar of BP, surprise. Ministers and leadership met with Ken Feinberg, Czar of BP, not alone but with executive leadership of 10 then with the entire body of several hundred people. He told this crowd you will have your checks by Dec 25, 2010 for a great Christmas. Ken Feinberg, said we told you to organize now we are going to pay, promise them he would do it this was his 23rd time telling this story and he never live up to this commitment. For month he would not return our calls.

We began to mobilized more people.

December 2010

OPFP went to see the Governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal. I was very surprise of the reception not only did they welcome our group at the capitol Governor Jindal wrote a statement on our behalf of our group the underserved and underrepresented. Governor Jindall requested "Don't discriminate with this

group, pay them like you are paying other's, you gave them a promise you would pay, o pay the underserved. But, what was interesting while speaking with Governor Jindal, his executive leadership a young lady which was on his staff with a senior position begin to cry and say her family is losing their business, a small business that they own over 35 years. Timmy Teepel facilitated our event and spoke on behalf of the Governor on Fri Dec 17, 2010. We organized over 300 at this rally.

Feinberg promised the Governor for the underserved but never happen. Therefore, it was time for me to contact Dick Gregory. I knew that he could speak before the people and bring a message of hope.

January 2011

OPFP, Dick Gregory, Dr. Williams, and the ministers continued to reach out to Ken Feinberg and he never replied until the end of January. The ministers in Mobile had organized by this time also in FL and Mississippi. The month of January we met with poor people in large rallies. It was so many people that I had to get police to get the people in order. There was many people calling Ken Fienberg, BP Czar, nasty words and saying he was telling lies with his staff to our constituents. Feinberg GCCF staff told people that the ministers was keeping their checks and not paying them. Feinberg the Czar of Bp claims was authorized to pay claims never paid claims.

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/11/no_cash_no_automatic_settlemen.html

February 2011

Ken Feinberg, Czar for BP claims appeared before the Florida legislators and I along with Gulf Coast hoteliers whose businesses were hurt by the oil spill. It disrupted the entire session of the Florida Legislature during an appearance by Ken Feinberg. Rocker screamed Ken Feinberg is a Liar. Ken Feinberg is not President Kennedy, who he says he worked with, and Ken Fienberg is not independent. He is BP! So BP, write the Check! He was put out of the meeting along with the minority hoteliers.

<http://feinbphotel.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/state--regional/claims-czar-takes-heat-from-lawmakers-asian-american-hotel-owners/rVMHHx3fOoJgmjrVlvje2N/>

Ministers of our organizations learned 100's of our people being called and told they would get paid if they don't show up at meetings with OPFP and Churches. These calls came from Ken Fienberg BP Czar's office telling people that if they do not deal with OPFP group, they can get paid. Also, Ken Feinberg and BP told people that they gave the ministers checks to give to the underserved and they are keeping the funds.

Ken Feinberg has had over 18 meeting with our group personally and by phone by this time after and he has been in office 5 months and had not written any checks to our group. We decided to go to BP Headquarters due to the fact Ken Feinberg was not an independent arbitrator, he worked for BP.

<https://atlantadailyworld.com/2012/11/22/sclc-conference-commends-organization-role-in-bp-settlement-for-minorities-poor/>

About 50 ministers suggested that we go to Bp HQ in New Orleans, LA and ask them about our claims. We ask them why did BP Executives and Ken Feinberg told our group to mobilize the underserved to get paid?. I reached out to Iris Cross the Executive at BP HQ New Orleans and requested that they cut the checks for our group. We also told Bp Iris Cross the Executive why our claims not being paid for the underserved. Also, that Ken Feinberg Czar of Bp claims was lying to our group and had not process our checks in the manner that she instructed the last 7 times we met and spoke with her. She said President Obama had appointed Ken Feinberg. Therefore, BP hands are tied. Dick Gregory said that Ken Feinberg was the Czar for BP, not the President.

<https://business-humanrights.org/en/usa-judge-overseeing-gulf-oil-spill-lawsuits-orders-claims-fund-head-ken-feinberg-to-stop-saying-he-is-independent-of-bp>

<https://www.courthousenews.com/judge-asks-bp-why-some-oil-spillclaimants-are-not-getting-answers/>

OPFP and ministers were meeting with the poor and doing all we could do and giving them Hope that the situation would change.

Announcements were made that we would meet at BP Hq in Houma, Louisiana to request that the people at this HQ cut the checks for the underserved and underrepresented for March 16 – 18, 2011. We had more than 15,000 legitimate claims turned in and had not been paid. We would go and spend the night at BP HQ in Houma.

https://www.houmatimes.com/news/christian-leadership-protesting-trickling-bp-claims/article_983997a8-b8e2-593e-8376-1c6d59c791ca.html

March 2011

The night before the Tent rally, Iris Cross, Executive for BP New Orleans requested that we meet at BP HQ before the rally. I told her we would meet concerning the claims payments. We discussed the times she had stated that our claims should be turn in to Ken Fienberg, czar of Bp at GCCF and his operation would pay the claims. She said he is the independent claims agent and it is out of her hands. The group of ministers informed her that Ken Fienberg receive \$850,000.00 a month from BP as salary. He works for BP. Pay us our checks!

BP requested that wouldn't stand at the fence of BP for safety reason. They felt we could be inside BP lawn area around the pond, for secured reason. I agreed and we reported to this area the morning at 9:00AM. The first group arrived and the BP security guard told them we hoping that the alligator eat every last one of your asxx, you nigger, especially Art Rocker, around that pond! It was reported and he was removed before I arrived. By Local Police I heard.

This rally was a collaborative effort by churches, pastors, small business owners, and individuals and community leaders. We arrive at 9 am with media and we called on BP to pay our claims. We had a rally with about 100 or more people on and off all day. It was getting cool and local people were beginning to leave and around 5:00pm one of the local ministers told me you do see the gators in that pond less than 8 feet away. They are over 9 or more feet. I said I did not know this he said that why these people is leaving. I told them I could not leave. I

stayed with two other ministers and by the time the sun was going down the Louisiana State Patrol had 4 patrolmen and infra-red lamps watching the Gator all night long while we sleep. I was shocked that it was BP who suggested we sleep by the pond. See below all media and review:

<https://www.prlog.org/12373294-british-petroleum-is-not-paying-the-claims-of-the-poor.html>

<http://www.jerrythomaspr.com/cgi-bin/whatsnew/news.pl?news=2&num=124&print=1>

<http://www.winknews.com/2016/02/10/workers-await-promised-bp-oil-settlements/>

<http://downtown.11alive.com/news/news/80232-dick-gregory-arrested-while-protesting-bp-oilspill-victims-atlantans-and-activist-dc>

<http://www.conspiracyplanet.com/channel.cfm?channelid=140&contentid=9000>

https://www.houmatimes.com/news/bp-protest-efforts-draw-attention-to-area-s-displaced/article_06e031e7-8e38-59db-baf1-ff5a9f3be104.html

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/10/20/protesters-target-bp-houston/>

<http://bridgethegulfpject.org/blog/2011/today-minorities-rally-against-bp>

http://www.tricedneywire.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=965:british-petroleum-still-causing-pai

<https://radio.indymedia.org/en/node/18851>

<http://www.wbrc.com/story/15725934/activist-groups-seek-fair-share-for-minorities-in-bp-claims>

<http://www.blackmeetingsandtourism.com/Publications/Black-Meetings-Tourism/2012/November-December-2011/Rough-Sledding-Continues-For-BP-Disaster-Victims.aspx>

<https://edmortimer.wordpress.com/2011/08/03/devastating-report-exposes-unequal-treatment-of-bp-illness-claims/>

http://hpic.org/pipermail/fyi_hpic.org/2011-October/003682.html

<http://www.jacksonadvocateonline.com/environmental-racism-death-from-every-direction/>

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Art+Rocker+and+dick+gregory+bp+claims&ei=H1n6WYWfGsTDwALhz7K4BA&start=30&sa=N&biw=1093&bih=496>

<http://bpoilspill-blog.tumblr.com/page/2>

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Art+Rocker+and+dick+gregory+bp+claims&ei=61v6WaqzH8X4kwXMnazgDw&start=50&sa=N&biw=1093&bih=496>

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/01/judge_dismisses_charge_that_d_i.html

Appendix and Letters of Timeline

Appendix A: OPFP Letter Dated May 2011

Appendix B: OPFP Letter Dated October 2011

Appendix C: MLK Commemoration for Underserved 2013

Appendix D: LA Flood Disaster relief 2016

Appendix E: BP Tour 2011

Appendix F: 2011 Protest and Arrest

Appendix G: BET (Black Entertainment Television) Article

Appendix H: The Voice Article

Appendix I: Letter

Appendix J: DC CBC and Gulf Coast July 2011

Appendix K: Iris Cross Letter Aug 2011 following London visit