

## **Operation People for Peace, Inc.**

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### **“BP has Duped Minorities and Bamboozled the American People”**

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**WHO:** After being arrested for “unlawful entry” this month at Ken Feinberg’s/BP’s Washington, DC office, Dick Gregory and Art Rocker both vowed to return and continue protesting until Ken Feinberg meets with this group and to continue to request that Feinberg “Write the Check” for the underserved and underrepresented claimants in the Gulf Coast region. Operation People for Peace, Inc. and the National Leadership Group include Dick Gregory, comedian/actor and human rights activist, Dr. E. Faye Williams, Chair-National Congress of Black Women, Inc., Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Bernard Lafayette, Jr., and Art Rocker, Chair-Operation People for Peace and facilitator for the underserved and underrepresented claimants in the Gulf Coast Region who have affected, but not paid by BP.

**WHAT/WHERE:** This group will be protesting and picketing in front of the Willard Office Building at 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC (Ken Feinberg’s office).

**WHEN:** Protesting and picketing will be Thursday (8am-2pm) and Friday (8am-10am).

**WHY:** In addition to Operation People for Peace, Inc., and the National Leadership group, additional ministers, and underserved claimants from the Alabama, Florida and Louisiana communities have traveled to DC and will be protesting Ken Feinberg Office, the BP Czar, for claims that he has refused to pay minorities in the Gulf Coast Region. This group represents over 10,000 plus claims that Ken Feinberg’s BP office has already received months ago and he has promised payments for these claims over twelve times, but has not performed nor paid any of the claims, as he has promised.

In addition to the claims that BP has received, this group also represents the City of Century, Florida (Mayor Freddie McCall), City of Tuskegee(Mayor Omar Neal), City of Prichard, AL(Chief Jimmy Gardner), City of Mount Vernon, AL(Chief Reed) and other minority cities with a total of 50,000 plus minorities that have not received any funds from BP after the BP Deepwater Horizon disastrous Oil Spill that devastated the Gulf Coast Region, caused millions of jobs losses and loss of programs in their communities and churches due to the oil spills.