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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **BP to Open Claims Office in South Lafourche**

BP will open a claims office on Monday, May 17 at 16263 East Main Street in Cut Off (old CVS building near the South Lafourche Library) to help directly assist those who have lost income due to the oil spill in the Gulf. The claims office will be open seven days a week from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Any business or individual that has lost income due to the oil spill is eligible for a claim.

BP is making advance payments on all legitimate claims, and will provide those claimants with a check at the claims office. The advances payments will vary depending on the claim, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

BP recommends that any individual wishing to file a claim bring a photo I.D. along with something to show income from prior years (tax forms, trip tickets, etc.), as well as any other relevant documentation pertaining to your claim. Business owners and boat owners should also bring any ownership and registration documents.

Anyone unable to visit the claims office can call BP's claims hotline at 1-800-440-0858 to file a claim. A claims adjuster will then contact the claimant within 7 to 10 days to detail the remainder of the claims process.

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