

# Is There Help for BP Response Workers Who Can't Afford Needed Medical Care?

*The BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk discusses the plight of many response workers who participated in cleanup efforts after the massive 2010 spill.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, USA, December 18, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Agencies such as the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) have recognized the potential health risks response workers who participated in the cleanup of the [massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf](#) of Mexico faced. As a result, several studies have been conducted to assess the extent of the dangers.

Chemical Exposure Assessment Considerations for Use in Evaluating Deepwater Horizon Response Workers and Volunteers

“Oil spill response workers and volunteers may be exposed to many different chemical and environmental hazards.”

For more information about chemical exposure risks for oil spill response workers, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/oilspillresponse/assessment.html>

A number of response workers who were left with injuries following cleanup efforts claim that they were never able to afford needed care, according to the [BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk](#). Having received several reports of cases from workers who have yet to receive compensation for damages they incurred as a result of being exposed to toxins from cleanup efforts, the help desk says that the problem is a growing concern. Lacking prompt medical assistance, the health conditions of many worsened over time, leaving a number with problems that they continue to suffer from even today.

Potential Immunotoxicological Health Effects Following Exposure to COREXIT 9500A during Cleanup of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

“Workers involved in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill cleanup efforts reported acute pulmonary and dermatological adverse health effects.”

For more information about the health effects of toxic exposure by response workers following the 2010 Gulf oil spill, please visit

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15287394.2011.606797#.Up-WEI28qfR>

According to the BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk, a settlement has been proposed that may help thousands of response workers obtain compensation for their medical injuries. The settlement is currently being reviewed by attorneys and health officials to determine if restitution is warranted for the numerous workers who have reported experiencing respiratory problems, severe skin conditions, and other health issues.

Those who sustained injuries as a result of participating in cleanup efforts following the massive oil spill can contact the BP Gulf Oil Spill Help Desk today for more information about the [proposed settlement for oil spill](#) response workers and how to receive help.

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