

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**HORNBECK OFFSHORE SERVICES,
L.L.C.,**

Plaintiff

VERSUS

**KENNETH LEE "KEN" SALAZAR, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR; UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR;
ROBERT "BOB" ABBEY, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS ACTING DIRECTOR,
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE;
AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE,**

Defendants

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-1663(F)(2)

SECTION F

JUDGE FELDMAN

**MAGISTRATE 2
MAGISTRATE WILKINSON**

DECLARATION OF FORD BRETT

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Ford Brett, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct:

1.

I am a person of full age of majority and am currently the managing director of PetroSkills. I hold a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and physics from Duke University as well as a Master of Science in Engineering from Stanford University and a Masters of Business Administration from Oklahoma State University.

2.

The information provided herein is based upon my personal knowledge.

3.

I was identified by the National Academy of Engineering to peer review the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior's May 27, 2010 Report, entitled "Increased Safety Measures For Energy Development On The Outer Continental Shelf" (the "Report").

4.

I reviewed a draft of the Report.

5.

Attached to this Declaration are true and correct copies of a statement and document attached thereto, entitled "The Primary Recommendation in the May 27, 2010 report, 'INCREASED SAFETY MEASURES FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF' Given by Secretary Salazar to The President Misrepresents our Position," addressed and faxed to Louisiana Governor Jindal, Senator Landrieu, and Senator Vitter on behalf of me and others identified in the Report. Copies of the statement and the document are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B.

6.

I did not "peer review" the blanket moratorium set forth in the "Executive Summary" of the Report. The blanket moratorium was added after final review and was never agreed to by me.

7.

The scope of the blanket moratorium in the "Executive Summary" of the Report differs in important ways from the recommendation in the draft of the Report which I reviewed.

8.

The Report does not justify the blanket moratorium

9.

I disagree with the six month blanket moratorium.

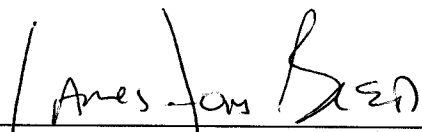
10.

The blanket moratorium does not address the specific causes of the Deepwater Horizon Incident and will not measurably reduce risk further. An argument can be made that the blanket moratorium set forth in the "Executive Summary" of the Report is counterproductive to long term safety.

11.

The blanket moratorium will have the indirect effect of harming thousands of workers and further impact state and local economies suffering from the spill. It is my opinion that it will have a lasting impact on the nation's economy that may be greater than that of the oil spill. I do not believe that punishing the innocent – people who were and are acting responsibly - is the right thing to do.

Executed this 15 day of June, 2010, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and under penalty of perjury.



JAMES FORD BRETT

JB