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RE: Tracking of BP Settlement Funds

Honorable Parish Council and Parish President,

I am writing regarding the 53.1 Million Dollars in BP settlement funds due to Jefferson Parish in coming weeks.¹ While this office has no opinion regarding the use of the funds, we recommend the funds be handled within the Parish's financial system in a manner that fully supports and facilitates transparency.

Jefferson Parish's system of fund indexing appropriately partitions funds by unique account codes and sub codes within the respective recipients accounts. In order to ensure the expenditure of funds can be effectively tracked by the Office of Inspector General and others, we are requesting that a specific project number and specific revenue account number be created exclusively for BP Settlement Funds. In this manner, the unique project number and unique revenue account code will permit enhanced transparency and substantially aid in the tracking and reporting of BP settlement fund revenues and expenditures. In this manner, the unique revenue account code and expense line item will permit enhanced transparency and substantially aid in the tracking and reporting of expenditures.

The Office of Inspector General appreciates your commitment and support in enhancing transparency in Jefferson Parish Government.

Sincerely,

David McClintock
Inspector General

cc: Mr. Palmatier, Director of Finance

¹ Jefferson Parish Resolution #125245 approving settlement for \$53,119,542.16 relevant to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill and further delineating distribution of funds.