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**COUNSEL FOR WALTON  
COUNTY MAKES BP OIL SPILL  
PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST.**

Matthews & Hawkins, P.A. made the request to the Office of the Attorney General and Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting information/documentation regarding the \$25,000,000 block grant given to the State of Florida by BP as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The public records request seeks (i) documentation showing any conditions imposed on the State of Florida in disbursing said \$25 million block grant; (ii) documents exchanged between the State of Florida and BP in anticipation of the grant and the subsequent approval by BP of the state's request to disburse any portion of said grant; (iii) a copy of the Area Contingency Plan; (iv) plans of action submitted by BP to the FDEP since April 20, 2010 for the protection of Florida's coastal zone as well as FDEP's responses thereto; and (v) any third-party Public Records Requests received

by the State of Florida and FDEP since April 20, 2010 concerning BP, or the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Dana Matthews stated "This information request is the first step we are taking to make sure money provided to our state gets to the people who need it most, and right now that is the people of Northwest Florida. Walton County and the Walton County Sheriff are proactively leading the charge to mitigate the environmental damages to our beaches and waters, and we need to ensure that BP doesn't impede those efforts."

Matthews & Hawkins is helping local property owners, businesses and local government navigate the complex legal issues posed by this tragic disaster. You may call **(850) 837-3662** or email [oilclaims@destinlaw.com](mailto:oilclaims@destinlaw.com) for **additional information.**

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