

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6016

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To provide for a GAO investigation and audit of the operations of the fund created by BP to compensate persons affected by the Gulf oil spill.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Audit the BP Fund  
3 Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall  
6 conduct an ongoing independent investigation and audit  
7 of the operations of the fund and claims process created  
8 by BP to compensate persons affected by the BP Deep-  
9 water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico beginning  
10 on April 20, 2010, as those operations take place to deter-  
11 mine their effectiveness, including the timeliness of claim  
12 payments and the accuracy of those operations in deter-  
13 mining amounts of damages compensated.

14 (b) USE OF SUBPOENA POWER.—The Comptroller  
15 General may use any investigative powers, including those  
16 of subpoena granted to the Comptroller General for the  
17 purposes of other investigations and audits, to conduct  
18 this investigation and audit.

19 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Every 90 days during  
20 the operations, and once after all those operations are  
21 completed, the Comptroller General shall report to Con-  
22 gress on the effectiveness of those operations.

23 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

25 (1) BP should fully cooperate with the Comp-  
26 troller General to assure that the BP relief fund is

1 accurately, expediently, and efficiently compensating  
2 Gulf coast victims of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil  
3 spill for their losses; and

4 (2) the costs incurred by the Comptroller Gen-  
5 eral to carry out responsibilities under this Act  
6 should be reimbursed by BP.

Passed the House of Representatives September 28,  
2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*