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### **AG's Office Rebukes John Barry in Levee Board Lawsuit**

Baton Rouge – Louisiana’s First Assistant Attorney General Trey Phillips issued the following statement today with regard to recent statements made by John Barry, Vice President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E):

“Recently, John Barry, Vice President of SLFPA-E, has made representations in various venues that the SLFPA-E, through its recently retained attorneys, contacted the Attorney General’s B.P. trial counsel, Allan Kanner, and that he, Kanner, opined that the suit filed by the SLFPA-E against 97 oil and gas industry defendants did not negatively impact the state’s efforts to collect damages from B.P. in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill litigation. The suit is entitled ‘Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East et al. v. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, et al.’

“Mr. Barry’s statements are totally untrue. What did happen was that Barry’s attorneys contacted Mr. Kanner by phone and asked if he would like to be co-counsel in the SLFPA-E’s lawsuit. Mr. Kanner immediately declined and informed them that he had a conflict of interest regarding their suit.

“Absolutely no representation was ever made by Mr. Kanner that Mr. Barry’s suit was not detrimental to the state’s B.P. litigation. It never happened.”

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