

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
WESTERN DIVISION**

STEPHEN HEARN, on behalf of himself  
and all others similarly situated;  
JESSE and SUSAN FREY, on behalf of themselves  
and all others similarly situated;  
RANDY and JOYCE PALMER, on behalf of themselves  
and all others similarly situated; and  
SAM and APRIL LANE, on behalf of themselves  
and all others similarly situated

PLAINTIFFS

v. NO. 4:11CV00474 JLH (LEAD)  
NO. 4:11CV00475 JLH  
NO. 4:11CV00476 JLH  
NO. 4:11CV00477 JLH

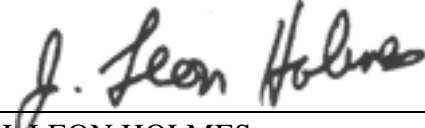
BHP BILLITON PETROLEUM (ARKANSAS),  
INC.; BHP BILLITON PETROLEUM  
(FAYETTEVILLE) LLC; CHESAPEAKE  
OPERATING, INC.; and CLARITA OPERATING, LLC

DEFENDANTS

**ORDER**

The plaintiffs have filed motions for consolidation and appointment of interim class counsel in each of the above-numbered cases. Each of the motions is granted. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a), the above-numbered cases are hereby consolidated. All pleadings, motions, and other documents will be filed in No. 4:11CV00474-JLH, using the style shown above. Emerson Poynter LLP and Wyly-Rommel PLLC are hereby appointed as interim class counsel pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(g)(3). The Clerk is directed to terminate administratively case Nos. 4:11CV00475, 4:11CV00476, and 4:11CV00477.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of August, 2011.

  
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J. LEON HOLMES  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE