

Probe Doesn't Find Fraud At BP Spill Claims Office

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The head of security for the administrator of BP's multibillion-dollar settlement with Gulf Coast residents and businesses says an internal probe of alleged misconduct by an employee of a Mobile, Ala. claims center hasn't turned up any evidence of [fraud](#) [1].

BP said it received a tip in July that someone who worked at the Mobile office helped people submit fraudulent claims in exchange for some of the settlement money.

But David Welker, a former FBI supervisor who now works for claims administrator Patrick Juneau, says in a letter last week that his investigation found no evidence of fraud in any of the claims handled by the employee.

[BP](#) [2] cited the employee's alleged misconduct in its Aug. 5 request for a federal judge to temporarily suspend all settlement payments.

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