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Texas Supreme Court Finds Anadarko is Entitled to Over \$100 Million in Deepwater Horizon Defense Costs Based on Undefined Term in Insurance Policy

Meghan H. Magruder, Anthony P. Tatum, Shelby S. Guilbert, Jr., Joseph M. Englert, Nicholas G. Hill

Insurance coverage litigation arising out of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion continues to result in important precedents that impact energy companies and policyholders with operations in Texas. On January 25, the Texas Supreme Court issued an opinion that opens the door for Anadarko to recover more than \$100 million for defense costs incurred during Deepwater Horizon litigation. More »



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Ten Reasons why international investors should be excited about Saudi Arabia's new PSP (PPP) Law

Tim Burbury and Timm Smith

From energy to water to hospitals to schools, Saudi Arabia is the midst of a public-private-partnership-fueled infrastructure boom, with a wave of announcements of major PPP projects emerging each month. Underpinning this wave will be the Private Sector Participation Law, recently published as a consultation draft. In this article, we outline key features of the PSP Law and why it represents good news for prospective international infrastructure investors. <u>More »</u>

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Supreme Court and EPA to Address Broad Expansion of Clean Water Act Liability by Lower Courts

Peter Hsiao, Adam G. Sowatzka, Patricia Barmeyer, Lewis Jones, Ilana Saltzbart, John Fortuna

In one of the most significant environmental cases this year, on February 19, 2019, the Supreme Court granted the petition for certiorari in Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, et al., v. County of Maui, where the Court will decide whether to affirm the Ninth Circuit's determination that Clean Water Act liability broadly extends to pollution that first moves through groundwater before reaching a federally regulated waterway. <u>More »</u>

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Arbitrate, or not to Arbitrate – That is the Question

Robert Garner, David Kiefer and Gregg Jacobson

When drafting and negotiating construction agreements for largescale energy and manufacturing projects, owners and contractors must carefully examine multiple factors, including enforceability, confidentiality, and discovery, to decide whether arbitration or litigation is right for their project. <u>More »</u>

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