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# News Release

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Editor's Note: The following is a statement from Ben Ramsey, executive director of the Indiana State Building and Construction Trades Council, regarding BP America's pledge operate its Whiting refinery to meet the lower discharge limits contained in the refinery's previous wastewater treatment permit.

## Construction Unions Statement on BP Refinery Pledge

Indianapolis, IN – "I applaud BP for its continued efforts to be a leader in environmental controls. It is unfortunate the regional political pressure has begun to derail BP's \$3.8 billion investment in its Whiting refinery. I hope that BP together with Argonne National Laboratory and Purdue University can make BP's wastewater discharges 100% pure, instead of 99.995% pure, within the next 18 months. Otherwise, the new regulatory uncertainty will have cost Northwest Indiana 2,500 construction jobs, and the Midwest much needed refining capacity."

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