

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Kurtis A. Meek v. BP Products North America, Inc., et al.

No. 2:25-cv-3318-DC-JDP (PS), United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (January 13,
2026)

OPINION

Kurtis A. Meek v. BP Products North America, Inc., et al.

PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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10 11 KURTIS A. MEEK, Case No. 2:25-cv-3318-DC-JDP (PS) 12 Plaintiff,

13 v. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

14 BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA,

INC., et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 18 The court previously issued an order setting an initial
scheduling conference for January 19 15, 2026, and directing the parties to file status reports by
no later than January 5, 2026. ECF

20 No. 6. Defendants timely submitted a status report. Plaintiff, however, failed to file his own
21 status report. 22 To manage its docket effectively, the court imposes deadlines on litigants and
requires 23 litigants to meet those deadlines. The court may impose sanctions, including
dismissing a case, 24 for failure to comply with its orders or local rules. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b);
Hells Canyon Pres. 25 Council v. U.S. Forest Serv., 403 F.3d 683, 689 (9th Cir. 2005); Carey v.
King, 856 F.2d 1439, 26 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988). Involuntary dismissal is a harsh penalty, but a
district court has a duty to 27 administer justice expeditiously and avoid needless burden for the
parties. See Pagtalunan v. 28 Galaza, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002); Fed. R. Civ. P. 1. 1 The
court will give plaintiff the opportunity to explain why sanctions should not be 2 | imposed for
failure to file a status report. Plaintiff's failure to respond to this order will constitute 3 | another
failure to comply with a court order and will result in a recommendation that this action 4 |
be dismissed. Should plaintiff wish to continue with this lawsuit, he shall also file a status report 5
|| as required by the court's December 5, 2025 order. See ECF No. 6. 6 Accordingly, it is hereby
ORDERED that: 7 1. The initial scheduling conference currently set for January 15, 2026, is
continued to 8 | February 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. 9 2. By no later than January 29, 2026, plaintiff
shall file a status report in accordance with 10 | the court's December 5, 2025 order. See ECF No.
6. 11 3. Plaintiff shall show cause, by no later than January 29, 2026, why sanctions should not 12
| be imposed for failure to comply with the court's December 5, 2025 order. 13 4. On the court's
own motion, plaintiff's motion to remand, ECF No. 8, is set for hearing 14 | on February 19, 2026,

at 10:00 a.m. 15 5. Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions,
including a 16 || recommendation that this action be dismissed for lack of prosecution and for
failure to comply 17 | with court orders. 18 19 IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: _ January 13, 2026 q

21 JEREMY D. PETERSON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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