

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL OF  
 BALTIMORE

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Petition No. 52  
 September Term, 2025

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v.

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(No. 1290, Sept. Term, 2024  
 Appellate Court of Maryland)

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B.P. P.L.C., et al.

(Cir. Ct. No. 24-C-18-004219)

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY,  
 MARYLAND

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Petition No. 52  
 September Term, 2025

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v.

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(No. 2308, Sept. Term, 2024  
 Appellate Court of Maryland)

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B.P. P.L.C., et al.

(Cir. Ct. No. C-02-CV-21-000250)

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CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

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O R D E R

Upon consideration of the petition for a writ of certiorari to the Appellate Court of Maryland, the respondents' answer and cross-petition for writ of certiorari, and the answer to the cross-petition, it is this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, by the Supreme Court of Maryland,

ORDERED that the petition is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the cross-petition for writ of certiorari is granted as to the cross-

petitioners' second, third, and fourth questions only;<sup>1</sup> and it is further

ORDERED that a writ of certiorari shall issue to the Appellate Court of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this case is transferred to the regular docket as No. 11, September Term, 2025 (SCM-REG-0011-2025); and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 8-111(a) (the party first appealing the decision of the trial court is designated as the appellant), the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Anne Arundel County, and the City of Annapolis are designated as the appellants/cross-appellees and BP, P.L.C., et al. are designated as the appellees/cross-appellants; and it is further

ORDERED that the appellants'<sup>2</sup> brief and record extract shall be filed on or before June 3, 2025. The appellees/cross-appellants' brief shall be filed on or before July 3, 2025. The cross-appellees' brief shall be filed on or before August 4, 2025. The parties' briefs and the record extract shall be filed through the MDEC system in accordance with Maryland Rules 8-501, 8-502, 20-403, 20-404, and 20-406<sup>3</sup>; and it is further

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<sup>1</sup> As stated by the cross-petitioners, the questions read:

2. Whether Respondents' complaints state claims for public and private nuisance.
3. Whether Respondents' complaints state claims for strict liability and negligent failure to warn.
4. Whether Respondents' complaints state claims for trespass.

<sup>2</sup> The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore filed an opening brief in No. 1290 in the Appellate Court. It may refile that brief in this Court, if appropriate, or file a new brief addressing the questions on which certiorari is granted.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Rule 20-406, on the first business day following the electronic filing of a brief, the filing party must deliver eight paper copies of the brief to the Court or place the copies in the U.S. Mail or with a third-party commercial carrier for delivery to the Court.

ORDERED that this case is scheduled for argument during the October 2025 session of the Court. Arguments in the October session will be scheduled on October 1, 3, 6 and 7, 2025. Counsel should immediately notify the Clerk's Office if they have conflicts on any of these dates.



/s/ Matthew J. Fader  
Chief Justice

\*Justice Biran did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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STATE OF MARYLAND, to wit:

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND:

WHEREAS, *Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City v. BP P.L.C., et al*, No. 1290, September Term, 2024, *Anne Arundel County Maryland v. BP PLC, et al*, No. 2308, September Term, 2024, and *City of Annapolis v. BP PLC, et al*, No. 2309, September Term, 2024, are pending before your Court and the Supreme Court is willing that the records and proceedings

therein be certified to it.

You are hereby commanded to have the records transmitted to the Supreme Court of Maryland on or before May 8, 2025, together with this writ, for this Court to proceed thereon as justice may require.

WITNESS the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.



/s/ Gregory Hilton  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of Maryland