

5206 (the "Stafford Act"). The basis for my decision to make this declaration pursuant to section 501(b) of the Stafford Act includes the fact that the space shuttle and the space program are Federal property and Federal programs. I, therefore, declare that such an emergency exists for this event.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to coordinate and direct other Federal agencies and fund activities not authorized under other Federal statutes and allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Pursuant to this emergency declaration, you are authorized to provide emergency assistance as you deem appropriate under Title V of the Stafford Act at 100 percent Federal funding in the State of Texas.

Pursuant to this emergency declaration, you are also authorized to provide only Federal Operations Support for debris removal under Title V of the Stafford Act, at 100 percent Federal funding, in any other State where you determine the need exists. FEMA will consult with the Governor of any affected State before providing assistance.

This declaration does not affect the February 1, 2003, declaration under the Stafford Act for Louisiana as a result of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Alexander S. Wells of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Texas to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

Anderson, Angelina, Bell, Cherokee, Collin, Comanche, Dallas, Eastland, Ellis, Franklin, Freestone, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hunt, Jefferson, Johnson, Kaufman, Leon, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Orange, Panola, Parker, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Upshur, Walker, Williamson, and Wood Counties for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program at 100 percent Federal funding.

Further, Federal Operations Support for debris removal (Category A) may be provided in any other State where I determine, at a later date, that the need exists.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services

Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3171-EM]

Space Shuttle Columbia; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the Space Shuttle Columbia, (FEMA-3171-EM), dated February 1, 2003, as amended, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the emergency declaration for the Space Shuttle Columbia is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared an emergency by the President in his declaration of February 1, 2003, as amended:

Andrews, Bowie, Cameron, Camp, Chambers, Denton, El Paso, Hardin, Hood, Houston, Jackson, Limestone, Polk, Rockwall, Somervell, and Trinity Counties for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program at 100 percent Federal funding.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance

Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Joe M. Allbaugh,
Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3172-EM]

Louisiana; Emergency and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of Louisiana: Space Shuttle Columbia (FEMA-3172-EM), dated February 1, 2003, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a memorandum dated February 1, 2003, the President declared an emergency under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in certain areas of the State of Louisiana in connection with the events relating to the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia on February 1, 2003, are of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under section 501(b) of the Stafford Act includes the fact that the space shuttle and the space program are Federal property and Federal programs. I, therefore, declare that such an emergency exists in the State of Louisiana.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to coordinate and direct other Federal agencies and fund activities not authorized under other Federal statutes and allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Pursuant to this emergency declaration, you are authorized to provide emergency assistance as you deem appropriate under title V of the Stafford Act at 100 percent Federal funding.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Alexander S. Wells of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Louisiana to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

Bossier, Caddo, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, and Vernon Parishes for debris removal (Category A), and emergency protective measures (Category B), at 100 percent Federal funding under the Public Assistance program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-3172-EM]

Louisiana; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of an Emergency Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of Louisiana: Space Shuttle Columbia (FEMA-3172-EM), dated February 1, 2003, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 21, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of an emergency declaration for the State of Louisiana: Space Shuttle Columbia is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas

determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared an emergency by the President in his declaration of February 1, 2003:

Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, De Soto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Grant, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, and Winn Parishes for debris removal (Category A), and emergency protective measures (Category B), under the Public Assistance program at 100 percent Federal funding.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

Joe M. Allbaugh,

Director.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Open Meeting of the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS)

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: FEMA announces the following open meeting.

Name: Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS).

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2003.

Place: Building S, Room 113, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Proposed Agenda: Review and submission for approval of previous FICEMS Committee Meeting Minutes; Ambulance Design Subcommittee and Technology Subcommittee Reports; Counter-terrorism Subcommittee report; presentation of member agency reports; and reports of other interested parties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public with

limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. See the Response and Security Procedures below.

Response Procedures: Committee Members and members of the general public who plan to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Patti Roman, on or before Tuesday, March 4, 2003, via mail at NATEK Incorporated, 4200-G Technology Court, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, or by telephone at (703) 818-7070, or via facsimile at (703) 818-0165, or via e-mail at proman@natekinc.com. This is necessary to be able to create and provide a current roster of visitors to NETC Security per directives.

Security Procedures: Increased security controls and surveillance are in effect at the National Emergency Training Center. All visitors must have a valid picture identification card and their vehicles will be subject to search by Security personnel. All visitors will be issued a visitor pass that must be worn at all times while on campus. Please allow adequate time before the meeting to complete the security process.

Conference Call Capabilities: If you are not able to attend in person, a toll free number has been set up for teleconferencing. The toll free number will be available from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Members should call in around 10:30 a.m. The number is 1-800-320-4330. The FICEMS conference code is "10." If you plan to call in, you should just enter the number "10"—no need to hit any other buttons, such as the star or pound keys.

FICEMS Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available upon request 30 days after they have been approved at the next FICEMS Committee Meeting on June 5, 2003. The minutes will also be posted on the United States Fire Administration Web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/ems/ficems.htm> within 30 days after their approval at the June 5, 2003 FICEMS Committee Meeting.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

R. David Paulison,

U.S. Fire Administrator, United States Fire Administration.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Radiological Emergency Preparedness: Planning Guidance

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency.