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SUBJECT: School Meals Programs: Hurricane Rita: Extending Waivers from
Hurricane Katrina

TO: Special Nutrition Programs
All Regions
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Child Nutrition Programs
All States

This memorandum extends the waivers issued for the school meals programs as a result of Hurricane Katrina to areas affected by Hurricane Rita. All of the provisions summarized in the September 22, 2005, memorandum are extended to local educational agencies and States as applicable. The same time frames established in that memorandum apply to Hurricane Rita, including emergency feeding and extension of deadlines for submitting claims.

We will continue to monitor the situation in these areas to determine if additional waivers or extensions are appropriate. If there are any questions concerning this memorandum, State agencies should contact their Regional office.

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