

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

We encourage you to visit State emergency management agencies for information and access to each state. You can find a complete listing of agencies at: <http://www.fema.gov/about/contact/statedr.shtm>

Many state agencies post current SIT REPS (situational reports) which may be helpful for your situational awareness.

DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN THE GULF STATES

Currently there are many listings from non-profits requesting assistance. We encourage you to support the relief efforts with the voluntary agency of your choice. However, if you don't know where to start, we encourage you to visit the <http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/> for more information on how you can help.

To connect directly with the State Donation Management Portals, feel free to click below:

- Alabama: <http://www.servealabama.gov> and <http://www.gov.state.la.us/>
- Florida: <http://www.fccs.org>
- Louisiana: <http://www.volunteerlouisiana.gov> and <http://www.gov.state.la.us/> and <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/>
- Mississippi: <http://www.volunteermississippi.org>
- Texas: <http://www.texasresponds.org>

FEDERAL HURRICANE RESPONSE WEB SITES

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/media/multimedia/2008/gustav/index.html>
- Disasterhelp.gov News Feeds: <http://www.disasterhelp.gov/news-feeds.shtm>
- U.S. FreedomCorps (Volunteers & Donations): <http://www.freedomcorps.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Energy: http://www.oe.netl.doe.gov/emergency_sit_rpt.aspx
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/disasters/emergency/naturaldisasters/hurricanes/hanna/index.html>
- U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/hurricaneRecovery.html>
- U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/hurricane-recovery.htm>
- U.S. Postal Service: <http://www.usps.com/communications/news/serviceupdates/gustav.htm?from=bannercommunications&page=hurricaneupdates>
- Social Security Administration: <http://www.ssa.gov/hurricane/>
- Northern Command: <http://www.northcom.mil/News/2008/Gustav/index.html>
- National Guard Bureau: <http://www.ngb.army.mil/features/gustav/default.aspx>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/ s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=HurricaneInfo.xml>
- IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Businesses: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=156138,00.html>
- Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Information: <http://www.sba.gov/hurricanes/index.html>
- FEMA National Flood Insurance Program: <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>
- Environmental Protection Agency: For reporting environmental hazards, contact the National Response Center at National Response Center 1-800-424-8802 or visit <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/emergenc.htm>

HOW TO FIND LOVED ONES

FEMA has launched the National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System at <https://asd.fema.gov/inter/nefrls/home.htm> or via phone at 1-800-588-9822. To make a report for a missing child please call at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: 1-866-908-9570 or visit their Web site at <http://www.missingkids.com/>

HOW TO CONNECT WITH FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

FEMA offers two ways to apply for disaster assistance. The newest is to apply on-line through the Online Individual Assistance Center at <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/> or you can call FEMA to register 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) and register over the phone or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech and hearing impaired. Frequently asked questions about registering for FEMA Assistance can be found at http://www.fema.gov/assistance/registration_faqs.shtm

FEDERAL HURRICANE RESPONSE WIDGET (WEB TOOL) AVAILABLE – PLEASE POST ON YOUR WEB SITE TODAY!

The Federal Hurricane Response widget is a web tool designed to help share information during a major emergency with links to authoritative federal government sites on how to get help; finding friends and family; health and safety information; how to donate and volunteer; and a summary of what the government is doing. The widget is available for anyone to put on their websites, their MySpace pages and their blogs and includes a link to the embedding instructions.

Click here for instructions and the widget: http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/gc_1220128923561.shtm
Have questions? Email Gwynne Kostin, Director, DHS Web Communications at Gwynne.Kostin@hq.dhs.gov

DISASTER RECOVERY PURCHASING

Under the Disaster Recovery Purchasing Program, state and local government entities may purchase a variety of products and services from contracts awarded under GSA Federal Supply Schedules to facilitate recovery from a major disaster. To learn more about the GSA Disaster Recovery program click <http://www.gsa.gov/disasterrecovery>
CONNECTING WITH GOVERNMENT

FEMA's Private Sector Office has dedicated personnel at the FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) to work with the business community to answer questions and handle requests for information. To contact the private sector desk at the NRCC please email FEMA-NRCC-PRIVATE-SECTOR@dhs.gov

The DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection is specifically working with our nation's owner and operators of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources in the affected region under the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (www.dhs.gov/nipp) construct and per the National Response Framework. If you should have a request for information or a need to reach out to this office please contact the National Infrastructure Coordination Center at (202) 282-9201 or email at nicc@dhs.gov (More on the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection here: http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/gc_1185203138955.shtm)

The DHS Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives can assist you in locating information volunteering to assist and donation management. Feel free to reach to this office via email at infofbc@dhs.gov

Small Business Administration for information on SBA disaster loans: 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

HOW DOES THE GOVERNMENT RESPOND DURING A DISASTER? THE NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

The National Response Framework is a guide that details how the Nation conducts all-hazards response from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe. This document establishes a comprehensive, national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response. The Framework identifies the key response principles, as well as the roles and structures that organize national response. It describes how communities, States, the Federal Government and private-sector and nongovernmental partners apply these principles for a coordinated, effective national response. In addition, it describes special circumstances where the Federal Government exercises a larger role, including incidents where Federal interests are involved and catastrophic incidents where a State would require significant support. It lays the groundwork for first responders, decision-makers and supporting entities to provide a unified national response.

In addition to releasing the NRF base document, the Emergency Support Function Annexes and Support Annexes are available on-line at the NRF Resource Center. The annexes are a total of 23 individual documents designed to provide concept of operations, procedures and structures for achieving response directives for all partners in fulfilling their roles under the NRF.

The National Response Framework is available on FEMA's Web site at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/>