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Alexander Releases Outline of Gustav Recovery Services to Assist Constituents

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In an effort to assist 5th District residents with obtaining Hurricane Gustav relief, U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, today released the following compilation of recovery services available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as recently announced by the agencies. This information and more is found on the State of Louisiana's Web site, <http://emergency.louisiana.gov/>.

For concerns not addressed in the outline below, please call Alexander's Monroe office at (318) 322-3577 or the Alexandria office at (318) 445-0818.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

► Agriculture Disaster Relief

Louisiana Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 631
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
1-866-927-2476; 225-922-1234

Hurricane Gustav Disaster Checklist for Farmers and Agribusiness Professionals:

- Go to your local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office and sign up for the Supplemental Revenue Payments or "SURE" program by **September 16**. The deadline for filing for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is also **September 16**.
- Register with FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA) for disaster assistance. Go to the FEMA Web site for more information: www.fema.gov/
- Contact your crop insurance agent.
- Take photographs and/or video of your damages.
- Keep and maintain accurate and detailed records of crop damages and cleanup.
- Keep records of additional labor and expenses in clean-up work.
- If you harvest your crop, leave a 10-foot representative strip in each field to be inspected by an insurance adjuster.
- Do not destroy any damaged crops until it has been inspected by an insurance

adjuster.

► **Federal Food Assistance Provided by the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service**

- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/response/2008-hurricanes.htm>
- (703) 305-2010

Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA

► **Major Disaster Declaration and Assistance Programs**

On September 2, 2008, President Bush issued a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Louisiana, triggering the release of federal funds to help communities and individuals recover from Hurricane Gustav which began September 1, 2008, and continuing.

Individuals living in parishes not yet included in the disaster area should still register with FEMA, as additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation. Call 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA) to register.

For questions or additional information on this Federal Emergency Declaration, please call the Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 646-4500.

Individual Assistance: (Assistance to individuals and households):

- Designated Parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, Washington and, West Feliciana Parishes.
- Toll-free Teleregistration number for disaster victims: 1-800-621-3362, TTD 1-800-462-7585.

Public Assistance:

- Designated Counties: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana Parishes for debris removal (Category A) under the Public Assistance program.
- Designated Parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Baton

Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, La Salle, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn Parishes for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance under the Public Assistance program.

Other Assistance:

► Disaster Unemployment Insurance (DUA)

People whose jobs have been lost or interrupted in the parishes eligible for individual disaster assistance as a result of Hurricane Gustav are eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

- Parishes in the 5th District are Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and Rapides.
- The deadline to file is **Oct 6, 2008**. Applications submitted later may be denied. DUA is available beginning Sept. 7, 2008, through March 7, 2009, as long as unemployment is due to the disaster.
- To file for benefits, call 1-800-957-1605.
- The LWC’s Business and Career Solutions Centers can help individuals file claims. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days per week.

► Disaster Food Stamps (DSFP)

Basic eligibility requirements:

- You and your family must have been living in one of the parishes included in the DFSP Disaster Area on August 29, 2008. *(See charts below.)*
- Your household must meet the income limits to qualify to receive benefits from the DFSP.
- Your household must have experienced one or more of the following as a direct result of Hurricane Gustav Health Unit Phone: 225-267-2542
 - Loss of Food
 - Damage to, or destruction of, your home or self-employment business
 - Disaster-related expenses for which you do not expect to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period
 - Loss or inaccessibility of income, including reduction or termination of income, or a significant delay in receipt of income due to the disaster

5th District Parishes included in the DFSP Disaster Area:

Site Name	Address	Parish
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Allen Parish Civic Center	609 Tiger Lane in Oberlin	Allen
Avoyelles OFS	607 Tunica Drive West in Marksville	Avoyelles
Our Lady Queen of all Saints Family Life Center	1220 Dardeau Street in Ville Platte	Evangeline
Plaquemine Civic Center	24700 J. Gerald Berrett Blvd. in Iberville	Iberville
Point Coupee Multi Use Center	1400 Major Parkway in New Roads	Point Coupee
Alexandria Mall	3437 Masonic Drive in Alexandria	Rapides
Rapides Parish OFS Center	900 Murray Street in Alexandria	Rapides

Urban sites in non-declared parishes: (*Residents of declared parishes may visit one of these sites to apply. All sites are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.*)

Site Name	Address	Parish
Ouachita OFS	1306 N 19th St. in Monroe	Ouachita

► **Temporary Housing/Sheltering**

For individuals whose homes are damaged and uninhabitable, FEMA may be able to pay for a hotel or motel room for you and your family.

- 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585
- Apply online at www.fema.org
- For information on regarding shelters, call 1-800-REDCROSS

► **Operation Blue Roof (Temporary Roofing)**

The following parishes in the 5th District are covered under the Blue Roof Program: Iberville and Pointe Coupee. The Blue Roof will be installed free of charge.

- Homeowners whose roofs have less than 50 percent structural damage can call 1-888-ROOF-BLU for a Right of Entry Collections Center location.

► **Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) / 5th District**

MDRC Pointe Coupee Parish
 Scott Civic Center
 1200 Major Parkway
 New Roads, LA 70760
 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday – Saturday

► **Disaster Legal Services**

Local volunteer attorneys, through the American Bar Association, are available to give free legal services related to the disaster, in a fair, nondiscriminatory, and equitable way. Individuals needing assistance and advice should call 1-800-310-7029.

The kind of legal help available includes, but not limited to:

- Help with insurance claims (life, medical, property, etc.)
- Counseling on landlord-tenant and other housing problems
- Assistance with home repair contracts
- Assistance in consumer protection matters, remedies and procedures
- Counseling on mortgage foreclosure problems
- Replacement of wills and other important documents destroyed in a major disaster
- Drafting of powers of attorney /Estate administration
- Referring individuals to local or state agencies which might be of further assistance.

► **Small Business Administration (SBA)**

To apply:

- 1-800-659-2955
- <http://www.sba.gov>
- TTY (hearing impaired): 1-800-877-8339

► **Occupational Health**

Federal Occupational Health (FOH) Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)

Occupational Health Center

- **Clinicians:** CDR Daryl Perry, RN, BSN, COHN-S
 - Health Unit Phone: 225-267-2542
 - LT Colleen Kerr, RN
 - FEMA Cell: 832-851-0002
 - Erika Camper, RN
 - FEMA Cell: 832-851-0002
- **Services:** On-site first aid, health promotion, emergency response, immunizations, physician-prescribed services
- **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week
- **Location:** FEMA JFO, 415 N 15th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (2nd floor by escalators)

► **Crisis Counseling**

- The Crisis Counseling Program provides short-term crisis counseling services to eligible survivors of federally declared major disasters. Referral services and short-term intervention counseling is available. The goal of Crisis Counseling is to assist individuals in coping with the psychological aftermath of the disaster.
- Individuals needing assistance should call: 1-800-273-TALK

► **Stress Management**

FOH EAP Stress Management and Counseling

- **Counselor:** LCDR Todd E. Johnson, LCSW, FOH Stress
 - FEMA Cell: 337-764-1520
 - Vicki Clark, LCMFT, CEAP, SAP, FOH Stress

- FEMA Cell: (337) 764-1520
- **Services:** Phone consults, individual de-stress sessions, stress presentations at your site, identify personal and professional resources, unlimited supervisor consults. Increase your resiliency at our FOH EAP stress management center.
- **Hours:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m, seven days
- **Location:** FEMA JFO, 415 N 15th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, 2nd Floor by Escalators
- 24-hour FOH EAP crisis line: 1-800-222-0364

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