

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Kenneth Clark, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

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

El Paso County for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance.

El Paso County in the State of Texas is eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**R. David Paulison,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

[FEMA-1606-DR]

**Texas; Amendment No. 9 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration**

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Texas (FEMA-1606-DR), dated September 24, 2005, and related determinations.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* August 18, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Public Law 109-234, FEMA is amending the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford

Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206, for the State of Texas, declared on September 24, 2005, due to damage resulting from Hurricane Rita. As required by Public Law 109-234, the States of Texas and Louisiana, declared major disasters on September 24, 2005, as a result of Hurricane Rita, must be treated equally for purposes of cost-share adjustments. The Texas major disaster declaration is amended as follows:

Federal funds for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program, are authorized at 100 percent of total eligible costs, through and including June 30, 2006. Effective July 1, 2006, the Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program, is authorized at 90 percent of total eligible costs. Further, Federal funds for all categories of Public Assistance are authorized at 90 percent of total eligible costs, except assistance previously approved at 100 percent.

This adjustment to State and local cost sharing applies only to Public Assistance costs and direct Federal assistance eligible for such adjustments under the law. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act specifically prohibits a similar adjustment for funds provided to States for Other Needs Assistance (Section 408) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Section 404). These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

This cost share is effective as of the date of the President's major disaster declaration.

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**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**Open Meeting, Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announces the following committee meeting:

*Name:* Board of Visitors (BOV) for the National Fire Academy.

*Dates of Meeting:* October 5-7, 2006

*Place:* Building H, Room 300, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

*Time:* October 5, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; October 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; October 7, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

*Proposed Agenda:* Review National Fire Academy Program Activities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announces that the committee meeting will be open to the public in the Emmitsburg commuting area with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the general public who plan to participate in the meeting should contact the Office of the Superintendent, National Fire Academy, U.S. Fire Administration, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, (301) 447-1117, on or before September 27, 2006.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available for public viewing in the Office of the U.S. Fire Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request within 60 days after the meeting.

The National Fire Academy Board of Visitors is administered by the United States Fire Administration, which is currently being transferred to the newly created Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. During this transition FEMA, also part of the Department of Homeland Security, will continue to support this program as the new Directorate stands up. Ultimately this function will be transferred to the Preparedness Directorate.