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Corps of Engineers debris removal reaches 100,000 cubic yards and growing

Beaumont, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to implement the debris removal mission for Hurricane Rita affected areas.

So far the Corps has collected about 100,000 cubic yards of vegetation debris which includes trees and limbs. Currently debris removal requests have been received from the following area officials: City of Jasper, Kirbyville, Liberty County, Liberty City, Dayton, Nacogdoches County, Newton County, City of Newton, All of Orange County, Polk County, Livingston, Sabine County, San Augustine County and the City of San Augustine.

In order to make the debris removal process faster, the Corps reminds every one to separate their debris into two piles vegetation debris, and construction debris. Household trash should be kept separate and will be collected by the regular trash service. Vegetation and construction debris should be placed in the public right-of-way, not in ditches or in the center of roadways.

The Corps along with the debris removal contractor continue to add personnel to their debris teams in order to accomplish the mission as quickly as possible.