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From: LA DCO (CDR, 4th BDE 75th DIV (TS))

To: CDR, JTF-Katrina (CG, First U.S. Army)

Classification: <u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>

Operation: DCE Louisiana Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Support

Period Covered: 231900S SEP 05 – 241900S SEP 05 as of: 241900S SEP 05

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b. Transportation.

• A mission assignment has been approved for the mass transit project. The initial hiring of 100 bus drivers is complete.

c. Ports.

Mississippi River: • Lower Mississippi River up to mile marker 235 (Baton Rouge, LA) has been closed to all traffic due to the tropical storm warning associated with Hurricane Rita. (*ESF RITA Report 240130S SEP 05*)

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- The following roads are closed temporarily due to weather damage: La 37 from La 3034 to north of LA 64; U.S. 61 at Orleans/Jefferson parish line; I-10 at Bonnabel; LA 45 at Fisher; River Road at the Orleans Parish line; U.S. 90 at the Orleans Parish line; US 61 at LA 3046; I-10 at Metairie Rd / City Park Ave; Paris Road at Interstate 610; I-10 East/Bonnabel exit; LA 39 (W. Judge Perez) at Orleans Parish Line; US 51 at mile post 8.0 (Ruddock Exit); LA 182 from the Amelia bridge to LA 662; LA 1 south of the Leon Theriot floodgate; LA 315 south of Doctor Beatrice Road; LA 55 south of LA 665; LA 56 south of LA 58; LA 57 at the Ashland Mini Mart south; LA 27 from I-10 to LA 14; LA 82 from Deep Bayou Road to Teal Street; LA 82 from LA 27 to LA 3147; US 171; LA 1111 at LA 1112; LA 13 North of Crowley; LA 3042 near Chicot State Park; LA 182 near Sand Dagger Road; LA 329 at LA 14; LA 344 at LA 86; LA 675; LA 676 half a mile off LA 675; LA 14 in Delcambre; Kaliste Saloom Rd. north of LA 733; LA 182 just north of Interstate 49; La 182 at Malapart Rd; LA 3095 north of LA 733; LA 339 south of Amb. Caffery; La 339 at La 92; LA 724 across from Catholic Church; LA 724 near LA 343; LA 92 between Maurice and

Youngsville; LA 92 East of Gallet Road; LA 98 East of Moss Street; Ridge Rd. at LA 343; Hwy 742- 1/2 mile south of Hwy 190; LA 182 north of the solid waste facility; LA 31 at LA 347; LA 93 in Cankton; LA 31 three miles north of Parks; LA 347 between LA 686 and LA 678; LA 317 south of the intracoastal waterway; LA 319 south of LA 83; LA 83 south of Glencoe; US 90 at the Berwick light and Bayou Vista; LA 14 bypass in Erath; LA 14 @ LA 89; La 331 south to La 330; LA 333 is closed from LA 82 to Intracoastal City; LA 82 from Intercoastal to Camaron Parish Line; LA 82 near Woodlawn Road; US 167 north of LA 14; I-10 westbound is closed at Oak Harbor; LA-22; LA 433 @ Salmen St.; LA Hwy. 433; US Hwy. 11; I-55 off ramps to Manchac. These roads will be reopened as soon as cleanup operations permit (*LA State Police Road Closures List 24 SEP 05*)

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g. Airport Information.

- ESF-1 Air operations are responding moved airbus operations from Baton Rouge Airport to the Alexandria Airport for fixed-wing operations to shuttle evacuees to destination yet to be determined. (JFO SITREP#29 23 SEP 05).
- The following airports are reporting a fully operational status as of 240700SSEP05: Acadiana Regional, Alexandria International, Baton Rouge Metropolitan, Houma Terrebonne, Lafayette Regional, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International, Monroe Regional, and Shreveport. Lake Charles and New Orleans Lakefront Completely Closed (Air Traffic Report 240700SSEP05)

h. Rail. No Change.

- Rail operations in New Orleans are suspended following the closure of the flood gates in NOLA. This is causing a reduction in foreign railroad operations. Tentative restoration of operations is 26 SEP 05. (JFO SITREP# 29, 23 SEP 05).
- i. Military. There are 14,244 Title 10 active duty and 32,159 National Guardsmen (19,529 IN LA) supporting relief operations in the Katrina Joint Operations Area. An additional 5800 National Guardsmen supporting TF Rita in LA (*J-1Update 241700SSEP05*). Missions include security-law enforcement, debris clearance, water/ice/food distribution, medical evacuation, search and rescue, infrastructure, and firefighting. All Air and Army Guardsmen are currently serving in a state active duty status. National Guard redeployments began on 11 SEP and will continue as missions are completed.

U.S. ground forces are currently preparing to weather Hurricane Rita from places of refuge. Force is posturing for rapid response into the anticipated most affected areas of the storm.

3. Operations.

a. Significant Operational Events:

Current number of Katrina ARFs to date:

- a. 82- Total Received
- b. 30- Redirected/Cancelled
- c. 6 Working
- d. 45 Turned into MA

New Action Request Forms (ARF) received in the last 24 hours: 6

ARF:	Description:
RITA- 009	Governor requests DoD response operations for RITA
RITA- 004	Helicopter support for rapid needs assessment missions post hurricane landfall
RITA- 041	Req. Civil Air Patrol assets as needed for response and recovery
RITA- 043	Request 6 Heavy helicopters to carry 14 pax and 600lb of equip to support ESF9 Search and Rescue
RITA- 066	96 health professionals for work in shelters throughout the state
RITA- 067	20,000 cots for Camp Beauregard

- Current number of Mission Assignments (MA):
 - a. 45- Total Received
 - b. 12- Active working
 - c. 32- Complete or inactive

New Mission Assignment (MA) received in the last 24 hours: 7

Mission Assignment	Description:	
DoD-38 amend 1	De-obligate and cancel mission	
3260EM LA-DOD01	Support to AR (Cancelled)	
3260EM LA-DOD02	Support to LA (Cancelled)	
3260EM LA-DOD03	Deploy DCO/DCE for Rita	
3260EM LA-DOD04	All response for Rita (DFA)	
3260EM LA-DOD05 All response for Rita (FOS)		
3260EM LA-DOD06	Air and ground evacuation assets for evacuees	

- Current number of Mission Taskers:
 - a. 24- Total Received
 - b. 11- Active working
 - c. 13- Complete or inactive

(DNRIF)

New Taskers received in the last 24 hours: 1

Taskers:	Description:
Rita-DoD-36-001	10 all weather capable helicopters for Rita support

Rita-DoD-36-002	6 Heavy Lift Helicopters for USR
3260EM-LA-DOD05 Task #2	96 health professionals for work in shelters throughout the state
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Assignments closed or completed in the last 24 hours: 0

Mission Assignment or Mission Tasker #	Description
No Change	

- Approximately 400,000 residents of Louisiana have evacuated. (FEMA Executive Brief 231800S SEP 05)
- New Orleans Levees: 2 confirmed overtoppings at the Industrial Canal, one is flooding
 the Lower 9th Ward, the other is on the west side close to Lake Pontchartrain, inundate
 the City of New Orleans. Flooding into areas previously flooded. Assessments
 unavailable until weather improve. USACE teams on site-working with St. Bernard
 Parish-pump stations operating London Ave and 17th Street canal levees currently
 unaffected (FEMA Executive Brief 231800S SEP 05) (JTF-K Commander's
 Assessment 230700S SEP 05)
- As Hurricane Rita floods portions of New Orleans, previous expectations for the
 unwatering schedule are affected. As soon as it is safe enough to reoccupy the
 worksites, the unwatering team will recommence unwatering. At this point, realistic
 predictions must await information about the extent of new flooding and pump
 capacity. (ESF Katrina Report 240130S SEP 05)
- The Army will begin dropping sandbags by air as soon as possible. Weather is preventing this effort today. Sheet Piling at the 17th Street and London Avenue canals remain in place. (ESF Katrina Report 240130S SEP 05).
- LA Critical Infrastructure: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reports that the Waterford nuclear power plant, 20 mi. W of New Orleans and the River Bend, 24 mi. NW of Baton Rouge are currently operating at 100% power. (FEMA Executive Brief 231800S SEP 05)
- The Louisiana Off-Shore Oil Port (LOOP) has temporarily suspended marine operations and evacuated its workers. (FEMA Executive Brief 231800S SEP 05)
- ESF-7 Resource Support is continues to stockpile commodities at Camp Beauregard, Ft. Worth, and Ft. Sam Houston, TX to meet immediate needs after Hurricane Rita hits land (FEMA Executive Brief 231800S SEP 05).
- Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces in New Orleans, Louisiana reinitiated secondary search operations search and rescue operations due to flooding after Hurricane Rita (FEMA Executive Brief 241500SSEP05).
- 14th CSH is located at the Convention Center and is now level III capable (*JTF-Katrina SITREP# 22, 231259SSEP05*).
- TF AA is conducting search and rescue patrols in Orleans Parish after Hurricane Rita passes. (FEMA Executive Brief 241500SSEP05
- Upon passage of Rita, JLC continues management of equipment turn-in and TOA with TF Belle Chasse. (JTF-K Commander's Assessment 230700S SEP 05)

- Initial Rita Parish Damage Report: (From a conference call with affected LA Parishes at 241100SSEP05)
 - DOTD reports the Harvey tunnel bridge closed to marine traffic,
 Crescent City connection is closed except to emergency traffic;
 - Ascension Parish: Pumps are working; river OK 15-20 road closures due to water, 5-7" of water overnight.
 - Acadia Parish reports touchdown of a tornado; 40% of the power is out, flooding, and trees on roads
 - Assumption Parish: Trees down, sporadic power outages
 - Calcasieu Parish reports 4000 w/o power, flooding confirmed in Lake Charles from 2-6 feet, debris across I-10 at 353, barges may have struck the I-210 Bridge, 100% power outages, no water
 - Cameron Parish has extensive water and debris
 - Iberia Parish: severe flooding, people being evacuated by air boats
 - Iberville Parish: no flooding, 30% out of power
 - Jefferson Davis Parish reports 85% w/o power and poles are down, tidal flooding at Lafitte; water in the Harvey Canal is at the top of the levee; shelters are open, rescues are ongoing, flooding in low-lying area
 - Lafayette Parish has less than 2% w/o power,
 - Lower St Martin Parish says all power out; winds up to 50 mph and heavy rain falling
 - (FEMA has received no request for support yet)
 - Lafourche Parish has power outages and flooding, trees down, water over LA 1.
 - Orleans Parish has levee overtopping in 9th Ward and localized flooding
 - Plaquemines Parish has flooding in the south
 - St. James some power is out and trees down
 - St. Bernard Parish has flooding up to 4 foot deep from rising tides
 - St Landry parish has power outages and water system outages
 - St Martin Parish as about 50% w/o power and poles down
 - St Mary Parish has extensive power outages and the water plant is out
 - St Tammany Parish has power outages, normal coastal flooding as expected
 - St John Parish has power outages and road closures to downed trees
 - Tangipahoa parish has power outages
 - Terrebonne has 8-10 foot of water in southern part of the parish, scattered debris, water damage, and road closures, evacuating persons from Montague and 3 other locations, power outages
 - Vermillion Parish has flooding south on LA-14; reports lower Parish extensive flooding and most power out. damage to a lock, need a generator for a sewer plant
 - Washington Parish reports include power outages and fallen trees

- The National Guard Bureau had all of its more than 300,000 troops on alert for possible response to Hurricane Rita (Washington Post 23 SEP 05)
- 82nd Airborne DIVARTY LNO team and DIVARTY CDR linked up with CDR JTF-K and CDR, TF-Rita in Lafayette to coordinate capabilities required for support to TF Rita. Prepared to deploy to Lafayette to provide S&R and CSS. (JTF-Katrina SITREP# 22, 231259S SEP 05).
- 10x UH-60s tasked for Rapid Assessment and Search and rescue staged at Fort Rucker, AL until Hurricane Rita passes. (JTF-Katrina SITREP# 22, 231259S SEP 05).
- TF LOG Warrior operates from FOB at NOLA priority remains to provide anticipatory combat service support to TF AA and possibly TF Rita. (JTF-Katrina SITREP# 22, 231259S SEP 05).
- JTF AA is conducting search and rescue patrols in Orleans Parish with TF Panther (JTF-K Commander's Assessment 231900S SEP 05).
- JTF AA is also prepared to respond to other contingency missions in response to Hurricane Rita with DIVARTY, 2-319 FA and a Logistics TF to conduct DSCA and CSS to TF Rita in the Lafayette area (JTF-K Commander's Assessment 231900S SEP 05).
- Established JTF AA by assuming TACON of all Title X forces in the five parishes vicinity of New Orleans. They will be reorganized into required force dispositions following Hurricane Rita (JTF-K Commander's Assessment 231900S SEP 05).
- 54 QM Company deploys 5 Mortuary Affairs Team (26 PAX) to Lackland/Kelly AFB (Ft Sam Houston) via Meridian NAS, MS (*JTF-K Commander's Assessment 231900S SEP 05*).
- LA Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducting search and rescue in Calcasieu Parish. They will be supported by FEMA search and rescue teams, local fire departments and sheriff assets (1st Army JOC Situation Update 241045SSEP05).
- ESF-9 reports five USR teams staged in Orleans Parish. Three USR teams are staged in Dallas and will move to LA by vehicles as soon as it is safe to do so. (RITA JFO Sitrep #1 23 SEP 05)
- USS Iwo Jima, USS Tortugas, USNS Grapple, and USHS Comfort underway for modified locations between Mobile, AL and Pensacola, FL. (RITA JFO Sitrep #1 23 SEP 05)
- ESF-7 reports there are contracts in place with over 200 companies to provide ambulance service for Rita response. (RITA JFO Sitrep #1 23 SEP 05)
- FEMA established a base camp at Camp Minden and is able to receive 900 individuals.
 There is ongoing work with logistics to deliver commodities to kitchens for feeding.
 (DCO comments 24 SEP 05)
- ESF-8 immunization and primary care strike team medical providers have been diverted from their missions to assist in developing surge capacity for expected increased medical care needs in the Special Needs Shelters north of I-10 in LA. (RITA JFO Sitrep #1 23 SEP 05)
- Barksdale AFB MOB and Camp Beauregard stopped receiving commodities and suspended operations on 23 SEP 05; Logistics has 232 truckloads of ice and 93 truckloads of MREs at staging areas, receiving areas and distribution points throughout the state. (RITA JFO Sitrep #1 23 SEP 05)

- Aerial insect abatement spraying was suspended due to inclement weather during and following Hurricane Rita. Nineteen total sorties have flown to date covering over 1,078,047 acres. (KATRINA JFO Sitrep #29 23 SEP 05)
- 911 trunks are ready for final cutover in Orleans Parish and 911 trunks are ready for connection to mobile Public Safety answering points in Plaquemines parish. (KATRINA JFO Sitrep #29 23 SEP 05)
- In preparation for Rita relief efforts ESF-3 reported a generator and related equipment are being prepared for deployment to the Lafayette, LA Special Needs Center. The SE LA University shelter in Hammond is being assessed for a backup generator. (KATRINA JFO Sitrep #29 23 SEP 05)
- Disaster Recovery Centers: All DRC's closed at 1200 9/23/05 and will re-open as soon as possible once Hurricane Rita has passed. All new DRC openings are currently suspended until Hurricane Rita is no longer a threat to the State of Louisiana. Original plans to open four additional DRC's on Saturday, 9/24/05 and another four on Monday, 9/26/05 will most likely have to be delayed due to Hurricane Rita. (KATRINA JFO Sitrep #29 23 SEP 05)

Current As Of: COB 09/22/2005			
Total Housing Assist. Payments	562,530	Total ONA Referrals Received	363,098
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4. Weather -Intelligence-Reconnaissance.

Weather: Tonight: Periods of rain and a few thundershowers likely - it will be windy at times, especially this evening. Low 81F. Winds SSE at 25 to 35 mph. Rainfall may reach two inches. Tomorrow: Showers and a few thundershowers. A few storms may be severe. High 88F. Winds SE at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 90%. Rainfall may reach one inch

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5. Logistics.

• a. Commodity Tracking from Camp Beauregard, LA: (FEMA Logistics, 231500S SEP05)

COMMODITIES **	Received	Shipped	Avail to Issue	Inbound	UNIT OF ISSUE
Water	22	45	157	161	Truckloads
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MRE's	6	68	72	20	Truckloads

WATER = 18,000 liters or 4.750 gal per truckload; serves about 5,000 people

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a. Total personnel to include civilians deployed to DCE site:

COMMAND	ARMY	AIR FORCE	NAVY	MARINES	CIVILIANS	TOTAL	LOCATION
DCO/DCE	26				2	28	Baton Rouge
EPLOs	4	3	4	1		12	Baton Rouge
EPLOs at JTF			0			0	Iowa Jima
LA ARNG LNO	1					1	Baton Rouge
JRMPO LNO			1			1	Baton Rouge
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7. Significant Political – Military – Diplomatic Events. NSTR

8. Points of Contact: Telephone Number: (B6)



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- Houma Terrebonne Closed, runway under water
- All others fully operational

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3. Operations.

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New Mission Assignment (MA) received in the last 24 hours: 0

Mission Assignment	Description:

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New Taskers received in the last 24 hours: 1

Taskers:	Description:
EM3260 EM- LA DOD-05 Task #002	100 KW Generator for shelter

Assignments closed or completed in the last 24 hours: 0

Mission Assignment or Mission Tasker #	Description
No Change	

- Levee Status: New Orleans has several locations where overtopping on both east and west sides of the southern half of the IHNC has resulted in additional flooding in both Orleans East Bank and Saint Bernard basins. The flooding in Orleans East Bank is being controlled, however the flooding in the 9th Ward area in Saint Bernard basin is not controlled, although the surge is dropping and it should equalize. USACE will begin two-phase repair operation as conditions allow-operation to involve large scale placement of rocks and sandbags- final goal is +10 ft elevation. (USACE Sitrep 24 SEP 05)
- Louisiana reported that 352,435 of its residents are without communications, 689,773 are without power and 24,000 are without gas but this is subject to increase after the assessments have been made following Hurricane Rita (Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Operations Update 250600SSEP05).
- 2 C-130s/2 C-17 emergency MEDEVAC from Lake Charles to Nashville accomplished

- 108 Patients/20 staff/3 Med Teams/4 pallets supplies. (JTF-K Commander's Assessment 241900S SEP 05)
- Parishes declaring emergency: (47) Lafayette, Cameron, St. James, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Tensas, Vermillion, Sabine, Calcasieu, Vernon, Natchitoches, St. Mary, Caddo, Bossier, Ouachita, Jefferson, Acadia, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Iberville, St. Landry, East Baton Rouge, Franklin, Rapides, Evangeline, Terrebonne, Allen, Beauregard, Richland, West Baton Rouge, Avoyelles, Morehouse, Winn, Plaquemines, Concordia, East Carroll, West Feliciana, Union, West Carroll, Pointe Coupee, Jackson, Madison, Red River, Caldwell, Catahoula, Ascension, Orleans (LA Office of Homeland Security and National Emergency 25 SEP 05).
- Lake Charles Area: (FEMA Executive Brief 241800S SEP 05)
 - 9 Louisiana parishes report power outages.
 - The City of Lake Charles, Louisiana has reported major damage to public and commercial buildings, and residential homes; Governor Blanco is requesting residents delay their return for 48 hours.
 - Approximately 50 roads from Slidell to Lake Charles are closed.
 - I-10 bridge over the Calcasieu River in Lake Charles was damaged.
- New Orleans: (FEMA Executive Brief 241800S SEP 05)
 - 6 helicopters and 400+ search and rescue personnel deployed.
 - Mayor hopes to begin returning residents to Algiers and neighborhoods by Monday or Tuesday.
 - Waterford 3 and Riverbend nuclear plants report no significant damage.
 - The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has begun emergency repairs to levees overtopped by Rita storm surge in New Orleans.
- Hurricane Rita Health Response: The Strategic National Stockpile is on alert and over 560 tons of medical material and supplies are ready to ship. The US Public Health Service Commissioned Corp has been activated and has medical professionals across the country on stand-by (FEMA Executive Brief 241800S SEP 05)
- 6pm 6am curfew in effect in Orleans West Bank, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard (LA EOC Sitrep 250000SEP05)
- Hurricane Rita Damage Report of affected LA Parishes (LA EOC Sitrep 250000SEP05) (HURRICANE KATRINA PFO SITREP # 41 September 25, 2005 2400 hrs)
 - Acadia: A few roads closed by fallen trees. Rayne and Crowley suffered minor damage. Power outage. Sewage and water line down. Need ice and water for the parish.
 - Allen: Power outage
 - Ascension: Parish road closed due to fallen trees.
 - Assumption: Power outages, tree down.

- Currently in Lake Charles there are six hospitals without power functioning on generators. (Allen Parish, Oaksdale Community, Beauregard memorial, St Patrick's, Lake Charles Memorial and Jennings American Legion Hospital) (Office of LA State Hospitals 250200S SEP 05)
- ESF-8 is currently developing a plan to evacuate patients. Joint Regional Medical Planner is in Baton Rouge and working with ESF-8. Due to weather, Asst Secretary Simonson had the Federal Medical Shelters hold in Atlanta until the weather clears. At that point, they may stage at Fort Polk or go directly to where the SERT directs. (NC JOC Surgeon email 250111S SEP 05)
- FEMA will assist the state with the closure of Camp Minden by the evening of 25 SEP 05. This will displace 250 PAX to other shelters within the state (FEMA OPS Meeting 251500SSEP05).

4. Weather -Intelligence-Reconnaissance.

Weather: Tonight: Variable clouds with thunderstorms, especially early. Humid. Low near 79F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Chance of rain 60%. Tomorrow: Variable clouds with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. Humid. High 90F. Heat Index 100 Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

The final advisory from the National Hurricane Center was issued on Tropical Depression Rita at 10 p.m. CDT on Saturday. Heavy rain (locally 3"+) with some localized flooding will remain threats in the lower-Mississippi Valley into Sunday. Rainfall from Rita will also effect Alabama, western Tennessee, southern Missouri, and western portions of the Ohio Valley today. Isolated tornadoes will remain a possibility again on Sunday and a tornado watch is posted for portions of Mississippi, western Tennessee, eastern Arkansas and extreme southeastern Missouri until 1 p.m. CDT on Sunday.

5. Logistics.

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 Barksdale AFB reports 76x ICE, 80xWATER, 1xMRE available to issue 251700S SEP 05.

6. Personnel.

• Total personnel to include civilians deployed to DCE site:

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EPLOs at JTF			0			0	Iowa Jima
LA ARNG LNO	1					1	Baton Rouge
JRMPO LNO			1			1	Baton Rouge
GRAND TOTAL	31	2	5	1	1	41	

b. Any factors affecting readiness of forces and status. None.

- 7. Significant Political Military Diplomatic Events. POTUS accompanied by the Governor of LA visited the JFO in Baton Rouge today.
- 8. Points of Contact: Telephone Number(B6)

- Calcasieu: Major damage, limited movement. 2 barges broke loose impacted I-210 bridge. 18 Wheeler overturned at mile marker 29 (east bound). Overpass collapsed at mile marker 43 (unconfirmed), flooding in west Lake Charles. First immediate need is evacuation buses the convention center roof was used as shelter and it is compromised 70 people now expecting 200 which will be need to be evacuated to camp Minden. Need diapers, water, ice and MRE's at camp Minden. Citgo Refinery is going to get up and operational tomorrow. Need MRE's and Water for Citgo.
- Cameron: One of the Riverboats broke loose; don't know the whereabouts of this boat. Barges have broken loose from mooring and are headed towards the I-10 bridge
- <u>Iberia:</u> Power line and trees are blocking the roads. People are stranded on rooftops in Delcambre area. Curfew in place for the city of New Iberia (dusk to dawn). Water may be rising in the Delcambre area. 17 inches of rain according to local measurements 70% power outage Boil water advisory. Delcambre is flooded South of intersection of 90 and 14 with 1500 evacuated
- Jefferson Davis: Harvey canal at its peak on flooding. Hospital lost emergency power

 evacuating to Monroe. Jennings is at 100 % power loss until Monday or Tuesday
 Dealing with several tornados
- <u>Lafayette</u>: Debris and trees down. Some power out expect restoration within 24 hours
- <u>Lafourche:</u> Power outages, flooding on La 1 south
- Orleans: Levee break in 9th Ward, levees seeping
- Plaquemine: Flooding in the south
- St. Bernard: 4 foot of water, rising tide from Lake Pontchartrain.
- St. Charles: OK
- St. Landry: Power outage and water systems are out.
- St. Tammany: Power outage
- St. John: Power outage/road closed due to fallen trees
- <u>Tangipahoa:</u> Power Outage
- Terrebonne: 8-10 feet of water in the southern part of parish. Scattered debris thru out the parish. Water damage all over the parish. Road closures: HWY 655, HWY 56 closed below HWY 58, HWY 315 past Dr. Beatrice Road is closed Evacuated 15,000 from lowlands Highways 315, 55-58 are all flooded Power is 100% up except where purposefully cut in lowlands to avoid fires. Critical facilities are fine. Curfew 10 pm to sunrise The hospital is in danger of flooding, Hospital is 100 yards from flood stage.
- <u>Union:</u> A curfew will be in effect for the entire parish. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed on the streets after 2100 hrs
- Vermillion: (unconfirmed) Flooding south on LA-14 Highway 14 South is flooded Need flood boats. Abbeville General Hospital is being evacuated. Expecting total rainfall of over 15 to 20 inches.
- Washington: Power Outage/fallen trees

From: LA DCO (CDR, 4th BDE 75th DIV (TS))

To: CDR, JTF-Katrina (CG, First U.S. Army)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Operation: DCE Louisiana Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Support

Period Covered: 251900S SEP 05 – 261900S SEP 05 as of: 261900S SEP 05

Area of Responsibility: The State of Louisiana

1. General Situation. Recovery operations are underway following the 240240SSEP05 landfall of Category Three Hurricane Rita in vicinity of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Supporting units which displaced or consolidated in more secure locations are conducting Search, Rescue and damage assessment operations. Priority of effort has been focused on evacuation of Louisiana residents and Rapid Needs Assessment of infrastructure and life support assets. Flooding has been reported in several southwestern parishes as a result of Hurricane Rita. The hardest hit Louisiana areas, of Hurricane Rita's wrath, appear to be Lake Charles, Cameron, and Vermillion Parish. The rains and tidal surges of Hurricane Rita caused the overtopping of weakened levees throughout Louisiana enabling local flooding. Initial Hurricane Rita damage reports included widespread power outage (580,000 customers in LA), localized flooding, structural damages and road closures due to flooding and debris. Search, rescue and evacuation missions are on-going as necessary. All branches and ESFs are responding to the needs of LA in the wake of Rita's landfall. Approximately 400,000 residents of Louisiana have evacuated thus far. Rapid Needs Assessment Teams and FEMA Response Branch have focused Rita Recovery efforts on the four parishes most affected by the Rita's landfall (Cameron, Vermillion, Iberia, Calcasieu). Staging of transportation and logistical assets for the recovery are ongoing.

Efforts to house victims of Hurricane Katrina into temporary housing are continuing. Some have been redirected to other shelters in response to Hurricane Rita. Katrina power restoration efforts continue to improve despite localized power outages due to Hurricane Rita.

2. Overall Situation. DCE LA, currently located in Baton Rouge, LA, supports federal response and recovery efforts with transition to humanitarian efforts in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

(DNRIF)

Katrina Unified Priorities:

- Prepare continuity of operations plan for Louisiana to include plans for damage assessment and staging of materials.
- Ensure the safety, health and security of response and recovery personnel. Include plans for damage assessment and staging of material
- · Complete search and rescue mission
- Deliver life sustaining commodities
- Recover remains

- Support public health efforts
- Conduct the FEMA Individual Assistance Program
- Move displaced individuals to housing (transitional or long term) as rapidly as possible; develop a long term housing strategy
- Provide temporary housing for essential service and government workers facilitating their return and the reconstitution of local government infrastructure
- Conduct the FEMA public assistance program / infrastructure
- Remove threat from oil and hazardous materials releases to the environment
- Establish communications intra- and inter-jurisdiction
- Build Local / State capacity
- Support State and Parish planning for the repopulation of New Orleans including reentry plans, reconstitution of critical utilities and sewage, and contingency planning for follow-on storms.
- Develop an immediate plan for federal presence during the repopulation of evacuated areas
- Develop plan that transitions activities from Response to Recovery phase.
- Build out the JFO

b. Transportation: NSTR

c. Ports.

Louisiana Port Status: (MARITIME Administration (MARAD) SITREP 250514SEP05)

Port of Orleans: Partially open. (LA OEP SITREP252200SEP05)

Lake Charles: Closed

Baton Rouge: Closed

Morgan City: Closed

Fourchon: Closed

Houma: Closed

Venice: Closed

Plaquemines: Closed

ST Bernard Parish: Closed

Grand Isle: Closed

New Orleans: Closed

- e. Road Information. (JFO LA Sitrep#32 26 SEP 05)
 - Jefferson Parish is lifting its midnight curfew to allow residents attending LSU football game to return home. Residents must have a driver's license or a ticket stub
 - Road Closures:
 - Jefferson Parish: Barriers are in place on US 61 at Orleans/Jefferson Parish line US 61 at LA3046

- o Orleans Parish: I- 10 at Metairie Rd/City Park Ave
- o Plaquemine Parish: Re-entry suspended except for emergency vehicles
- St Bernard Parish: LA 39 at Orleans Parish line. St Bernard residents must take I- 510 to LA 47
- o St John the Baptist Parish: US 51 at Ruddock exit
- o Assumption: LA 182
- o Lafourche Parish: LA 24 & LA 1
- o Terrebonne Parish: LA 56, 57, 58 & 665
- o Allen Parish: LA 26 west of Oberlin & US 165 form Oakdale to I-10
- Calcasieu Parish: Holly Hill Road and subdivision, 1- 10 at the Calcasieu River Bridge, 1- 210 at Lake Street, I- 210 near Nelson Road, LA 14 east of LA 397, LA 27, LA 385, Lincoln Road in South Lake Charles, LA 27 from I 1 to LA 14
- A detailed inspection of I-10, including the bridge, in the Lake Charles area will be conducted today. Until it is complete I-10 traffic in both directions is being diverted to I-210. I-10 is open from the Texas border east except for this diversion. No change (USDOT SITREP 250900SEP05)

f. Bridges/Tunnels(JFO LA SITREP# 32, 26 SEP 05).

- The I-210 Bridge, in St Charles is open to traffic effective 26 SEP 05 per the Louisiana Highway Patrol
- The Grand Isle Bridge, in Jefferson Parish, has been repaired and is open.
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 of spans on the turn-around, abutment scour, approach slab undermining and sign
 damage.
- Bayou Lafourche Bridge at Leeville has minor operational damage, minor structural damage and debris build-up.
- I-10 Twin Spans will be closed for an extended period of time.

g. Airport Information. (NORTHCOM evening update 25 SEP 05)

LA Airfield Status:

- Lake Charles Airport closed: Terminal Roof peeled back, no engine generators for airfield lighting
- Chennault International, significant damage to tower, hanger on runway; FEMA assessing suitability for relief efforts
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TF AA complete all primary searches throughout the AO (TF All American Sitrep) SITREP 260900SSEP05).

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 - AIR Missions executed: 2 x UH1, 2x CH53 from Baton Rouge to W and SW LA (RNA)(8 total missions) (RNA Complete)/2 x CH53 from Chenault Airport to SW LA (USR)/1x CH53 from Chenault Airport to Cameron Parish (boat drop for evac)/2x UH1 (Hasty Air) to Baton Rouge AIR Missions for Tomorrow: 2x UH1 from Baton Rouge to NOLA (R&S)(271130SEP05), 2x CH53 from Chenault Airfield ISO USR (270930SEP05), 1x CH53 from Memorial Field to TBD (FEMA DIRECTOR)
 - Working various immediate requests for response assistance to Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes

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EM3260 EM- LA DOD-05 Task #002	100 KW Generator for shelter		

Assignments closed or completed in the last 24 hours: 0

Mission Assignment or Mission Tasker #	Description		
No Change			

- Damage Assessment for Louisiana: Fort Polk reports no electricity, phones or SIPR. Iridium is primary means of communication. NIPR is operational. FORSCOM is working with U.S. Army Installation Management Activity to bring Fort Polk back up. 40% of area around Fort Polk is without power. (NORTHCOM evening update 25 SEP 05)
- At least eight mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs) in the Gulf of Mexico are reported adrift. (Gulf Coast Hurricane Katrina (61) & Rita (13) DHS Sitrep 251800S SEP 05)
- Levee Status: (JTF-Katrina Commander's Assessment 251900SEP05)
 - Orleans East Bank
 - -Water level in IHNC is steadily dropping
 - -Pumping ops for overtopped area on west side of IHNC continues
 - -Many pumps not operating due to sheet pile closures at London Ave.,

17th Street

-When Lake Ponchartrain reaches 2.5ft, will pull sheetpiles/open canals

- Orleans East (Citrus)
 - -No additional flooding in basin
 - -Industrial area, including the Hydrogen Plant, remains accessible
- St. Bernard Parish
- -Overtopping 9th Ward stopped; area is being pumped out through PS #1 & PS #6
 - -Additional temporary pumps will be used when access is available
 - -Back levee is holding back storm surge
 - Plaquemines East & West
 - -Overtopping at Sunrise Breach will require several days re-work
- USACE is sending trucks of sandbags tonight (9/25) from IHNC sites to Plaquemines Parish to support our mission there. (DHS Katrina SITREP 25 SEP 05)
 - Jefferson Parish
 - -Free of flooding—pumping capacity is good
 - Utilities have reported approximately 580,000 customers without power as of 1800 CDT 25 SEP 05. These include approximately 250,000 that could not be reconnected after Huricane Katrina.
 - Initial Over flight of Port Arthur and Lake Charles waterways (Sabine/Neches Rivers, Calcasieu River and ICW) completed. No major pollution sighted; All refinery tank farms appear to be intact. Number of grounded barges identified, but most are not significantly distressed. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) will work with National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to begin surveying channel tomorrow (26 SEP 05). Survey of Sabine/Neches rivers to take approximately 3 days. Survey of Aids to navigation to take place tomorrow (26 SEP 05).
 - Louisiana State Police announced 26 SEP 05 that the roads through New Orleans are open for ST Bernard residents. St Bernard residents will not be able to get off in New Orleans.
 - A General Needs Shelter, at Camp Minden, warehouse complex was closed 25 SEP 05 due to unsanitary conditions and inadequate staffing. All shelter residents were sent to other facilities. Residents with chronic medical conditions were assessed by medical personnel and triaged. The tent portion of this shelter was never set up and is now enroute to the Lake Charles area.
 - Two Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) teams reported that the majority of hospitals in Region 4 (Vermillion, Iberia, Lafayette, Acadia, Evangeline and Landry Parish) and Region 5 (Cameron, Calccasieu, Beauregard, Allen and Jefferson Parish) sustained little structural damage and have for the most part remained open.
 - Hospitals affected by Hurricane Rita: (IWO JIMA assessment on the ground)
 Lake Charles, LA:
 - Christus St Patrick hospital is running on one generator. This
 hospital is not available for emergencies requiring a triage

- facility at this time. The helicopter pad has no power. They currently have eight patients
- Lake Charles Memorial hospital is closed. They are transferring their patients out of the hospital.
- Women and Children's hospital is running on one generator and awaiting another one. The hospital has low water pressure. ER is open for minor emergencies.
- W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center is closed.
- Cameron, LA:
 - Southern Cameron Memorial Hospital is closed.
- Sulphur, LA:
 - West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital is on emergency power.
 They have three inpatients and are arranging transportation to move their patients
- As power is being restored to LA hospitals that lost back up power additional bed capacity is increasing. As of 1600 CST 25 Sept the likelihood of an air evacuation mission required of Global Patient Movement Requirements Center (GPMRC) is diminishing. There is currently no request from the state. However, the potential still exists until the situation stabilizes.
- Mosquito abatement: (DHS Katrina SITREP 25 SEP 05)
 - No sorties were flown 9/23-9/25 due to the passage of Hurricane Rita
 - Mission set for 26 SEP 05 to spray Bug 1 & 2 cancelled due to excessive winds
 - A total of 17 sorties have been flown to date in southern LA
 - Over 1,125,139 acres sprayed
- DOD continues to provided search and rescue, evacuation and medical support:
 - 6,735(+18) Active Duty sorties flown
 - 9,790 National Guard sorties flown
- Total aviation support in area: (DHS Katrina SITREP 25 SEP 05):
 - 64 helicopters (Active Duty, National Guard) in Louisiana and Mississippi
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 happen in the next week (DHS Katrina SITREP 25 SEP 05)
- USCG report 600+ people rescued in Louisiana; rescues continued in Vermillion Parish today. (FEMA executive summary 251800 SEP 05)
- USNS Comfort maintain position as ordered. Current options under consideration for Comfort to move to New Orleans or redeploy to regenerate. (JFMCC RITA 241800 SEP 05)

- Debris Removal. The City of New Orleans determined that they will clear remaining storm drains themselves. Debris removal will begin in Orleans North (Sector 1) tomorrow. MVM has removed a total of 960K CY of an estimated 55,688K CY required in LA (USACE Executive Summary 260900SSEP05).
- Minimal damage to the Strategic Oil Reserve-5 days to return to full production (1A RNA OPS REPORT 25 SEP 05)
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4. Weather -Intelligence-Reconnaissance.

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