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Operation: DCE Mississippi Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Support

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- **ESF #8 Health and Medical** – MS Dept of Health reports all health departments are open with the exception of Harrison County. The total number of patients seen to date through NDMS assets are 16,331. 561 food facilities have been cleared to open in the six coastal counties. Entomology teams are continuing to do surveillance for mosquitoes in the coastal area. Aerial spraying has begun in coastal area. USNS Comfort is in process of being re-deployed out of Mississippi area. (9/17/05)

- **ESF #9 Search & Rescue** – (No New Information) Currently a total of 27 teams made up of local resources (SMAC) have been identified for use during the response phase.

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Marietta FD	1	4	Gulfport FD
Polk County F&R	2	4	Gulfport FD
South East FD	1	3	Biloxi FD
Valley FD	1	5	Biloxi FD
Reeltown FD	1	6	Biloxi FD
Choctaw County EMA	1	2	Harrison Co. EOC
Desoto County EMA	1	2	Biloxi FD
Georgia EMA (EMAC)	3	50	Gulfport FD
Georgia EMA (EMAC)	4	16	Biloxi FD
Delaware ANG (P4 crash rescue)	1	6	Hattiesburg FD
Pennsylvania EMA (EMAC)	10	20	Harrison Co. EOC
Vicksburg FD (ambulance)	2	4	Bay St. Louis FD
Cincinnati, OH FD	5	50	Hattiesburg FD
DeSoto Co. EMA	5	14	Ocean Springs FD
Washington Co. EC	10	20	3 Coastal Counties
South Carolina EMA EMAC	2	13	Moss Point FD
Batesville FD	1	4	Wiggins FD
DeSoto Co. EMA	3	15	Pearl River Co. EMA
Madison FD	4	8	Pearl River Co. EMA
Kentucky EMA EM	4	40	Jackson Co. EOC
Chickasaw County EOC	1	5	Cuevas FD
Iuka FD	1	4	Hancock Co. EMA
Tate Co. R&R	1	4	Harrison Co. EOC
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TOTALS	71	326	

- **ESF #10 Hazardous Materials** – (No Change) Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has available printed guidelines for burning vegetative and clean wood debris to local government agencies as well as building and structural debris disposal. A list of solid waste management facilities is posted on the MDEQ website, <http://www.deq.state.ms.us> with locations by map. Notices have been issued on earthen dams and water wells as a notice advising the public to stay out of the water in Coastal Counties. Coordinating with MEMA to address waste/drinking water issues in the affected counties.

- **ESF #11 Food & Drinking Water** (No Change)

- **ESF #12 Energy** – Total affected ~20,640; These reflect customer base in coastal counties (homes/business who sustained damage). Counties and customer outages are: Harrison 14,048; Hancock 5,141; Jackson 404; Pearl River 350; Clark 5; Covington 5; Forest 5; Jasper 5; Jones 400; Perry 10; Wayne 70; Stone 200.

- **ESF #13 Military** – MSNG and MSANG personnel have **4,828** troops and currently **5,664** NG troops deployed to MS to support the mission statement. A total of **10,492** troops are deployed at this time. Military missions include security-law enforcement, debris clearance, medical evacuation, infrastructure, and firefighting. 38th ID (MSNG) is posturing for redeployment. NG soldiers are providing a presence at 40 of the 76 various care sites throughout the state. NG Military Police are conducting presence patrols and Joint Patrols in Gulfport, Long Beach and Pass Christian. They also provide the Quick Reaction Force for Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Gautier. NG Engineers are working with the Army Corps of Engineers on Hwy 90 and beach cleanup, assisting with school cleanup in coastal communities and State Park cleanup continues in Hancock County.

- **ESF #14 Public Information** – (No Change)

- **ESF #16 Law Enforcement** – (No Change)

- **ESF #17 Animals** – North Carolina State Animal Response Team mobilized a 13-person IMT to Hattiesburg Sep 19. The Team arrived safely and will transition with the Georgia team Sep 20. State ESF-17 (Animal Protection) ICP is located at the Forrest County Multipurpose Complex in Hattiesburg. Animal care and sheltering operations continue at the Hattiesburg site and points South. Operations are being conducted by the Humane Society of the United States, Emergency Rescue Service, and VMAT-3. Over 800 animals are currently sheltered at the Hattiesburg site.

3. Operations.

a. Significant Operational Events:

(1) Last 24 Hours:

(a) The DCE currently has **22** personnel and maintains the capability to complete all DCE operations.

(b) A ROWPU (EUPW) is currently set-up and delivering potable water to a Biloxi hospital. An estimated 68,000 gallons was completed today. Another ROWPU (EUPW) is currently operational at the port in Pascagoula.

(c) A total of **Nine (8)** fixed and **three (3)** mobile Disaster Relief Centers (DRC) are open. They are operating in the following communities: Ocean Springs,

Moss Point, Pascagoula, Poplarville, Gulfport, Biloxi, Jackson, Purvis, Picayune for fixed sites and Waveland, Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian for mobile sites. **4,190** displaced Americans were served today. A cumulative total of **40,333** displaced Americans have been served since they first opened.

(d) Prepared contingency plans for hurricane Rita

(2) Next 24 Hours: Continue to receive and distribute commodities to establish distribution sites.

(3) Next 48 Hours: Continue to receive and distribute commodities to establish distribution sites.

b. Troop list.

(1) Two Air Force PAI representatives in support of MA# 1604DR-MS-DOD-18.

c. FCO & SCO priorities (For next 24 hours)

(1). Ensure the safety and security of all response personnel

(2). Provide 200 additional leased-in travel trailers and mobile homes ready for occupancy to displaced responders and residents

(3). Establish agreement with Stennis Center for a 1,000-family trailer home site

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(5). Provide medical, mental health, veterinary, and mortuary support to local governments

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d. Major capability. N/A

e. Operational Staging Areas. FEMA has established Operational Staging Areas (OSA) at Stennis NASA (activated 31 AUG 05).

f. Any Outstanding Operation Issues. None

4. Intelligence-Reconnaissance.

a. State EMA continues to move supplies and services forward to outlying areas.

b. There are no current weather predictions that may affect disaster relief operations at this time.

5. Logistics.

a. Commodity Tracking: Stennis Space Center will be the primary FOSA and will be operated by FEMA. Counties will provide their commodity needs directly to FEMA for delivery.

b. DOD controlled shelter status. None.

c. Number and Sites of MKT's. None.

d. Meals (by type) fed during operations. None by DOD.

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9. Budget. No Issues.

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12. Commander's Evaluation. (B6) visited the JFO today and met with state and local officials. The discussions included no-notice Red Cross distribution sites, emergency housing, debris removal and FEMA mitigation and assistance dollars.

There was a long discussion about the Governor's recovery, rebuilding and renewal commission. It consists of the state's 44 most prominent business leaders and is chaired by Mr. Jim Barksdale the former CEO of Netscape. We also had a wildfire counsel meeting and discussed long-term solutions for fire response so we could set the conditions for relief of the MAFFS aircraft on alert at Pensacola. Hurricane Rita passed our last decision point at 1730 CST. We are still monitoring and working branches and sequels. If it continues on the current path, we do not expect to get any rain. It will reach it's closest point to MS at noon tomorrow. We may see 1-2 feet above normal tide level. A costal tidal watch has been issued. Port authorities think it will be a nuisance at most. I have your intent on the SATCOM package and am working it with NORTHCOM J6. Started MA process but can turn off if the PFO does not concur with the e-mail you sent him. The RIPTOA between TF Cyclone and TF Magnolia will be complete at 230001SEP05. Cyclone has 2BNs(+) on stand-by to reinforce in Texas. There was a rumor about FEMA hoarding fuel that started a local run at gas stations. (B6) held a short press conference to debunk the rumor. Reports are that things are approaching normal. Discussing disengagement criteria for DCE with the FCO, trying to depart with at least some of the team by the weekend.

Sir,

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- **ESF #3 Public Works** – Of the 585 water systems initially under boil water orders, 133 remain; 40 water utilities are still not in operation. State wide, of the 159 total wastewater plants, 3 are totally off line, 19 have collection problems, 2 only operate primary systems and 2 have limited capacity. As water systems come online, particularly in the 3 coastal counties, water mains are found to be broken and sewer service to customers is mostly non-existent, presently compounding the public health situation.

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(a) The DCE currently has 22 personnel and maintains the capability to complete all DCE operations.

(b) ROWPU (EUPW) elements currently moved north in preparation for effects from Hurricane Rita. They will return to their service sites as soon as the weather is safe to continue mission.

(c) Disaster Relief Center operations shut down today in the eight southernmost locations in preparation for weather effects from Hurricane Rita. Four DRCs continued to operate. **560** displaced Americans were served today. A cumulative total of **45,153** displaced Americans have been served since they first opened.

(d) Contingency plans for hurricane Rita in place

(2) Next 24 Hours: Continue to receive and distribute commodities to establish distribution sites.

(3) Next 48 Hours: Continue to receive and distribute commodities to establish distribution sites.

b. Troop list.

(1) Two Air Force PAI representatives in support of MA# 1604DR-MS-DOD-18.

c. FCO & SCO priorities (For next 24 hours)

- (1). Ensure the safety and security of all response personnel
- (2). Provide **300** additional leased-in travel trailers and mobile homes ready for occupancy to displaced responders and residents
- (3). Establish agreement with Stennis Center for a 1,000-family trailer home site
- (4). Establish shelter communities, one in each of the three coastal counties
- (5). Provide medical, mental health, veterinary, and mortuary support to local governments
- (6). Enhance and maintain emergency communications in all affected areas
- (7). **Preposition response resources for potential impact of Hurricane Rita**
- (8). **Develop DOD VIASAT distribution and activation plan**
- (9). **Resume full recovery operations immediately following passage of Hurricane Rita**
- (10). **Complete worst case scenario assessment for Hurricane Rita including coastal areas and potential flooding in north Mississippi**
- (11). Conduct PA kick-off meetings; initiate obligation of \$100 million in PA funding

(12). Establish liaisons to mayors and county supervisors in the three coastal counties of Southern Mississippi

(13). Establish spotters for debris removal operations and at staging areas and landfills

(14). Conduct strategic planning of federal, state and external response and recovery resources

d. Major capability. N/A

e. Operational Staging Areas. FEMA has established Operational Staging Areas (OSA) at Stennis NASA (activated 31 AUG 05).

f. Any Outstanding Operation Issues. None

4. Intelligence-Reconnaissance.

a. State EMA continues to move supplies and services forward to outlying areas.

b. There are no current weather predictions that may affect disaster relief operations at this time.

5. Logistics.

a. Commodity Tracking: Commodity operations and staging moved to Camp Shelby due to preparations for Hurricane Rita. FEMA wishes to move future commodity operations and staging to Camp Shelby as well.

b. DOD controlled shelter status. None.

c. Number and Sites of MKT's. None.

d. Meals (by type) fed during operations. None by DOD.

6. Communications Connectivity. No problem areas.

7. Personnel.

a. Total personnel to include civilians deployed to site.

Command	Army	Air Force	Navy	Civ	Total	Location
DCO/DCE	16			1	17	Jackson
EPLOs	2		1		3	Jackson
JRMP LNO		1	1		2	Jackson
TOTAL	18	1	2	1	22	

Officer	Warrant Officer	Enlisted	Civilians	Total
14	1	6	1	22

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

c. Personnel assigned and strength changes in last 24 hours in the disaster area by component.

Officer	Warrant Officer	Enlisted	Civilians	Total
0	0	0	0	0

d. List of deployed units. None.

e. Any outstanding personnel issue. None

8. Medical.

a. Hospitalization in last 24 hours. None.

b. Evacuation in last 24 hours. None.

c. Outpatient Treatment in last 24 hours. None.

d. Significant activities in preventative medicine, mental health, veterinary services, dental services, medical logistics and medical command and control. None

9. Budget. No Issues.

10. Legal. No Issues.

11. Significant Political – Military – Diplomatic Events. NSTR

12. Commander's Evaluation. All state and local preparations are in place for Rita.

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Mandatory evacuation for Hancock county has been in effect all day, and voluntary evacuation notices were issued for Harrison and Jackson counties. Evacuation traffic has been steady but unimpeded. Evacuees from TX and LA continue to enter the state, but there is still room in the shelters. To date, there has been some local flooding in Hancock county, but the state has not asked for assets from FEMA and does not expect to ask for any. The prediction is still for a 3-4 foot surge near high tide. Concerns in order of importance to the state are floods, tornados and surge.

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Subject: FW: DCO MS Update

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

All state and local preparations are in place for Rita. The State EOC reopened and is controlling emergency response operations. The USCG has adequate S&R helos and rescue boats to handle the projected demand. Mandatory evacuation for Hancock County has been in effect all day, and voluntary evacuation notices were issued for Harrison and Jackson counties. Evacuation traffic has been steady but unimpeded. Evacuees from TX and LA continue to enter the state, but there is still room in the shelters. To date, there has been some local flooding in Hancock County, but the state has not asked for assets from FEMA and does not expect to ask for any. The prediction is still for a 3-4 foot surge near high tide. Concerns in order of importance to the state are floods, tornados and surge.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Negligible effects as Rita passed the coast of MS around noon today. The Governor issued a mandatory evacuation for low-lying areas in Hancock County (Westernmost southern county) and voluntary evacuation for the other two southernmost counties. With the current populations, expect about 2,000 people to evacuate. Current prediction is 2-5 inches of rain in southern areas with some flooding of Jordan river. The latest prediction is that there will be no tidal surge, but moderately higher tides and surf. The associated 70% chance of showers will ease the concerns over forest fires. The state reestablished their EOC and EOC forward and are prepared for emergency response functions if needed. Additional shelters have been opened and busses are standing by as a contingency. The cruise ship Holiday remains anchored in Mobile, AL. The state does not anticipate the need for any Federal assets in support of Rita. The MA for the VIASAT comms package is complete and forwarded to NC. I will personally monitor its progress.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

(B6) visited the JFO today and met with state and local officials. The discussions included no-notice Red Cross distribution sites, emergency housing, debris removal and FEMA mitigation and assistance dollars.

There was a long discussion about the Governor's recovery, rebuilding and renewal commission. It consists of the state's 44 most prominent business leaders and is chaired by (B6) the former CEO of Netscape. We also had a wildfire counsel meeting and discussed long-term solutions for fire response so we could set the conditions for relief of the MAFFS aircraft on alert at Pensacola. Hurricane Rita passed our last decision point at 1730 CST. We are still monitoring and working branches and sequels. If it continues on the current path, we do not expect to get any rain. It will reach it's closest point to MS at noon tomorrow. We may see 1-2 feet above normal tide level. A costal tidal watch has been issued.

Port authorities think it will be a nuisance at most. I have your intent on the SATCOM package and am

working it with NORTHCOM J6. Started MA process but can turn off if the PFO does not concur with the e-mail you sent him. The RIPTOA between TF Cyclone and TF Magnolia will be complete at 230001SEP05. Cyclone has 2BNs(+) on stand-by to reinforce in Texas. There was a rumor about FEMA hoarding fuel that started a local run at gas stations. (B6) held a short press conference to debunk the rumor. Reports are that things are approaching normal. Discussing disengagement criteria for DCE with the FCO, trying to depart with at least some of the team by the weekend.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

No change to priorities. The threat of forest fires returned to the critical level today. In addition to the two MAFF aircraft on alert at Pensacola, MS activated an EMAC for two more National Guard aircraft. We've got the first real metrics on temporary housing. There are currently 747 units occupied of the 11,000 needed. It took 6 weeks to reach this level of occupation in FL last year. Still receiving 450-500 travel trailers per day, with 3,800 units staged. 160 people are currently housed aboard the cruise ship Holiday. Two additional DRCs will open tomorrow for a total of nine. Continuing contingency planning for Hurricane Rita. Added decision points to the FEMA plan. Decision Points 1 and 2 coincide with 1A DPs 2 and 3 and are triggers for alert and evacuation decisions. They have established a joint planning cell with the state, and are tied in with the Governor as the decision maker. They are currently working points of departure for workers, movement for citizens without transportation, collapsing temporary housing back into shelters north, and establishing a plan for tracking contractors.

V/R

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

FCO priorities remain safety, temporary housing and DRCs. We held another temp housing meeting today, and pinned the rose on several agencies to execute the objectives developed yesterday. I think we're on our way. The shelter population is down to about 8,000 people. That's about half of what they had a week ago. I think that's a testament to making contact and registering about 17,000 people per day. Almost 3,500 trailers are in the state, and we're making some progress getting families moved in.

The long pole is site selection, preparation and establishing utility service. FEMA and MEMA have established 20 joint housing teams that will be assigned to each of the lower 3 counties and their municipalities to help coordinate at the lowest level. The Governor is hosting a building and renaissance conference starting tomorrow to discuss long-term plans for rebuilding the state. American Red Cross distribution centers are still a problem, and the FCO requested FEMA National's help again to get 48 hour notice on site selection to establish security, crowd control and to help manage expectations.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

No change to priorities. The first families will be enroute to the cruise ship Holiday tomorrow. Port surveys are complete, and both Pascagoula and Gulfport should be operational in two weeks. Local insect spraying by a contract vender is continuing in isolated areas, no DoD requests for spraying. More rain helped the forest fire threat, but it's too early to make a call on the MAFFS. I'd like to delay the call until Monday. The SCO is sending a blanket approval for the release of any DoD assets currently assigned to the JTF and working in LA. We may move to the JFO tomorrow. Some Pics of the DRC in Ocean Springs are attached, courtesy of [REDACTED] (B6)

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Recovery operations continue with an FCO priority on safety, temporary housing and establishing DRCs. Commodities on hand are not an issue, and the next two days of scheduled MRE deliveries from DLA will close-out the need. See attached document for an idea of Federal aid to local governments to date. A steady flow of travel trailers is coming into the state. The projected sustained rate is 450-500 units per day for at least the next two weeks. 12,720 National Guardsmen BOG.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

I invite your attention to page A-17 of the attached document for general SA. It's a temporary disaster housing information sheet that explains who is eligible and how individuals request travel trailers. There are currently 1,500 trailers staged, 500 at sites, 178 ready to occupy and 58 leased. FEMA is working the final details for bussing displaced citizens to the cruise ship Holiday in Mobile since the port of Pascagoula will not be ready to accept the ship for several days. The first checks were issued to city/county governments today to help them meet payrolls and reestablish local government. Coordinated with MAFF aircraft and integrated them into the overall fire response program. Critical incident stress teams began briefs and counseling for emergency workers. The move to the JFO was delayed due to connectivity problems. We hope to move over the weekend. The Civil Air Patrol concluded operations in MS today after flying 280 hours over MS, and volunteering over 12,000 hours.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Nearly 10,000 citizens have been processed through DRCs to date. 12 additional sites will be established over the next 10 days to meet their goal of one in each of the 15 most effected counties. 180,000 registrations to date. 240th Quartermaster was nominated for release from the JOA, and will be presented with tomorrow's offering. The Seabees continue local work in the community. I discussed concerns outlined in the Economy Act and local contractor efforts to stimulate the economy with the skipper today. Beginning tomorrow, he will focus his efforts inside his base, and finish a few missions he already started in the community. He has one battalion working in LA, two battalions available for missioning through the JTF, and one preparing to deploy on a scheduled cruise. FEMA will send a mobile DRC to serve the 200 families of deploying sailors before they depart in about two weeks. Potential for forest fires is rising due to drying debris and downed trees, especially in the 6 southernmost counties. The MSNG has a plan for handling the coast, using two Chinooks with buckets. The State and National forest service developed a combined plan for dealing with inland issues. They have staged 3 helicopters and 5 Type II hand saw crews in the effected area. There is no significant rainfall projected through the end of the month.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

At least 1,250 travel trailers are staged in the state, 135 are ready for occupancy, 20 are leased. Goal is 10,000 units by the end of Sept. St. James Elementary School in Gulfport opened today, thanks to repairs by the Seabees. Shelter population dropped from 1,300 to 9,700 yesterday. The LIMFAC for opening new DRCs is the number of trained workers. FEMA National is providing an additional 50 tomorrow. This should get us over the hump. 527 roofs have been tarped to date. MSNG is collapsing their operation back towards the Gulf Coast. The state is hiring unemployed security guards from the Gulf Coast to augment local security operations and relieve Guardsmen from those kinds of duties. The state currently has about 20% more medical capability than they had pre-landfall. FEMA asked for a DLA push of MRE's to offset a transportation shortfall, and NORTHCOM G4 is shipping 10 trucks a day for the next 7 days to meet that requirement. USDA food flow to shelters is more than adequate. All commercial fuel resupply will be accomplished by civilian contract by COB Wednesday. This will make the 240th Quartermaster Co. available to JTK-Katrina for remissioning by Friday.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Unified strategy meetings continue to pay off, especially with asset and resource integration. FCO/SCO priorities for the short term are motor home housing and increasing the number of DRCs. They have added more measurable objectives to the Incident Action Plan to get a better metric of progress. I've attached the most recent ICS. It includes a series of stand alone attachments as fact sheets that explain policies for representatives in the field. They discuss subjects like motel reimbursement, camp billeting, debris removal, property inspections, chain saw and generators, etc. MS has processed over 136,000 registrations to date. EPA conducted a detailed assessment of refineries and petrol-chemical sites and determined there were no major impacts. We are gradually phasing DoD out of the bulk fuel business by having FEMA let more contracts. They need long term solutions and we need to stimulate the local economy. FEMA currently has 520 community relations representatives in the field. No accurate count on the number of citizens in shelters because NGO shelters have no requirement to report, but numbers are steadily decreasing. The USS Comfort has treated 6 patients to date. The Civil Air Patrol has made initial contact with 2,510 households and over 5,000 citizens to date. They've flown over 3,000 hours and volunteered nearly 9,000 hours. The forest service developed a fire response plan to augment local fire departments in the coastal regions. I don't anticipate moving into DFO/JFO until Friday.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

More recovery today. Housing Task Force is in full swing and has a long-term and a short-term occupation plan. Debris removal is now taking place in 12 counties. Roof tarping is at full speed. The cruise ship cannot dock until adequate fresh water is available. FEMA is working a barge contract that should be in place in a few days. See attached slide for an assessment of recovery by county.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Today was the last day for Urban Search and Rescue, and we made more strides towards recovery. The first major business on the coast reopened, employing over 500 people. Electric power is expected to be reinstated for everyone that can take it by COB Sunday. It is estimated that 30,000 customers will not be able to accept power due to home damage. Expect the first 25 displaced families to move into travel trailers tonight. The housing TF expanded their charter and will now locate and emplace temporary schools in the southern counties as well. 280 FEMA external affairs people are engaged in community relations and are providing eligibility information throughout the region. The state contracted to spray pesticide for mosquitoes in selected areas tomorrow. Need for DoD massive spray is no longer anticipated. 3 fixed DRCs are operational and that will increase to 5 tomorrow. 3 mobile DRCs are operational. There are less than 100 patients in the 1,200 patient field hospital in Meridian. That facility will be reduced to half its capacity this weekend. The USS Comfort arrived approx. 1600 CST. The cruise ship Capt. Completed his assessment of the Pascagoula port, but no report on his findings.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

(B6), the SCO and FCO had a good visit with the Vice President today. Representatives from the six most devastated counties talked in a forum and were very positive about the support they received from the state and federal sources. Among their concerns were debris removal and temporary housing. Debris removal is well under way with about 20,000 Cubic Yards being removed daily. The first travel trailer housing site is going being established in Purvis near Hattiesburg. 300 units are going in, but they won't be able to occupy until Monday as they try to get the plumbing and sewer completely installed before they inhabit. Two cruise ships are earmarked for MS, and berthing for one is scheduled for Pascagoula, pending a port assessment. One mayor asked for tetanus immunizations and an aid station. The MSNG will link up at his city hall at 0800 tomorrow. Nearly 32,000 doses of tetanus vaccine has been distributed to the declared county medical facilities to date. Mobile immunization teams are circulating throughout the declared counties, and one team inoculated over 1,200 people today alone. Roofing is in full swing. 4 fixed DRCs are open and 3 mobile DRCs are functioning. 38 trucks arrived with USDA food for hot meal preparation in shelters.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

We had our first real unified strategy meeting, with all key players. The FCO, SCO, Governor's Rep, TAG, Public Safety and all ESF state and federal principals were present. A TF was established to set 1, 3, 6 and 24 month goals/objectives. No change to mission priorities. The MSNG continues deliberate ground search and rescue, commodity distribution and security. The state is working hard to get full visibility of all citizens residing in shelters. They have control of all government sponsored shelters, but are trying to get their arms around NGO efforts. NDMS and CDC continue the medical/health assessment. Another bogus report of disease in a shelter was squelched today. There are no confirmed cases of cholera. In the recovery effort, over \$3.8M has already been distributed to citizens. 56K registrations have been made to date and 172 FEMA inspectors are in the field. Gas lines are approaching normal throughout the area. 12 Critical incident stress counselors are working with first responders. Mobile DRCs have been dispatched and there is a plan to cover the areas that will not receive the large fixed sites. 4 fixed sites will be open by Friday. Power was restored to 280K yesterday, and only 300K citizens remain without power. USPS dispatched mobile teams to deliver mail to devastated areas.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Some giant strides towards recovery were initiated today. The first Disaster Recovery Center opened in Ocean Springs. This is where State, Federal, NGO, Loan Officers and Small Business Administration set up a field office to start taking claims and addressing concerns. The second should open in Pascagoula on Friday. Plans are underway to establish the first travel trailer housing center in Picayune, Wiggins or Lucedale. They are looking to begin establishing a 6,000 family site by Friday. This is a CCIR to CG1A. Debris removal began in Jackson county and temp roofing will begin tomorrow. CDC vector control will make an insect assessment tomorrow to decide if they need to request spraying. A 500 Bed medical facility is set up at Meridian NAS and began taking patients today. The TAG, MS and the Governor assured (B6) that they have control of operations in Mississippi. The CG reinforced to everyone that they are in charge of the MS operation. Everyone else is in support. There was a rumor on the local news that a Biloxi Shelter closed down because of dysentery. Not true. Approx. 20 people suffered from diarrhea after some children refilled water jugs from a local water source verses the potable water supplied. The shelter is open and fully functional. No commodity issues. 219 trucks throughput today. Twice the number two days ago.

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Sir,

We continue to complete emergency response and transition into Recovery. The task of the day was water. NORTHCOM is pushing 4M liters per day down to get supplies on the ground. The Seabees in Gulfport will provide 1.2M gals of bulk water per day. That will eliminate the bulk water supply problem but we still need to work local distribution issues. The Corps of Engineers

contracted bulk storage and that should finalize the long-term issue. All other commodities are green and sustainable at that level. Commercial comms continues to improve with at least some cell phone coverage throughout the battle space. Some land line service is returning to the coastal counties. 3,000 AM/FM radios are being distributed by the MSNG locally, and an additional 10,000 are enroute. The inbound 10,000 radios will be distributed by FEMA. The FCO, MS assumed full responsibility for Mission Requests from FEMA region IV at 1930 CST today. This is a function that is not normally transferred until the FEMA Joint Field Office is established. The FCO made the decision because the Emergency Response Team (ERT) has grown large enough to fully C2 all functions and ESFs. The move to a permanent facility has been postponed, pending the progress of the recovery effort. He would like to move as far forward as possible without adding undue pressure to any community with the influx of a 2,000 PAX support staff. I expect a move to Hattiesburg near the end of next week if adequate infrastructure is restored by then. If not, I expect the decision will be to move to a larger facility in Jackson and remain there.

Need guidance. I'm already getting requests for DoD to support Recovery Phase operations. We have traditionally concentrated on Emergency Response Phase tasks, and performed very few Recovery functions. The concern here is that missions such as debris clearing and temporary roof repair may exceed the abilities of available contractors, and they may require additional manpower. We may want to get clarification of what the end state and disengagement criteria may be now so we can manage expectations and anticipate needs.

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Sir,

The state and FEMA are focusing more on the strategic level. They've established several ESF specific task forces and are making significant progress on longer range projects. We're still deeply in the emergency response phase, but we are finally turning the corner and doing less knee-jerk reacting. We're well over the hump on food. The 40K cases of MREs are arriving and will all be on the ground tonight. I've asked everyone to start brain-storming options for hot meal support at distribution sites and base camps. The NGOs seem to have a handle on some of the shelters, but there will be a point in the near future where the need may exceed the ability of contractors to support the demand. The alarm of a widespread virus was squelched. There are only a handful of sporadic cases. Non-critical medical patients continue to be transferred on a regular basis. We're over 1,500 patients to date. Fuel is a low green. We offered a MAJ to head the fuel TF and it really paid off. Some minor distro problems, but they will all be solved Tuesday when a contract for 10 local haul trucks goes into effect. This will allow us to

surge with 100K gallons daily for 10 days. Electricity coming on line, scattered throughout the battle-space. Some power even restored in Gulfport area. Keesler AFB at 50% power. No reliable estimates on the number of customers FEMA's ERT-A accepted battle-handover from ROC Region IV at 1930 local. Still at 153 confirmed deaths.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

The state and FEMA are trying hard to expand their focus to the strategic level. Water and food are top priorities. I think we have a pretty good handle on water with deliveries today, and that should be a solid amber. The MS C-17 is enroute to Norfolk to pick up a load of MREs. They will arrive there at 1550 CST and arrive Gulfport 1950. They will lift about 5,000 cases of MREs. NORTHCOM is flying 8 C-17s tomorrow, carrying 40,000 cases. FEMA contracted 5 trucks to pick-up additional MREs from Norfolk tomorrow. This should make us green on food. Communications is much better and they are receiving regular reports from across the State. We've established a state/federal task force to handle all fuel issues. Fuel supply is upgraded to amber and should be green with tomorrow's deliveries. Electricity is coming on from the north part of the state to the south. Good progress, but a lot left to do. 13,000 in shelters with excess shelter capacity. Long range concerns are temporary housing, transportation of minimal care patients and long term logistics.

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We're flying 19K gallons of bulk water from the Bataan to Gulfport tonight. NORTHCOM is attempting to get 10K water purification kits delivered to MS tomorrow. Each purifies 2 liters of water and are very easy to transport and distribute. These two efforts should bring our water status to Amber tomorrow. New contracts by FEMA and the state should be able to sustain that level for the next several days until flow rates reach steady-state levels. FEMA has a substantial number of MREs released from DLA and is arranging transportation. NORTHCOM is attempting to provide an emergency supply by air or ground tomorrow that should get us to Amber on food until normal flow of product from FEMA resumes. Fuel for Meridian and Shelby is being sourced, and we think it will arrive tomorrow. When this arrives and is distributed, we'll move into Amber for fuel for emergency response vehicles and commodity trucks. COL Robbie Woods and her folks earned their money today. Received 10 truckloads of medical supplies. Continue to move critical patients. Communications in the region is now Amber, due the issue of a large number of SAT phones for local, state and federal workers and the restoration of a limited cell phone network. 38ID is sending a planning cell to augment the MSNG JOC. (B6) arrived in Gulfport with his LNO team and linked-up with the TAG and his staff. The Governor did not make an announcement about increased death toll in his press conference.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

I have been receiving inaccurate reports on the amount of food and water being delivered to the MS area. FEMA released some updated figures this morning that show only 100 ice, 100 water and 12 food arrived in the area yesterday. This is against a daily requirement of 450, 450 and 25. What is being delivered is being throughput and delivered directly to distribution centers, but the volume is just too low. FEMA, the Corps of Engineers and DLA are working frantically and initiating new contracts, but we are well below the requirement right now. I expect the Governor to announce a "significant" increase to the death toll today. The current number is 117 confirmed deaths. These two issues together may create a public perception that the increased deaths are due to the lack of supplies when they are in fact due to initial storm surge. NGOs are arriving in the area and coordinating directly with the state. They are currently feeding about 5% of the shelters and should increase their production considerably over the next few days. They are also establishing a base camp to hold 30K and feed 100K. There are currently about 13,000 in shelters and increasing daily. The estimate is that 138K restored power yesterday with 700K left without power. NDMS continues to transfer patients and move supplies and DoD is assisting with that effort. There are currently 10 DMATs working and that appears adequate when viewed with the 100+ doctors that have been distributed. 2 Mortuary Affairs teams with 800+ body bags. There have been sporadic reports of rock throwing and small crowds of disorderly citizens, but no reportable acts of violence. There is a report that there is unrest in a southern prison, but nothing has been confirmed. There is concern over rising anguish levels in citizens and a heightened sense of awareness. Fuel for support and supply vehicles is still a problem, but I think we'll be over the hump by the end of the day

today. We're over the hump with communications and all counties reported in to the MEMA this morning for the first time. Comms architecture should improve even more over the course of the day. TAG Florida sent a planning team to work with the MSNG. They formed a cell and are doing a great job developing a long range plan so MSNG can focus on immediate needs. The SRAAG will submit a separate report, but the MSNG capability has tripled in the past two days. They have somewhere in the neighborhood of 6,000 soldiers on the ground and more are arriving by the hour. The FCO and SCO are returning to Jackson to coordinate efforts from the EOC and their deputies are replacing them forward in Gulfport.

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Subject: RE: DCO MS Update

Sir,

Priorities still the same for the afternoon: SAR, COMMS, water-food-ice, healthcare, fuel, security.

A push to talk comms system is going in this afternoon that should give state and local workers the connectivity they need to begin sending requests for support forward. Lack of communications in the affected area has been the single largest problem with the operation to date. Bulk distribution fuel trucks are being dispatched to the Chevron refinery for resupply. This should eliminate most of the fuel problem for food/water trucks, but will take most of the day to get distributed out to where it is needed. The MSNG is refueling the generators at 6 hospitals that reported being critically low this morning. The Corps of Engineers has a plan to send additional generators to these and other hospitals to give them enough power to run A/C units. Throughput of supplies directly to distribution centers and shelters continues. Nearly all assets are still going to the 6 southernmost counties. Yesterday's supply was 700 trucks. The request for today was 450 water, 450 ice and 35 MRE. They think this will be enough to sustain their daily rate. NGOs are moving in to shelters in the 6 southern counties today and should help augment this effort with some hot food capability. About 100,000 people are reported as living in shelters. 5 DMAT teams are deployed and operational. 1 DMORT is in place with 8 reefers for bodies. Another had been requested and should arrive tonight or tomorrow. 800 body bags will arrive today. FEMA is establishing 3 base camps for workers, but they won't be in place for about 4 days. Still flying 19 SAR aircraft. More to follow.

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