State of Louisiana
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

August 27, 2005

To The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Through:
Regional Director
FEMA Region VI
800 North Loop 288
Denison, Texas 75021

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5166 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.35, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Louisiana and authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to direct and coordinate Federal relief effort.

The affected areas are all the southeastern parishes including the New Orleans Metropolitan area and the mid-state Interstate 49 corridor and nearby parishes along the Atchafalaya ridge that are accepting the thousands of citizens evacuating from the areas expecting to be flooded as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

In response to the situation I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on August 24, 2005 in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. A State of Emergency has been issued for the State in order to support the evacuation of the coastal areas in accordance with our State Evacuation Plan and the remainder of the state to support the State Special Needs and Sheltering Plan.

Pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments, and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary to save lives, protect property, public health, and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster. I am specifically requesting emergency protective measures, Direct Federal Assistance, Individual and Household Program (IHP) assistance, Special Needs Program assistance, and debris removal.

Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of emergency assistance needed under the Stafford Act, and emergency assistance from certain Federal agencies under other statutory authorities are tabulated in Exhibit A.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this emergency:

- Department of Social Services (DSS): Opening 53 Special Need Shelters (SNS) and establishing 577 in standby.
- Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH): Opening 5 Shelters and establishing 5 in standby.
- Louisiana State Police (LSP): Providing support for the phased evacuation of the coastal areas.
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (WL): Supporting the evacuation of the affected population and preparing for Search and Rescue Missions.

[Signature]
Chief Executive Officer
Office of the Governor

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Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD): Contributing Traffic
Flow and Management of the Evacuees along with local officials and the State of
Mississippi.

The following information is furnished on the efforts and resources of other Federal agencies, which
have been or will be used in responding to this incident:

§ FEMA Disaster Assistance:

I certify that for this emergency, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-
Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

If Federal assistance is needed for work and damage to save lives and protect property,

(a) (1) Approve this State and local government cannot perform it or contract for
performance, (if applicable). 
(b) Specify the type of assistance requested.

In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.33, the State of Louisiana agrees that it will, with respect to

direct Federal assistance:

1. Provide, without cost to the United States all labor, equipment, and rights-of-way
necessary to accomplish the approved work.

2. Hold, and save the United States free from damage due to the requested work, and
shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work.

3. Supply equipment to FEMA for use in the Federal share of the cost of each work
project and in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA Disaster Agreement.

4. Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and coordination activities.

In addition, I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives,

public health, and safety.

Refer to Sections 192 and 403 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5192 & 5173, that

State agencies immediately and help maintain the national stock of emergency for the debris. The State agency

shall have the right to use public and private property fully, subject to the limitations set

for the removal of debris.

I have designated Mr. Michael the State Coordinating Office for this purpose. He will work

with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ensure assessments and any

further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

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Governor

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## Estimated Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

- Department of Social Services (DSS): Operating (1) Special Need Shelters (DNS) and establishing (1) on standby. Costs estimated at $500,000 per week for each in operation.
- Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH): Operating (1) Shelters and establishing (1) on standby. Costs estimated at $500,000 per week for each in operation.
- Louisiana State Police (LSP): Costs to support evacuations - $250,000 for a non-direct handoff.
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (WLF): Costs to support evacuations - $250,000 for a non-direct handoff.
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD): Costs to support evacuations - $250,000 for a non-direct handoff.

### Estimated Requirements for Assistance under the Stafford Act

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*Note: Estimated costs are to reflect total eligible costs before any cost sharing.*
State of Louisiana
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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August 28, 2005
The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Through:
Regional Director
FEMA Region VI
500 North Loop 281
Denton, TX 76209

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 701-709 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.1, I report to you herein an extraordinary emergency declaration for the State of Louisiana due to Hurricane Katrina, as a major hurricane affecting the state of Louisiana. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared all parishes of the state of Louisiana a disaster area within the 100-year floodplain. The affected areas include all of the parishes where residents are directly impacted by the hurricane's storm surge as of this date, as well as the parishes that are most likely to be affected by the post-hurricane flooding. This declaration is effective for 28 days from the date of issuance, which is August 28, 2005, and is effective until the state of Louisiana is declared secure and able to manage the recovery process on its own.

I am requesting a declaration of a major disaster for the state of Louisiana due to Hurricane Katrina, and I am attaching the necessary supporting documentation. I am also requesting that the funds be made available to the state of Louisiana to assist in the recovery efforts. The state of Louisiana has requested $500 million to support the recovery efforts.

In conclusion, I believe that the declaration of a major disaster is necessary to ensure that the state of Louisiana is able to recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The state of Louisiana is currently working to restore power, water, and other essential services to the affected areas.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Director, Office of Homeland Security
and Emergency Preparedness
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Individual Assistance, including the Individual and Household Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Public Assistance (Category A-45 funding at 100%), Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans and Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) funding at 100% for the following parishes: Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

To support the immediate/living effort, I am also requesting Individual Assistance, including the Individual and Household Program (IHP), Crisis Counseling, and Public Assistance (Category B) in the following parishes: Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeRidder, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Lafourche, Lafayette, LaRue, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sibley, St. Landry, St. Martin, Terrebonne, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.

The State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) was approved by FEMA on April 15, 2005. We are documenting Hazard Mitigation for eligible applicants that have a FEMA Approved State Hazard Mitigation Plan and the parishes that are approved within the application period for this disaster.

The following information is established on the names and amounts of items and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this disaster.

a. Ten Special Needs and six General Population shelters have been opened in the affected parishes on 8/23/05.

b. Ascension and St. James Parishes have mobilized emergency evacuees.


2. Bridges, roads and airports are expected to close when maximum sustained water reaches 30 feet.

c. Department of Social Services (DSS) /ASC / Local / Open (4) Special Need Shelters (SNS) and establishing (3) on St. Bernard.

d. Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) (DSS); opening (6) Special Needs Shelters (SNS) Shelters and activating (5 on St. Bernard).

2. LASH and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSERP), field personnel and support staff for SNS and Public Shelters and field personnel and equipment.

e. Louisiana State Police (LSP) assist in support evacuations.
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- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DLW): Costs to support evacuation.
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD): Costs to support evacuation.

Due to the extraordinary impact of this catastrophic hurricane and based on the anticipated damages in the impacted areas, including the New Orleans Metropolitan region, it is requesting an increase of the Federal share from 75% to 100% for individual Assistance, Public Assistance (All Categories) and Direct Federal Assistance. I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume the applicable non-Federal share of losses required by the Stafford Act.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property.

(a) We do not anticipate State and local government resources to be able to accomplish the volume of debris removal anticipated for this disaster.

(b) We are requesting a direct federal removal action assignment for Hurricane Katrina.

In accordance with 44 CFR §296.106, the State of Louisiana agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance:
1. Provide assistance to the United States, its lands, resources and facilities, necessary to accomplish the approved work.
2. Hold and save the United States free from damage due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work.
3. Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of each work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement.
4. Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local postdisaster matters.

In addition, I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health, and safety.

Pursuant to Sections 408 and 409 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170g & 5173, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or remaining the debris. The State agrees that debris removal, their public, and private property will not result from the reimbursement under the Stafford Act.

I have designated Mr. Arthur G. Jones as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to secure assistance and may provide further information on justification in reply.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

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ENCLOSED A TO EXPEDITED REQUEST

Estimated requirements for other Federal agency programs:

- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Opening (5) Special Needs Shelters (SNS) and establishing (1) on Standby. Cost estimated at $500,000 per week for such operation.
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): Opening (5) Shelters and establishing (1) on Standby. Cost estimated at $500,000 per week for such operation.
- FEMA and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (HSEP): Providing generators and support staff for SNS and Public Shelters. Costs estimated to range from $50,000-$100,000 to support (5) Shelters generating operations and personnel/equipment support.
- Disaster Relief Families (DFR). Costs to support evacuations - $5,000,000 for a direct benefit.
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DLF): Costs to support evacuation - $50,000 for a direct benefit.
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Costs to support evacuations - $3,000,000 for a direct benefit.

Total: $7,125,000

Estimated Requirements for assistance under the Stafford Act:

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*Based on Hurricane Iniki, Oahu and Maui (FEMA 1418: 1537: 1544)

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