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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Field Offices
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FROM: *Nancy Ward*
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CC: Region IV- Response and Recovery Division
Region VI- Response and Recovery Division

RE: Disaster Specific Guidance #3- Hurricane Katrina
Private Property Debris Removal in Coastal Areas

ISSUE: This memorandum serves to clarify procedures that are to be followed by each Joint Field Office (JFO) for application of Recovery Policy Number 9523.13 *Debris Removal from Private Property*, issued September 7, 2005, for removal of debris from private property in certain areas.

GUIDANCE:

For certain coastal areas in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana catastrophically impacted by Hurricane Katrina, a determination has been made that it is in the public interest to remove debris from private property because an immediate threat to public health and safety exists in those areas. The areas are:

Alabama – Counties of Baldwin and Mobile.

Mississippi – Counties of George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone.

Louisiana – Parishes of Orleans (including New Orleans), St. Bernard, St Charles, St. Tammany, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines and Washington.

This determination satisfies the requirements of Paragraph 7. A. The requirement for the establishment of the applicant's legal authority in paragraphs 7. B, C, and D must still be satisfied, although the process may be abbreviated. The particular local ordinance with the authority must be cited and the statement of the local authority that the ordinance is being implemented must be provided. Indemnification of the Federal government must also be provided.

Other areas in the three states will follow the policy and procedures as provided for in Recovery Policy 9523.13.

This protocol will meet the requirements and intent of the Stafford Act while not placing an undo burden on an applicant. Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Steven Glenn at 404-909-1781, James Walke at 202-646-2751, or Chuck Stuart at 202-646-3691