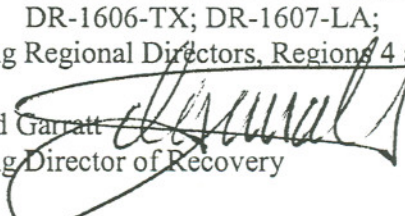




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Federal Coordinating Officers
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DR-1606-TX; DR-1607-LA;
Acting Regional Directors, Regions 4 and 6

FROM: David Garratt 
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SUBJECT: Disaster Specific Guidance # 7 – Direct Federal Assistance
for Debris Removal

ISSUE: Pursuant to Response and Recovery Policy 4150, dated September 26, 1995, FEMA funds Direct Federal Assistance for debris removal at 100% (no cost share to State) for the duration of any task orders initiated prior to the end of the designated 100% cost-share period. This includes task orders for which the period of performance extends beyond the date the period of 100% cost-share ends. Conversely, FEMA funds grant assistance for debris removal at 100% only until the end of the designated 100% cost-share period. The period for 100% funding for debris removal contracts by local governments expires on January 15, 2006, in both Louisiana and Mississippi.

GUIDANCE: Direct Federal assistance, pursuant to 44 CFR 206.208, can be provided only when the state and local governments do not have the capability to perform or contract for the work. Since local governments have existing contracts for debris removal, they have demonstrated that they are capable of contracting for the work.

Effective immediately:

1. We will not approve any requests for Direct Federal Assistance for debris removal from the states on behalf of local governments that have existing debris contracts in place.
2. Requests by the State Coordinating Officer for technical assistance for debris removal operations will be approved on an as needed basis. Technical assistance will be funded at 100% (no cost share to State).

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