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Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick  
State Coordinating Officer  
State of Louisiana  
415 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Reference: Time Extension for Permanent Work, FEMA-1603/1607-DR-LA

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

On December 19, 2006, you requested authority to approve extensions of permanent work (Categories C-G) on a blanket rather than project-by-project basis. While the regulations (44 CFR §206.204) speak to extensions only on a project by project basis, I believe the extent and severity of the damages, the large number of projects, and the time required for design and construction of buildings damaged from Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita warrant special treatment in the coastal parishes.

After careful consideration, I am extending you the authority to allow a blanket 12-month extension for permanent work within the time limits of your authority under 44 CFR §206.204. The blanket extension will be limited to permanent work in the following parishes:

- Cameron, Vermilion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Bernard, Plaquemine, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, and Washington Parishes with a federal cost share of 90%.

The new completion dates for Category C through G work in the named parishes will be extended to February 28, 2008 for FEMA-1603-DR-LA and to March 22, 2008 for FEMA-1607-DR-LA. This extension will also apply to state agencies with facilities within the footprint of the coastal parishes.

For declared parishes outside the coastal footprint, requests for time extensions for permanent restoration of eligible facilities will be considered on a project by project basis.

Your authority for the extension does not include authority for changes in scope of work or cost and does not include an extension for temporary relocations.

As a condition of this authorization, you must comply with the progress report requirements of 44 CFR §206.204(f). Progress reports must be submitted quarterly. They must describe the status of each project on which a final payment of the Federal Share has not been made to the grantee and outline any problems or circumstances expected to result in noncompliance with the approved grant conditions. In reporting the status, include the percentage of work completed and the percentage of funds expended for each project.

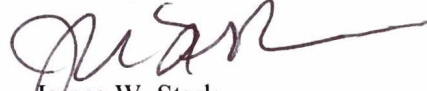
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After the date you authorize for blanket extensions has been reached, further extensions must be project by project and comply fully with the documentation provisions of 44 §CFR 206.204.

If you have any questions, please contact James Stark, Director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office at (504) 762-2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Stark", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James W. Stark

Director,

Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

cc: William Peterson, Regional Director – Region VI  
John Connolly, Branch Chief – Public Assistance  
Gil Jamieson, Deputy Director – Gulf Coast Recovery Office