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December 22, 2006

Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick
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RE: Time Extension Request of 100% Federal Cost Share for
Category A – Debris Removal for Selected Parishes,
FEMA-1603/1607-DR-LA

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter dated December 13, 2006, requesting a time extension to August 29, 2007 of 100% Federal cost-share for Category A - Debris Removal work in Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Washington Parishes for FEMA-DR-1603/1607-LA. The current extension authorized for 100 percent Federal cost-share of Category A work in these five parishes ends December 31, 2006.

The December 5, 2006 letter (please see attached) from Chairman Donald Powell, Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding, to Governor Kathleen Blanco, states that there will be no further extensions for 100 percent Federal funding of debris removal in the aforementioned parishes. Thus, the authorized deadline of December 31, 2006 for 100 percent Federal funding for this work remains in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2007, the Federal Government will still provide 90 percent Federal funding for debris removal in these five parishes until August 29, 2007.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Stark".

James Stark
Director
Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

cc: Gil Jamieson, GCRO
Tony Robinson, Director of Response and Recovery, Region 6
John Connolly, PAO
William Peterson, Regional Director.