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Colonel Thomas Kirkpatrick
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Re: Time Extension Request for Emergency Work
FEMA-1603-DR-LA, FEMA-1607-DR-LA

Dear Colonel Kirkpatrick:

This is in response to your letter dated July 9, 2007, requesting time extensions for work under FEMA Public Assistance Categories A & B (Emergency Work) for both the 1603 and the 1607 disaster declaration. This letter requests a time extension to February 29, 2008 for State Agencies, Cameron, Calcasieu, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, and Washington Parishes. The current extension authorized for Emergency Work under 1603 and 1607 ends August 29, 2007.

After careful consideration of the current status of recovery throughout the entire state, I am authorizing a time extension to February 29, 2008 for only the Category A projects related to the demolition of structures that pose an immediate threat to public health and safety. This extension will apply to both disasters, 1603 and 1607, and only to the parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines. All other Category A time extension requests, including those for debris removal activities, must be individually submitted for review on a case-by-case basis.

With respect to Category B projects, I am authorizing a time extension to March 31, 2008 for only the Category B projects related to temporary facilities or interim housing. This extension will apply to both disasters, 1603 and 1607, and to all parishes. For all other Category B time extension requests, the current deadline of August 29, 2007 will remain and any future time extension requests will only be accepted and considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Stark" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Stark
Director

Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office