

Sample Daily Communications Summary

HURRICANE KATRINA Daily Communications Summary Emergency Support Function 15—External Affairs

DISASTER RECOVERY UPDATE—KEY MESSAGES

- Many thousands of homes in Mississippi are damaged or destroyed.
- Over a quarter million houses in New Orleans and surrounding parishes are no longer fit to live in.
- Hundreds of thousands of people from across this region will need to find longer-term housing.

Secretary ----- has directed that a Housing Task Force be established to bring together the many agencies and partners that are needed to plan and implement a creative and viable strategy that will help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina rebuild their communities and their lives.

- The Housing Task Force includes hands-on experts from FEMA, private sector contractors, and partners from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the American Red Cross.
- The Housing Area Command is working closely with Governors -----, ----- and -----, Mayor ----- and the state and local officials to ensure that the solutions developed meet the state and local priorities and plans for rebuilding their communities, both in the near and long term.

One priority is to meet immediate needs by providing short term housing for the first responders and workers who will rebuild these communities, and interim housing until those displaced by Katrina can return home.

- This is a Herculean task, and every available alternative, including creative options for immediate housing, is on the table.
- Two cruise ships are docked in New Orleans providing housing to thousands of emergency workers who are rebuilding this city.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Homeland Security Secretary ----- was in Mississippi.

Education Secretary ----- was in Houston, Texas. Contact -----

Treasury Secretary ----- visited an IRS call center in Atlanta which has been handling calls for FEMA. Contact -----

3p.m. EDT-Katrina Federal Joint Field Office (JFO) briefing in Baton Rouge, La.