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Subject: Alternate Safe Haven Designation-Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama

Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees who were ordered to evacuate their official duty station in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, due to Hurricane Katrina, will comply with the conditions set forth in the evacuation orders issued by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority). However, effective immediately, under Chapter 12 of the Joint travel Regulations, dependents of DoD civilian employees who are under evacuation orders are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the continental United States. This authority applies to those individuals whose housing was declared uninhabitable by competent authority due to the effects of the hurricane.

Applicable allowances for DoD employees and their family members are to be provided in accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 550, Subpart D, implemented by Appendix I, Part B, of the Joint Travel Regulations, "Evacuations in the United States". Allowances may continue for up to 180 days from the effective date of the evacuation and may be terminated earlier through cancellation of the evacuation order.

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