



Homeland Security

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Public Law 109-62, attached is a report, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which details obligations and allocations for the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF).

The *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206, (Public Law 93-288, as amended) authorizes the President to provide Federal assistance to supplement State and local governments' disaster response, recovery, preparedness, and mitigation efforts. FEMA is responsible for administering the Federal Government's disaster assistance programs. Through the DRF, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides a significant portion of the total Federal response to victims in Presidentially-declared major disasters and emergencies.

The attached report includes data through September 21, 2005 at 6:00 A.M. It is important to note that because of the nature of FEMA's obligation and allocation activity, the status of these funds changes frequently.

The attached report also includes a report on mission assignments to other government agencies. It should be noted that while in some areas the data may suggest obligations have not been expended; this does not reflect a status of the work performed as a result of the mission assignment. Rather, this reflects the status of the billing process between other Federal agencies and FEMA.

FEMA will continue to refine the format to ensure the presentation meets the Committee's information needs. The Department appreciates your interest in DHS programs and your support of assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina and other disasters. If I can be of assistance on this or other matters, please contact me on (202) 205-4613.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Hale".

Janet Hale
Under Secretary for Management

Enclosure