

FEMA: Week in Review



April 23-29, 2011

Announcements

National Terrorism Advisory System to Replace DHS Advisory System

The National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) is replacing the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS). This new system will more effectively communicate information about terrorist threats by providing timely, detailed information to the public, government agencies, first responders, airports and other transportation hubs, and the private sector.

After reviewing all available information, the Secretary of Homeland Security will decide, in coordination with other federal agencies, whether an NTAS Alert should be issued. NTAS Alerts will only be issued when credible information is available.

The alerts will include a clear statement that there is an **imminent threat** or **elevated threat**. Using available information, the alerts will provide a concise summary of the potential threat, information about actions being taken to ensure public safety, and recommended steps that individuals, communities, businesses and government entities can take to help prevent, mitigate or respond to the threat.

NTAS Alerts will be based on the nature of the threat: in some cases, alerts will be sent directly to law enforcement or affected areas of the private sector, while in others, alerts will be issued more broadly to the American public through both official and media channels.

The public can access more information about the new terrorism advisory system at [NTAS Public Guide](#).

Housing Authority of New Orleans Receives Additional FEMA Funding

FEMA has obligated \$1.5 million to the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) to construct public housing units at the new Guste II development. During Hurricane Katrina, several HANO-owned facilities were damaged, including eight units of public housing located at Old Gentilly Road.

The funding will allow HANO to construct four new duplexes of public housing at the site of their Guste II housing redevelopment project, located at 1301 Simon Bolivar Avenue.

"These new units, which emulate the character and style of traditional New Orleans housing, will continue to serve the same general public within Orleans Parish as before the storm," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan.

In total, once completed, there will be eight duplexes (16 units) of rental public housing at Guste II. In addition to the four duplexes being funded by FEMA, the other four duplexes are being financed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To date, FEMA has obligated approximately \$80.3 million in Public Assistance funding to HANO to help with recovery efforts for hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Calendar

May 1-4: National Flood Conference, New Orleans.

May 1-7: Public Service Recognition Week.

May 2: Belle Chasse Middle School ribbon-cutting ceremony.

May 22-28: Hurricane Preparedness Week. (Visit [Ready.gov](#) for more information.)

May 24-26: Individual Assistance Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF 6) Annual Conference, Kansas City, Mo. [Registration Deadline](#).

May 30: Memorial Day.

Public Service Week

Twenty-six federal agencies will participate in an exhibit program at Lakeside Mall in Metairie on Thursday, May 5, to highlight Public Service Recognition Week. All of the agencies have a strong presence in Louisiana and will have representatives to speak to the public about their activities. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As part of the week's activities, a Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon will also be held on Wednesday, May 4, at the Audubon Nature Institute in New Orleans.

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
357 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
34 occupied units



For more information, visit the [LRO website](#).