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Mark S. Riley
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Re: Blanket RPA extension for FEMA-1786-DR-LA

Dear Mr. Riley:

This is in response to your letter dated October 24, 2008, which seeks a time extension for applicants to file Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) for the Hurricane Gustav (FEMA-1786-DR-LA) storm event. You identify that several potential applicants are unfamiliar with the RPA process and are now beginning to seek advisement on how to request Federal reimbursement. In particular, you cite Private Non-Profit organizations that housed evacuees following the storm.

My letter from September 30, 2008 extended the RPA deadline through October 30, 2008. Upon review of the current status of the recovery effort, it is clear that potential applicants require additional time to file their RPAs. Therefore, I authorize an additional time extension for Applicants to file RPAs under FEMA-1786-DR-LA through November 30, 2008. This extension applies to all sixty-four (64) parishes declared eligible for FEMA Public Assistance funding.

FEMA remains committed to the community's timely recovery from Hurricane Gustav. I urge your office to be aggressive in communicating to potential subgrantees the importance of filing RPAs in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Stark", written over a white background.

James W. Stark
Director

Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office

cc: Paul Rainwater, Executive Director, Louisiana Recovery Authority