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Mike Hall  
Federal Coordinating Officer  
FEMA – State Joint Field Office  
415 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Mr. Hall:

Due to the close proximity of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike – both in time and location of impact – many Louisiana residents in declared parishes for both disasters experienced storm-related damage as a result of each of the two hurricanes.

Currently, residents applying for Individual Assistance have to complete two separate applications – one for each disaster – and duplicate the process of applying for federal assistance. Louisiana parishes that are declared for IA, to date, under both disasters are: Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Sabine, St. Mary, Vermilion and Vernon Parishes.

As the Governor's Authorized Representative on both of these disasters, I am requesting that IA requests for both Hurricanes Gustav and Ike be made on one application in overlapping parishes (parishes declared for IA in both disasters). Subsequently, I also request that any parishes amended into declarations which become overlapping parishes be automatically granted this waiver for completion of one application.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Rainwater

cc: James W. Stark