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SUBJECT: DoD Civilian Emergency Access to Exchange, Commissary, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Military Lodging at Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Safe Haven Locations

The Department of Defense and Congress exercise close scrutiny over the patronage of military commissary, exchange, MWR, and lodging facilities to ensure their continued effectiveness as integral parts of the military compensation and benefits package. This memorandum provides interim guidance to permit broader access to military exchanges, commissaries, MWR, and lodging facilities to appropriated and nonappropriated DoD civilian employees (hereinafter "DoD civilian employees"), and their dependents, evacuated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

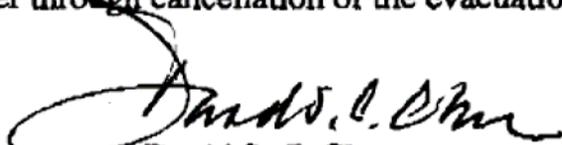
**Applicability:** DoD civilian employees and their dependents evacuated from their assigned duty stations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas pursuant to evacuation orders issued by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority).

**Guidelines:** Installation commanders in the continental United States may permit temporary limited access to military exchange, commissary, MWR, and lodging facilities by DoD civilian employees and their dependents under evacuation orders. Privileges do not include the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, and uniform items, except that DoD civilian employee evacuees residing on a military installation may purchase tax-free alcohol products but may not remove them from the installation. Installation commanders may



authorize commissary privileges when it is impractical for DoD civilian employee evacuees to procure commissary supplies from civilian stores.

This guidance is effective up to 180 days from the effective date of the evacuation order and may be terminated earlier through cancellation of the evacuation order.



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