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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Priority Placement Program (PPP) Waivers for Appointments and Reassignments Accomplished in Response to Hurricane Katrina

In response to Hurricane Katrina, the following PPP requirements in Chapter 4, Section B.1. of the PPP Operations Manual are waived:

a. The requirement to clear the PPP when reassigning employees to vacant DoD positions, if the reassignment is in response to damage or destruction of the reassigned employee's worksite.

b. The requirement to clear the PPP when an activity makes any time-limited appointment under existing appointing authorities or any special appointment authorities approved by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), in conjunction with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. This includes the OPM recently issued excepted appointing authority under 5 Code of Federal Regulations 213.3102(i)(3) to fill, on a temporary basis for up to 1 year, positions affected by or needed to deal with the devastation.

These waivers will remain in effect up to, and including, March 15, 2006. Activities should address questions to their supporting Civilian Assistance and Re-Employment (CARE) Program Coordinator.

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