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SUBJECT: Alternate Safe Haven Designation—Hurricane Rita

Effective this date, alternate safe haven selection is authorized at the discretion of the addressees adhering to the following direction:

Military Dependents. Dependents of Service members who were ordered or authorized by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority) to evacuate military installations due to Hurricane Rita, are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the CONUS. Dependents of uniformed personnel are to be processed for safe haven allowances in accordance with the JFTR, Chapter 6, Part B. Allowances may not exceed 180 days from the date dependents arrive at their alternate safe haven location, and may be subject to cancellation of the evacuation order or authorization. Those affected by this policy are authorized up to two months of advanced pay (37 USC 1006(c)) provided member's dependents have been evacuated.

Civilian Employees/Families. DoD civilian employees who were ordered or authorized to evacuate their official duty station due to Hurricane Rita, will comply with the conditions set forth in the evacuation orders issued by a commander (or equivalent DoD authority). Effective this date, under Chapter 12 of the Joint travel Regulations, dependents of DoD civilian employees who are under evacuation orders are authorized to select an alternate safe haven within the CONUS. Applicable allowances for DoD



employees and their family members are to be provided in accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 550, Subpart D, implemented by Appendix I, Part B, of the Joint Travel Regulations, "Evacuations in the United States." Allowances may continue for up to 180 days from the effective date of the evacuation and may be subject to cancellation of the evacuation order or authorization.

Hurricane Katrina Evacuees Affected by Hurricane Rita. DoD civilian employees and dependents; and dependents of Service members who were evacuated due to Hurricane Katrina, who now must relocate again because of Hurricane Rita, are authorized to move to a temporary safe haven within the CONUS. If, after damage from Hurricane Rita is known, and authorities allow families to return; families may remain in place or return to the safe haven from which they departed in response to Hurricane Rita. If Hurricane Rita damage is devastating and families cannot return, the families may remain in place or select another alternate safe haven within the CONUS.



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