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FEMA News Update

**FEMA LOUISIANA TRANSITIONAL RECOVERY OFFICE PERSONNEL
ASSESSING KATRINA/RITA TEMPORARY HOUSING UNITS**

BATON ROUGE -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is mobilizing Federal Asset Assessment Teams (FAAT) to identify damages to travel trailers, mobile homes and park models in parishes impacted by Hurricane Gustav. Residents who already know if their temporary housing unit sustained damages should call the maintenance number previously provided to them by their trailer contractor.

"Our teams in the field are working as quickly as possible to assist these families with their housing needs," said Jim Stark, acting associate deputy administrator for FEMA's Gulf Coast Recovery Office.

FEMA applicants can call the FEMA trailer maintenance number at 1-888-294-2822 for further information and assistance. Operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Louisiana Call Center will address only Hurricanes Katrina and Rita applicants that are currently living in FEMA travel trailers, park model units, and mobile homes.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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Editors: For more information on Louisiana disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov/gulfcoastrecovery.

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