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Army Corps recognizes employees for hurricane support

Honors for employees who supported Hurricane Rita and Katrina recovery efforts

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will honor District employees who deployed or were actively involved with hurricane response operations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, in the Texas Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Fritz G. Lanham Federal Building at 819 Taylor St., Fort Worth, Texas. Nearly 200 Corps of Engineers personnel, 25 percent of the District workforce, will be officially honored by family, friends and co-workers. Col. Christopher Martin, Fort Worth District commander, will recognize each employee for going above and beyond the normal call to duty.

Individuals worked in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi on teams performing ice, water, power, debris, temporary housing, temporary roofing and other missions for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Other individuals accepted FEMA mission assignments, established internal project tracking procedures for the hurricane recovery operations, managed mission funds, prepared daily situation reports, issued mission task assignments for mission planning response teams, prepared travel orders, deployed team members and recruited personnel to fill mission assignments.

The Corps is among the first to respond when natural disasters and other emergencies occur, helping to get recovery efforts started. The Corps provides drinking water and ice, manages debris cleanup, provides auxiliary power, and makes repairs. In addition to emergency response under our own authorities, the Corps provides technical advice to state and federal officials, inspecting and assessing damaged areas.

Media are invited to attend this event. For more information, call the Fort Worth District Public Affairs Office at (817) 886-1310.