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Corps members deploy to assist Hurricane Katrina relief efforts

Walla Walla, Wash. – The Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, deployed an eight-member power team today to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in the Gulf Region.

The team deployed to Montgomery, Ala., where they will support the region's power needs. They will handle emergency power requirements as established by Alabama's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including setting up generators for police and fire departments and other emergency responders. They also will set up generators in hospitals, government buildings and other facilities as directed by the state EOC.

The Walla Walla District also provided two personnel to the Gulf States Region to assist with logistics support to the recovery effort and with the rebuilding effort. The logistic team will help arrange getting supplies transferred in and dispensed to areas where they are needed.

Corps personnel also will be evaluating buildings and other facilities to determine their structural integrity, viability and safety. In addition, they'll build housing for those who have been left homeless by this devastating storm if that's what local officials determine is needed.

The Corps of Engineers typically handles eight mission areas involving disaster relief. Those areas include emergency power, humanitarian support (ice and water), debris removal, temporary housing, emergency restoration of critical facilities, demolition and stabilization of structures, temporary construction of access routes and temporary roofing.

“From all indications, this powerful storm caused tremendous damage. The Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is proud to support the recovery effort and we have more than 80 additional volunteers willing to go where needed when called upon. Our volunteers are demonstrating the

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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' commitment to duty and selfless service to the nation, and we are proud of every last one of them," said LtCol. Randy Glaeser, commander of the Walla Walla District.

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