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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees continue to deploy in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – They are your neighbors and friends and they are trained in disaster response. More than 50 employees from Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have joined a team of thousands, supporting recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina in the southeastern United States.

In addition to the efforts to get the water out of New Orleans, the Corps is also providing services throughout the effected areas to include ice, water and temporary power; as well as debris removal and temporary roofing.

Currently, nearly 2,400 Corps employees are deployed in the effected areas. Our missions are totaling \$3 billion, of which more than \$2.8 billion are missions from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and more than \$36 million are for Flood Control Coastal Emergencies.

The Corps is also making preparations for the expected landfall of Hurricane Rita. In New Orleans, work continues around the clock to make emergency repairs to damaged canal walls and levees. Corps employees are working with local levee districts and drainage authorities, and have begun re-distributing pumps, construction equipment and materials to municipalities for emergency response. We are also continuing to evaluate flood control structures in the region to determine what preventive measures can be implemented. We are monitoring the situation very closely, and working with FEMA and other partner agencies to prepare for this storm.

The Corps responds to national emergencies by supporting FEMA in carrying out the National Response Plan, which calls on 26 federal departments and agencies to provide coordinated disaster relief and recovery operations.

The Corps has a primary role in support of the National Response Plan. The plan describes the basic structure by which the federal government will mobilize resources and conduct response and recovery activities to assist states and local governments in coping with the consequences of significant natural or man-made disasters, to include terrorist events.

Within this plan, the Department of Defense has designated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the primary agency for planning, preparedness and response under the Emergency Support Function #3, Public Works and Engineering.

Founded in 1948, Walla Walla District provides a full range of civil services to the Pacific Northwest. Walla Walla District's civil works boundaries encompass 107,000 square miles throughout the Snake River watershed area. The boundaries include parts of six states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

For more information, visit the Walla Walla District Web site at [www.nww.usace.army.mil](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil) or contact the Public Affairs Office at (509) 527-7020.

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