



Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Short-Term Lodging Program  
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*To all Hurricane Katrina/Rita evacuees:*

*As of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, FEMA will be taking over the American Red Cross Special Transient Accommodation Program which has provided you temporary shelter in this hotel.*

*Under the new Short-Term Lodging program FEMA will be paying the motel room invoices, and working with you to assist you in your recovery and acquisition of interim housing.*

*We understand that you need to move as quickly as possible from temporary housing in hotels to more suitable long term housing and will be helping you with that process.*

*In order for us to assist you, you must register with FEMA as quickly as possible. To register for assistance with FEMA, visit the Web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for people who are speech- or hearing-impaired. If you have already registered for assistance, it is not necessary to apply again. Applying twice will slow the process down.*

*In the days to come, the management of the hotel in which you are staying will be requesting additional information from your household. This information will be provided to our agency so that we can help you locate more suitable longer term housing. Please cooperate with the management of this hotel when they request this additional information.*

*Thank you.*

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Hotel Management: Please distribute to evacuees and post at your front desk.