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FROM: Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense) **PM**

SUBJECT: Post Hurricane Isabel Status Report

- DoD installations impacted by Hurricane Isabel continue to assess and repair damages. A recap is at the attachment.
- Six Requests for Assistance have been received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Details may be found in the attachment. US Northern Command is fully integrated into the request for assistance process as the supported combatant commander.
- All DoD support is reimbursable under Title 42, United States Code, Section 5121 as amended by Public Law 100-707, *The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is providing Public Works and Engineering services in the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Ongoing missions are summarized in the attachment.
- National Guard Bureau reports significant involvement of National Guard personnel on State active duty (SAD) helping to mitigate the consequences of Hurricane Isabel. A total of 2,507 guard personnel are on SAD, performing diverse missions, as indicated in the attachment.
- The President and the Secretary of Homeland Security toured some of the affected areas in Virginia yesterday and met with disaster relief workers. This office maintains regular contact with Department of Homeland Security and FEMA who are coordinating the federal response.

COORDINATION: NONE

Attachment:
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On this, and in general, Paul McHale is doing a great job for us. The country
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Post Hurricane Isabel Support
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- **Impact on regional DoD installations**
 - **US Air Force.** Approximately 75 percent of Langley AFB, VA was flooded. Substantial flooding and roof damage has been reported. Over 900 trees are down on the base and in the local housing area. Commercial power has been restored to 75 percent of the base. Evacuated aircraft have returned to base and the airfield is open, but only for non-precision approach because the Instrument Landing System is inoperable. All other Air Force facilities report status as fully mission capable.
 - **US Army.** Several Army facilities in Virginia sustained significant wind and water damage and are still operating on back-up power. Hardest hit were Ft. Monroe, Ft. Story, Ft. Lee and Ft. Eustis. We will continue to monitor recovery operation efforts on both Active and Reserve facilities.
 - **US Navy.** Instruction at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD has not been impacted, but there is significant water damage to facilities.
- **Army Corps of Engineers Support.** Ongoing missions include: ice and water procurement and distribution North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; restoration of a washed out state road north of Hatteras, NC; technical assistance for debris removal; and emergency power assessments and generator installations. Temporary housing requirements are being determined. The Corps has 202 personnel engaged full time in response to Hurricane Isabel.
- **National Guard Support.** In North Carolina, there are 1,217 guard personnel assisting with security and logistics. Virginia has 1,165 personnel assisting local authorities with recovery operations. There are 82 District of Columbia National Guard personnel assisting the DC Metro Police in traffic control operations. Maryland reports 43 guard personnel supporting security and logistics operations in the state. The West Virginia and Pennsylvania National Guard has completed all assigned mission and have returned to pre-incident manning levels.
- **Requests for Assistance.** Fort Bragg/Pope AFB, NC, Ft. A.P. Hill, VA, and the Defense Supply Center-Columbus, OH, are being used as mobilization centers for federal responders. Defense Coordinating Officers are supporting FEMA Regions III and IV in Disaster Field Offices in Richmond, VA, and Raleigh, NC. On September 22, 35,000 meals ready to eat (MREs) were transferred from a DLA warehouse in Norfolk, VA, to a FEMA designated location in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

