



POLICY FLASH

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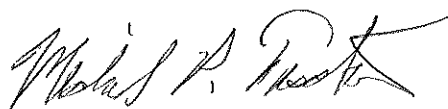
SUBJECT: Hurricane Relief on Federal Research Awards

SUMMARY: Federal research agencies, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Office of Science and Technology Policy have been coordinating activities with institutions and individuals in the Gulf region to provide assistance to restore and maintain the high quality of research supported by Federal grants and cooperative agreements.

OMB issued guidance (attached) on September 30, 2005, granting relief on short term administrative and financial management requirements under OMB grant circulars. This relief is intended to help recipients recover from hurricane damage without compromising accountability requirements.

DOE Contracting Officers are encouraged to refer to the OMB guidance for financial assistance with affected universities, non-profits and other recipients in granting requests for relief. In particular, requests for extensions of budget and project periods, and report due dates should be viewed favorably. DOE Contracting Officers should include a memorandum to the file indicating that the request was granted for hurricane relief reasons and reference the OMB September 30 memorandum. The agreement itself should be amended to reflect any changes.

Questions concerning this policy flash should be directed to Jackie Kniskern at 202-287-1342 or jacqueline.kniskern@hq.doe.gov.



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Attachments (1) Joint Announcement, Hurricane Relief on Federal Research
Awards dated October 5, 2005

(2) Joint Announcement, Agency Links and Points of Contact

(3) Office of Management and Budget Memorandum
"Administrative Relief for Grantees Impacted by Hurricane
Katrina and Rita," dated September 30, 2005