

**Hurricane Katrina
Hardship Guidance - Updated 8/31/05**

1. Water Disruption- The regular water system has been affected by this disaster.
2. Power Outages- Utilities including gas and water have been affected by this disaster.
3. Limited Food Availability- The relief operation may not be able to accommodate special dietary needs.
4. Extreme Heat Conditions
5. Housing Shortages- Staff may not have private rooms, may be required to share housing, and staff shelters may be established.
6. Working Conditions- In some situations, the working environment can cause hardships.
7. Limited Health Care Access- Following a disaster, especially in remote locations, the community infrastructure can be affected so that normal health care systems are not in place or are difficult to access.
8. Extreme Emotional Stress- The disaster has caused a number of deaths and destruction. Workers may be exposed to victims expressing grief, anger, and frustration. There may be personal safety concerns and a possibility of recurrent disaster conditions.
9. Travel Conditions- Travel distance on the relief operation may be long and/or difficult. Road conditions may include congestion, impassable, or single lane.
10. Transportation Limitations- Transportation to the relief operation may be difficult, may require alternate routes, multiple connections, or even use of non-commercial/military carriers.
11. Air Quality- Air quality may be poor due to contamination and environmental conditions.
12. Lifting Limitations- All staff reporting to assignment may be asked to assist with duties including lifting.