



New Orleans District 5 Neighborhood Recovery Group

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Lake Vista Property Owners Association
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Lakeshore Property Owners' Association
Lakeview Civic Improvement Association
Lakewood Property Owners Association

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*Via U. S. Mail and
Electronic Mail*

Attention: Mr. Ben Turner
Reference: Orleans Parish (Sector 1) Cleanup Project – Dead Tree Removal

Dear Mr. Turner:

I am the Chairman of the New Orleans District 5 Neighborhood Recovery Group, which represents a large portion of the lake area community currently being cleaned up from the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by your firm under a USACE contract. The purpose of this letter today is to address the status of an issue that is of the utmost concern to the City and of our Lake Area Community.

We have a serious problem that remains ongoing in the areas affected by these devastating storms. Hundreds of trees located in the public rights-of-ways remain standing, but are obviously dead. These trees have started to decay to such a point that their limbs are falling into the road, onto parked cars, newly installed electrical and telephone lines, and even onto FEMA trailers. Our concern, of course, is for the citizens of our Community. If the dead trees are not removed promptly, it is only a matter of time before someone becomes injured or killed by falling tree limbs, branches, or the actual tree itself.

I write to you on this issue with the sincere hope that you can convey this life threatening situation to your Contracting Officer with the USACE, and they in turn with FEMA, to provide the immediate authorization for the removal of these threats.

Again, we sincerely appreciate your efforts thus far and wish you much success in your continuing efforts. Please let me know if you can relay this information to the pertinent parties, or if possible whom I can speak with at the proper levels with the USACE or FEMA to apprise them of the immediate danger that is posed to our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Martin Landrieu, Chairman
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