

## Southeast Region

# Hurricane Katrina Report

September 2, 2005

The Incident Management Team crews have been working out of a base camp at Mississippi Sandhill Crane NWR, Mississippi, and continue various aerial missions, ground recovery, and humanitarian actions, in support of FEMA's overall recovery effort. The team will be relocating its base camp at Big Branch NWR in Lacombe, Louisiana, and headquarters for the Southeast Louisiana Complex.

The buildings there include a monastery, church, and school, which will aid in the provision of many of the long-term needs of our personnel deployed to that area. Multiple FWS personnel remain on stand-by status until we can support them to conduct additional recovery operations. Fuel, water, ice, etc., remain in short supply and high demand.

Today's activities include opening the entrance road to the Headquarter compound, determining needed repairs to restore facility for safe occupation and serviceability, preparation of site for future placement of FEMA trailers, and preparing location for Incident Command Post.

### Additional information

Media contact coordination is being handled by the Office of External Affairs, Southeast Region, at 404/679 7287.



*The Delta National Wildlife Refuge headquarters (center) survived Hurricane Katrina largely intact, but its boathouse lies under the barge crane shown at right. A series of seafood docks and facilities used to support offshore drilling operations located just above the Delta office no longer exist.*



*Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005 at 5:15 pm*

