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State of Missouri
Office of Administration
Division of Personnel
Ms. Alma McKinney, Director of Personnel
Truman state Office building
Jefferson city, Missouri 65101

Dear Ms. McKinney:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify some confusion regarding the status of Missouri National Guard soldiers (state employees) called to duty in support of Hurricane Katrina Relief Mission.

Initially Missouri National Guard soldiers were called to State Emergency Duty by Executive Order 05-24 and 05-25 signed by Governor Matt Blunt. This would have authorized, under Section 105.270RSMo, all state employees unlimited use of Military Leave for the period of State Emergency Duty supported by their Military Orders.

However, effective September 7, 2005 the Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense authorized the National Guard to conduct the Hurricane Katrina Relief Mission in Title 32 Status retroactive to August 29, 2005. Corrected Military Orders are being generated at this time.

Under Title 32 Status, Missouri National Guard soldiers who are state employees are authorized to use up to fifteen days (120 hours) of military leave in any federal fiscal year (1 Oct – 30 Sept) during which they are engaged in the performance of duty under competent orders (1CSR20-5). Should the employee's military leave be exhausted, and at the request of the employee; the absence may be charged against the employee's accrued annual leave or compensatory time.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact Ms. Donna Truman of my office at 573-638-9845 or donna.truman@mo.ngb.army.mil.

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