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POSTAL SERVICE CONTINUES TO RESTORE MAIL SERVICES ALONG THE GULF COAST

Washington, DC – The U.S. Postal Service continues to reconnect Gulf Coast residents with their mail, now providing full delivery service to some 75 percent of residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In Alabama, 100 percent of the Post Offices statewide are fully operational. In Mississippi, delivery and retail service has been restored to 87 percent of the state. In Louisiana, postal services have been restored to 30 percent of the state.

Continuing efforts to reconnect displaced residents with their mail, the Postal Service is urging customers to file a change of address form, according to Azeezaly S. Jaffer, Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications. This will allow hurricane victims to receive important emergency services information, financial aid, and medicines through the mail.

The quickest and easiest way file a Change of Address is electronically, he said.

Customers who have computer or telephone access should utilize the Postal Service's Internet or Telephone Change of Address option. Electronic change of addresses can be filed online at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).

Hurricane victims without telephone service or internet access should go to the nearest post office, complete a change-of-address form, and submit it to a postal Retail Associate at the counter or mail it.

To date, more than 87,000 households of affected residents have filed a Change of Address.

Also during the last week, the Postal Service has distributed more than 20,000 Social Security checks to residents at mobile locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.