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**State of Louisiana Requests Title 32 Designation  
for up to 8,000 Members of Louisiana National Guard**

Governor Bobby Jindal formally requested Title 32 status from the Pentagon for Louisiana National Guard members responding to Hurricane Isaac, which would approve funding for up to 180 days of military duty for up to 8,000 guard members.

The letter the Governor sent to the Pentagon is below:

August 27, 2012

Honorable Leon E. Panetta  
Secretary of Defense  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary Panetta:

I ask you to approve funding for up to 180 days of military duty in Title 32 USC 502(f) status for the Soldiers and Airmen serving on State active duty in support of our response to the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac to the State of Louisiana. Title 32 status will allow the members of the National Guard supporting Tropical Storm Isaac relief to receive military retirement points, health insurance and most importantly disability protection. I request that you authorize up to 8,000 Soldiers and Airmen in a Title 32 status.

I have ordered over 4,000 Louisiana National Guard soldiers and airmen to state active duty in order to provide security, medical capabilities, engineers and communication support in response to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Isaac. None of the soldiers or airmen are serving in a federal status.

Currently, our soldiers and airmen are staging for and engaged in the planning of the massive effort to evacuate and provide security to the New Orleans metropolitan area. They are engaged in the protection of vital infrastructure to include medical facilities, fuel distribution, interstate highways, water-ice distribution and power facilities which are all vital to the recovery of

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Louisiana. I anticipate requesting National Guard forces from other states in the region to augment our capabilities, so I anticipate that this will be a multi-state response to this storm.

I believe these National Guard operations in response to the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac are necessary and appropriate to protect this region of our nation from a significant national event with the potential for major damage. Louisiana is home to many federal and state military bases to include NSA New Orleans and Fort Polk. Jackson Barracks is the site of a multi-million dollar federal reconstruction investment. Fort Polk is currently training for wartime missions and will be further tasked with Tropical Storm Isaac which may also become a homeland defense mission.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

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