

## Appendix D

### Letter of Introduction to Potential Eligible Trailer Occupants

Date

Dear [Registrant],

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is forming a Katrina Pilot Registry to find out about the health of those who lived in FEMA trailers after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. What we learn from the pilot registry will be used to decide what sort of research we should do. We will also try to find out:

- enroll people who lived in FEMA trailers in a registry
  - and what will need to be done to make a larger registry
  - answer the questions we want to ask about their overall health and breathing problems
- If we can contact and  
How much it will cost  
Whether people will

We are inviting people who lived in a FEMA trailer to take part in the pilot registry. FEMA is funding this survey.

The pilot registry will ask questions about:

- Where you lived before and after the hurricanes
- Your age, sex, and racial background
- Your health

This pilot registry will help us learn more about ways to improve health and prevent disease in the future. We will be calling you in the next few weeks to interview you for the pilot registry. The interview should take about 25 minutes of your time to complete.

You do not have to take part in the pilot registry. There are no penalties if you decide not to take part. All answers you give will be kept private as much as the law allows. We will not use your name in any reports from this pilot registry.

If you have questions about the registry please feel free to call the 1-800-xxx-xxxx. You may have questions about your rights as part of this pilot registry. If so, you may call 1-800-CDC INFO (1-800-232-4636) or CDC-INFO TTD/TTY Number (888-232-6348) and ask for the Human Subjects Contact.

Thank you very much for helping with this project.

Sincerely,

ATSDR signatories  
(Reading level: 7.3)