

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SURVEY?

Many local community organizations, private businesses, churches and other religious institutions, as well as community leaders in your neighborhood, are working with the KARE Registry to share information about the survey.

You may also visit our website at

www.KARE.org

or speak with a Registry team member by calling our toll-free telephone number at

1-xxx-xxx-xxxx.



THE KATRINA AND RITA EXPOSURES (KARE) REGISTRY

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013



EVALUATING POSSIBLE EFFECTS FROM FEMA TRAILERS AFTER HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA



Hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf Coast more than seven years ago, yet the region is still experiencing many of the effects of the storms. As a result of the storms, many families were displaced and moved into Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-supplied trailers.



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WHAT IS THE KATRINA AND RITA EXPOSURES (KARE) REGISTRY?

The KARE Registry is a listing of information about individuals who stayed in FEMA-supplied trailers after the storms. An important purpose of the current survey is to help us see if enough eligible people can be found, and if they are willing to be a part of the Registry. Those who enroll will be asked to take part in a 20-minute telephone survey. Registries can help us understand changes over time in people who may have something in common. Common experiences of interest to those who have lived in FEMA-supplied trailers might include exposures to moisture and mold, exposure to chemicals used in building materials, or stresses associated with the upheaval experienced by many Gulf Coast residents who were impacted by the storms.

The current survey is the first step in creating a registry of all individuals who stayed in a FEMA-supplied trailer as a result of the hurricanes. During this first part of the study, we will enroll up to 3,000 eligible individuals in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama. Because many people left the area in the years after the storms, this first part of the study will help us determine if enough eligible people can be found and if they are willing to participate in the KARE Registry. If this first part of the study is successful, a full registry can then be done, for which many more people will be enrolled.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REGISTRY AND HOW WILL IT BE USED?

People who lived in trailers furnished by FEMA after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are concerned about whether living or staying in the trailers has harmed their health. To begin to look for answers, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is testing the idea of creating the KARE Registry. A registry is a list of people with something in common. By enrolling, you play an important part in helping us understand how to study the possible impact among people who resided in the trailers of exposures to moisture and mold, chemicals used in building materials, and other stressors.

WHO ARE THE SPONSORS?

ATSDR, a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has asked RTI International (RTI) to test whether it is possible to put together a registry. ATSDR serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances. It accomplishes this by performing a variety of functions, including conducting health surveillance and creating registries like the KARE Registry to track the potential impact of common exposures and experiences.

The KARE Registry is being conducted by RTI, a non-profit research organization and leader in health research. RTI will conduct telephone surveys for the Registry.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The goal of the current survey is enroll up to 3,000 individuals from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Alabama who stayed in FEMA-supplied trailers as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

RTI will be calling individuals to request participation in the Registry. If you are eligible and agree to enroll, a KARE Registry interviewer will ask you a series of questions over the phone. The interview takes about 20 minutes. Some of the questions will include

- the type of FEMA trailer you stayed in
- family members or friends who shared the trailer with you
- dates when you moved into and out of the trailer
- number of hours per day or week you spent in the trailer.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT PRIVATE?

Yes. All information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. The KARE Registry will not share your personal information with anyone outside of the study. All published information about the study will be in summary form only.

RTI International is a trade name of Research Triangle Institute.

Those who lived in trailers are strongly encouraged to enroll.

WHERE WERE YOU?



2005	August 29, 2005 —Hurricane Katrina makes landfall near Buras-Triumph, Louisiana, with 125 mph winds, as a strong Category 3 storm. The levees begin to fail, with 28 reported levee failures in the first 24 hours. Nearly every levee in metro New Orleans is breached as Hurricane Katrina passes just east of the city limits. The major levee breaches, which include the 17 th Street Canal, the London Avenue Canal, and Industrial Canal, leave approximately 80% of New Orleans flooded.
2006	July 1, 2006 —New population estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau show a decline of 219,563, or 4.87% of Louisiana's pre-Katrina population. August 2006 —HBO releases <i>When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts</i> , a four-hour documentary by director Spike Lee, that chronicles the events leading up to Katrina, as well as its immediate aftermath.
2007	"Forever New Orleans" campaign is launched by the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau. August 2007 —New Orleans officials break ground on a memorial honoring the victims of Hurricane Katrina.
2008	Barack Obama becomes the 44 th president of the United States.
2009	June 2009 —27 of 39 hospitals in New Orleans have reopened.
2010	February 7, 2010 —New Orleans Saints win the Superbowl! March 30, 2010 —260 families are still living in FEMA-supplied trailers in Louisiana and Mississippi. August 2010 —Director Spike Lee releases a sequel documentary, <i>If God Is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise</i> , to mark the fifth anniversary of Katrina's arrival and the status of New Orleans and the Gulf region five years after the storm.