



## **AIRMAIL**

Good Morning,

Below is the DHS message regarding the response to the earthquake in Haiti and ways your company can help. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you.

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### **STATEMENT BY HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY JANET NAPOLITANO**

#### **DISASTER RESPONSE IN HAITI**

“The Department of Homeland Security continues to extend sympathy for our Haitian neighbors and support the worldwide relief effort underway in every way we can. Four Coast Guard cutters have arrived in Haiti, in addition to a variety of Coast Guard assets that were already in the area to support military air traffic control, conduct damage assessments and rescue people in need of assistance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continues to work closely with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the State Department—the lead U.S. federal agencies in the response—while coordinating the deployment of state and local Urban Search and Rescue Teams from across the country to Haiti and standing by to provide food, water and other resources as requested. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has provided aircraft to support response efforts. On Wednesday, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement halted all

removals to Haiti for the time being in response to the devastation caused by Tuesday’s earthquake. The entire Department stands ready to receive evacuees safely and securely in the United States.

“Monetary contributions from individual Americans are the best way to immediately support the relief efforts of those who are working around-the-clock to help save lives in Haiti—and will help sustain these efforts over the long-term. The rebuilding process for the people of Haiti will undoubtedly be extremely difficult. I encourage every American who is interested in giving to participate in this response effort by providing support to those in need. You can visit [www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake](http://www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake) to make your contribution.”

To see a video from Secretary Napolitano about what you can do to help earthquake recovery in Haiti, click the video below.



### **DHS Operational Response:**

Four Coast Guard cutters, including [Coast Guard Cutter \*Forward\*](#) and [Coast Guard cutter \*Mohawk\*](#), have arrived in Haiti equipped with specialized capabilities and rotary air assets to support the larger U.S. effort.

Five Coast Guard C-130 airplanes are flying the coast of Western Haiti doing damage assessments, searching for people in need of assistance. They have removed roughly 250 U.S. personnel from Haiti to the Dominican Republic and Guantanamo Bay at the direction of the U.S. Embassy in Haiti.

FEMA is coordinating and supporting the deployment of state and local Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Teams from across the country to Haiti. Currently, two US&R teams are on the ground, and two more are expected to arrive today. Five additional US&R teams have been activated and await deployment. These teams are made up of specially-trained state and local first responders and come from across the country.

CBP is providing P-3 aircraft to support response efforts. The aircraft are providing air traffic control in support of Homeland Security Task Force Southeast. TSA has hundreds of officers on standby to provide screening of flights from Haiti. Relief mission flights are currently arriving in the United States.

### **If you would like to help:**

[www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake](http://www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake)

Donate \$10 to the American Red Cross – charged to your cell phone bill – by texting "HAITI" to "90999"

### **If you are seeking information on family members in Haiti, contact:**

U.S. Department of State 888-407-4747

### **Be Aware of Email Scams and Search Engine Poisoning Campaigns:**

DHS would like to warn users of potential email scams and search engine poisoning campaigns that may circulate regarding the earthquake in Haiti. The scam emails may contain links or attachments which may direct users to phishing or malware-laden websites. Fraudulent search engine results may return similar malicious web links to phishing and malware websites.

DHS encourages users to take the following measures to protect themselves:

Do not follow unsolicited web links or attachments in email messages.

Maintain up-to-date antivirus software.

Review the Federal Trade Commission's [Charity Checklist](#).

Verify the legitimacy of the email by contacting the organization directly through a trusted contact number. Trusted contact information can be found on the Better Business Bureau [National Charity Report Index](#).

Refer to the [Recognizing and Avoiding Email Scams](#) (pdf) document for more information on avoiding email scams.

Refer to the [Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks](#) document for more information on social engineering attacks.

This disaster has called the world to action in response and the Department of Homeland Security continues to support the worldwide relief effort in every way possible.



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