



## **USDA-CSREES 2006 National Water Quality Conference**

### [The Southern Regional Water project's Response to the Katrina and Rita Disasters](#)

When hurricane's Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf coast of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, extension services and other agencies were hard pressed for information, printed materials, and emergency programs to meet the need. The Southern Region's initial response was met by posting of info and links on its regional web site. It borrowed heavily from the EDEN (Emergency Disaster Extension Network) system and the FAQ website of Alabama Cooperative Extension's Water Quality Program. Early in the post-event information dissemination process, the primary need is for existing materials, considering there is no time to start writing. We are currently in the recovery phase and have more time to think and plan. A session at the biennial Southern Region Water Quality Project was devoted to such planning. This presentation will share the outcome of that conference session and further experiences from our disaster response.

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