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**NLRB OPENS TEMPORARY OFFICE IN HOUSTON, TX
DUE TO CLOSURE OF NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL OFFICE
IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA**

National Labor Relations Board Acting General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld announced today that the Board's New Orleans, LA Regional Office (Region 15) will open a temporary office in Houston, TX starting on Monday, October 17, 2005. The New Orleans Regional Office remains temporarily closed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The NLRB will re-open the New Orleans Regional Office when clearance is given to occupy the agency's office building located in the Central Business District of New Orleans and the housing needs of Region 15 employees are addressed.

Starting on October 17, 2005, charges, petitions and written inquiries involving situations within the traditional geographical jurisdiction of Region 15 should be sent to the temporary Houston office of Region 15. Region 15's temporary office is located at The Mickey Leland Federal Building, 1919 Smith Street, 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002-2649. The telephone number for this temporary office is (713) 209-3261. However, employers, unions and individuals served by the New Orleans Regional Office should continue to call the Board's Memphis, TN Regional Office (Region 26) to seek telephonic assistance. The telephone number for the Memphis Regional Office is (901) 544-0018.

The temporary office will remain open only as long as is necessary to re-establish Region 15's permanent office in the city of New Orleans.

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