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**NLRB ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING OF THE NEW ORLEANS
REGIONAL OFFICE (REGION 15) AFTER THE TEMPORARY
CLOSING CAUSED BY HURRICANE KATRINA**

National Labor Relations Board's Acting General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld announced today that the Board's New Orleans, LA Regional Office (Region 15) will re-open to the public at 1515 Poydras Street, Room 610, New Orleans, LA 70112-3723 on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. The New Orleans Regional Office was temporarily closed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The office is located in the Central Business District of New Orleans and has been certified by the General Services Administration and the Public Health Service as safe and habitable.

During the period that the New Orleans Office was closed, some of its cases were handled through the Memphis, TN Regional Office (Region 26). Cases now pending in the Memphis Regional Office in which a complaint may be issued will be transferred back to the New Orleans Regional Office for further processing. Starting on October 26, 2005, charges, petitions, written and telephone inquiries involving situations within the traditional geographical jurisdiction of Region 15 should be made to the address listed above. The telephone number for the New Orleans Regional Office is (504) 589-6361.

In making this announcement, Acting General Counsel Rosenfeld stated:

We are pleased to reopen the New Orleans Regional Office to employers, unions and individuals and members of the labor-management community served by this office. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the dedicated NLRB employees who maintained our operations in this area during this difficult period of recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. In enforcing this law, the NLRB conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates, prosecutes and remedies unfair labor practices committed by employers and unions.

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