A. Background

The Federal Management Regulation (FMR), Subpart B, section 102–34.335 (41 CFR 102–34.335), requires drivers to use the grade (octane rating) of fuel recommended by the motor vehicle manufacturer when fueling motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government. Present restrictions prohibit the use of premium grade fuel in motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government that will operate on a lower grade of fuel.

As a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Gustav, executive agencies may encounter fuel shortages in the affected areas and may not be able to acquire lower grade fuel for their vehicles to complete their missions. The original intent of section 102–34.335 was to reduce fuel costs and the unnecessary use of premium fuel in vehicles capable of being operated on lower grade fuel. This bulletin, B–20, provides a deviation for executive agencies to purchase premium fuel for Government owned and leased vehicles when lower grade fuels are not available due to market shortages in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas due to the flooding and damage from Hurricane Gustav.

B. Procedures

Bulletins regarding motor vehicle management are located on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/bulletin as Federal Management Regulation bulletins.

B. Procedures

Bulletins regarding the Federal Travel Regulation are located on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/bulletin as Federal Travel Regulation bulletins.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

As a result of the flooding and damage caused by Hurricane Gustav, agencies should consider delaying all non-essential TDY and relocation to the affected area for a period of 30 days. This is especially important with relocation travel because the 120-day maximum for TQSE cannot be extended due to statutory restrictions. Given the flooding and damage caused by the storm, we cannot effectively determine the extent to which the ability to secure lodgings will be compromised. In this case, each agency may determine whether this Bulletin applies to travel to areas which are impacted by Hurricane Gustav.