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Upcoming Deployment of the Fourth Estate Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (FEPAAS)

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina forced over one million residents to respond to voluntary or mandatory evacuation orders. The inability to identify the whereabouts of people in the wake of the disaster led to the creation of a DoD system for personnel accountability. A version of that application, named the Fourth Estate Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (FEPAAS), is now being deployed for DoD agencies, to include DLA.

FEPAAS will replace a manual accounting system, generally utilizing phone trees and spreadsheets, with a web based application that is available 24 hours a day through any home or worksite internet connection. All employees will be able to go into the system at any time and update contact information. Employees located at OCONUS locations will also be asked to update family member information.

If an event is declared at a location, everyone in the event area will be directed through local notification procedures to account for themselves in FEPAAS. The update required in an accountability event is simple and fast. Supervisors will be able to monitor the accountability status of their employees, and account for them if the employee can't access the internet. A 24 hour call center to take accountability phone calls will also be available as a third alternative.

FEPAAS is scheduled to be in a live status by June 1st. In early April a second 'Personnel Employee Bulletin' will provide detailed system and deployment information. Included will be the deployment test schedule, the FEPAAS website location, and access to job aids to help everyone establish an account and update contact information. Each DLA employee will also receive a pamphlet and a wallet card with FEPAAS access information. The DLA Human Resources Services organization will then conduct a series of FEPAAS tests in May to give everyone an opportunity to try the accountability process.

Ideally, FEPAAS will rarely be used in a 'live' mode, but we must be prepared to react quickly in the event of a disaster. Please watch for further FEPAAS deployment information.

For additional information, please contact your servicing DLA Human Resources Services, <http://www.hr.dla.mil/contactus/>. The Personnel Employee Bulletin is published the first Wednesday of each month.