



# State of New Mexico

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### **Governor Announces 380 New Mexico National Guard Will Leave for Louisiana**

SANTA FE - Governor Richardson announced tonight, and National Guard Officials confirm, that 291 National Guard infantry troops to be called Task Force 515 will depart at 0900 from Biggs Field in El Paso on C-130s for deployment to New Orleans tomorrow morning, September 2, 2005. An additional 80 personnel from the 720<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company will leave from Las Cruces by ground transportation to support Task Force 515.

The designated mission of Task Force 515 will be focused on security and force protection.

“Millions of Americans have suddenly found themselves homeless and jobless. Hundreds of thousands of people in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida are without food, water and electricity. Most have lost their homes and their jobs. It could literally be months before basic services are restored. The desperation on the faces of the victims has deeply touched us all,” Governor Richardson said. “I ask all New Mexicans to pray for the victims and for our courageous troops who will once again serve with distinction in harm’s way,” Governor Richardson said.

All press must obtain special access to cover the departure. For press access to Fort Bliss, contact Jean Offutt at 915-568-4505 (office) or 915-637-6821 (cell).

Actual deployment specifics:

**Task Force 515<sup>th</sup>:**

Departs Biggs Air Field, Fort Bliss, Texas, @ 0900 hours; Friday, September 2, 2005.

Two C-130 Aircraft confirmed, plus 4 more requested.

**PERSONNEL:**

Two Infantry Companies plus Command and Control Cell = 291 Soldiers/Airmen.

Advance Party = 6

720<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (-) = 80

64<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, UCCs = 3

Communities Represented: Las Cruces, Truth Or Consequences, Silver City, Belen, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Clara, Roswell, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, and Raton.

**Quantity                      Support Package**

Three 2500 Gallon      Fuel Tanker. (7500 Gallons).

One 5000 Gallon      Water Tanker.

Two 60KW              Generators.

Ten                      Hum-vees.

One                      Battalion Aid Station.

Two                      Ambulances.

One                      Mobile Communications Trailer.

Three                      Tractor and Trailers for tentage, equipment and supplies to sustain for 10 days.

One                      Unified Command Suite from 64th Civil Support Team.  
(Weapons of Mass Destruction).

The 720<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company will transport the above items by convoy.