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*DoD/DHS Interoperability
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Perspective*

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Katrina Report Observations

- **Lack of timely damage assessment (*GAO, Congress, White House*)**
- **Communications difficulties (*GAO, Cong*)**
- **Problems with integrating military forces (*GAO, Cong, WH*)**
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- **Confusing Request For Assistance (RFA) requirements (*Cong*)**

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 - **Deployable Command Assessment Elements constituted**
 - **Coordination for DoD imagery and analysis to DHS**
 - **Streaming video experiments**

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- **Communications difficulties (GAO, Cong)**
 - Deployable communications
 - Mobile cell tower packages
 - Greater access and use of SIPR and HSIN respectively
 - Homeland Data Sharing Program initiative

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- **Problems with integrating military forces (GAO, Cong, WH)**
 - **State JTF Commander Course**
 - **Regional Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO) coordination**
 - **2007 Hurricane Conference**
 - **Close coordination with NGB**

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- **Uncoordinated search and rescue efforts (GAO, Cong)**
 - **Extensive planning and coordination with DHS/FEMA for joint procedures**

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- **Logistics challenges (GAO, Cong, WH)**
 - **Agreements with DLA for specific stocks**
 - **Common use of IRRIS for transportation visibility**
 - **Information exchanges of mortuary affairs capabilities and procedures**

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- **Inadequate pre-incident DHS planning for required DoD capabilities (Cong, WH)**
 - Significant NORTHCOM planning support to FEMA for 2006 hurricane season preparation
 - On-going Pandemic Influenza response planning
 - 15 National Planning Scenarios
- **Confusing Request For Assistance (RFA) requirements (Cong)**
 - Collaborative development of Pre-scripted Requests for Assistance
 - Joint DCO/FCO (Federal Coordinating Officer) conferences to clarify request procedures