A letter to Secretary Chertoff from Ranking Member Waxman and Chairman Davis describes documents from the Department of Homeland Security that show that FEMA was aware in 2004 that a “catastrophic hurricane” could hit New Orleans and “trap hundreds of thousands of people in flooded areas and leave up to one million people homeless." FEMA officials wrote: “the gravity of the situation calls for an extraordinary level of advance planning." **Documents and Links**

- Letter to Secretary Chertoff
- Letter to Secretary Chertoff (Microsoft Word)
- FEMA Task Orders
- FEMA Scope of Work