

## August 28, 2006: One Year After Katrina: A Report on Our Progress

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Billions of Dollars Wasted and America Remains Vulnerable

Monday, August 28, 2006 &ndash; Nearly one year has passed since Hurricane Katrina&rsquo;s landfall wrought havoc on the Gulf Coast, however, a new report issued by the Democratic Members on the U.S. House Committee Homeland Security finds that the nation is not much more prepared to effectively protect our communities and respond to catastrophic emergencies. The report, &ldquo;One Year Later: Katrina&rsquo;s Waste,&rdquo; further develops several important contracting questions raised late last week by Democratic colleagues at the House Committee on Government Reform. In addition, the report urges Congress to address the institutional failures and poor emergency financial controls that continue to leave America vulnerable.

The report details over \$7 billion of contracts, much of which was wasted since Hurricane Katrina made landfall. This was largely the result of a lack of preparation and staffing shortages at FEMA; the same problems that still exist today.

The Report is attached or can be viewed at: <http://chsdemocrats.house.gov>