Emergency Leave Transfer Program (ELTP)

For events of a major disaster or emergency as declared by the President that results in severe adverse effects for a substantial number of Federal employees, the emergency leave transfer program (ELTP) may be established by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). After coordinating with Federal agencies to assess the impact on employees adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey in the disaster areas, OPM, in consultation with OMB, has determined that the establishment of an ELTP is warranted.

The ELTP permits employees to donate unused annual leave for transfer to employees of the same or other agencies (or the judicial branch) who are adversely affected by a major disaster or emergency, either directly or through adversely affected family members, and who need additional time off from work without having to use their own paid leave. Employees who are adversely affected and seek to become emergency leave recipients must apply in writing to their agencies. TSA will be accepting and approving applications for both emergency leave donors and recipients under the ELTP. Donations received will be distributed across the impacted areas to our fellow TSA employees.

Employees who wish to participate in the program must submit the Application to Become a Leave Recipient under the ELTP, OPM Form 1637 or the Request to Donate Annual Leave under the ELTP, OPM Form 1638. When completing the appropriate form, participants should identify the event as Hurricane Harvey.

The ELTP does not replace TSA’s Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP). The ELTP is an additional program, specifically established for employees impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Unlike the VLTP, the ELTP does not require the leave recipient to exhaust all personal leave before using donated leave. Leave donors are not required to designate a specific emergency leave recipient to receive the donated leave.

After completion of the employee section, leave recipient applications must be submitted to the employee’s immediate supervisor. Both completed leave recipient application forms and leave donation forms should be sent to OHCAccess, either by fax to 1-877-872-7993 or by email to helpdesk@mailserver-hraccess.tsa.dhs.gov. Hurricane Harvey ELTP should be included in the subject line.

Additional information is available on the OPM website.