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**Nestlé Waters North America Contributes to
Hurricane Gustav Disaster Relief Effort**

*More Than 300,000 Bottles of Water Donated to Support Displaced Citizens and
Volunteer Relief Workers Along the Gulf Coast*

Greenwich, Conn. (September 3, 2008) – [Nestlé Waters North America](#) has donated 302,568 half-liter bottles of [Ozarka®](#) and [Ice Mountain®](#) Brand Natural Spring Water to citizens and disaster relief workers affected by this week's Category 2 Hurricane Gustav. [AmeriCares](#) and the [American Red Cross](#), along with local, on-the-ground agencies, are distributing the donations to affected areas along the Gulf Coast. Evacuees and disaster relief volunteers will receive the bottled water.

Hurricane Gustav made landfall on Monday, causing power outages, flooding, water-supply problems, and structural damage. In Louisiana, nearly 800,000 homes are without power. Preliminary damages are estimated at between \$2 billion and \$10 billion.

“Many residents of the Gulf Coast are returning to homes without power and need clean water to drink and cook,” said AmeriCares emergency response manager Jonathan Hodgdon, who is working on the relief effort from Baton Rouge. “It’s not as simple as running to the store to pick up bottled water because many supermarkets are closed and cars are running out of gasoline.”

“We are proud to partner with AmeriCares and the Red Cross to provide clean, portable water,” said Alex McIntosh, director of corporate citizenship for Nestlé Waters North America. “Our partners have stepped up with excellent logistics support to get bottled water and other essential items to people affected by the storm.”

Nestlé Waters is committed to supplying clean water to citizens in need. The company has provided millions of bottles of water to residents and relief workers affected by natural disasters, including Hurricane Dolly, the tornadoes and subsequent floods that struck the Midwest earlier this year, as well as last year's California wildfires and Hurricane Katrina.

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Nestlé Waters North America Inc. is the number one bottled water company in the U.S. Its family of 15 well-known brands includes [Poland Spring® Brand Natural Spring Water](#), the leading spring water brand in America. Based in Greenwich, Conn., Nestlé Waters North America's 9,000 employees provide bottled water products to consumers across the country, including Ozarka® Natural Spring Water and [Nestlé® Pure Life®](#).