

Dear Friends of CHAT,

1. Please go to the first page of our website

<http://chatushome.com> for the May 29 appeal rules.

There you will find the document describing your appeal rights which we have been asking LRA to post at their website for months (for which we had a public record request that was filled only yesterday).

We welcome you to comment on

whether the rules that are applicant-friendly are in effect for you.

Please write to us, Timmy Teepall, Chief of Staff in Gov. Jindal's office, and LRA Director Paul Rainwater about you and the appeal rules, if they are relevant to you now.

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Mr. Teepall, Mr. Rainwater, Frank Silvestri, Davida Finger, Rep. Sam Jones and myself have been discussing Road Home rules and how they are followed.

2. On the same page of <http://chatushome.com>, you can link to a report about

[how CHAT and publicity helped to decrease paybacks](#)

If you have had payback demands from RH for their "mistakes,"

feel free to write about it to any or all of these addresses

chatlra@yahoo.com CHAT

Olcotts@GOV.STATE.LA.US Gov. Jindal's Office

Kim.Jupiter@LA.GOV LRA

There is an ongoing audit by the Legislative Auditor, which we hope will be made much more oriented to fixing shortchanging mistakes than it is currently.

We are concerned about complaints made recently by applicants about payback demands for Road Home "mistakes."

These violate promises of leniency that were made by LRA for financially strapped applicants who already spent the money to repair their home.

The legitimacy of these payback demands is highly questionable because of grant constricting rules, abundant mistakes in data in applicants files, deliberate lack of meaningful ICF International/Quadel communication with homeowners, great delays in grant distribution, the ordeal that so many applicants have had to endure with the RHP, and the nature

of these grants

4. Your RH Grant Money At Work & Being Spent

Instead of:

making sure that you finally get an elevation grant after a wait of more than 3 years from the time of the hurricane;

telling applicants if FEMA approved their eligibility for the FEMA (HMGP) elevation grant so that those who did not start elevating before Mar. 15 don't lose eligibility (see chatushome.com or our survey for details)

handing you building and contractor information at closing and otherwise making such information easily accessible,

here are RH-sponsored seminars you busy people all over S. Louisiana can attend.

OCTOBER MINI-SEMINARS

Tuesday Mini-Seminars

12:15-12:45 p.m. (BROWN BAG-BRING YOUR LUNCH)

Tues Oct 14/Oct 21: "Hurricane Protection for Windows and Doors"

David Moore, Extension Associate, LSU AgCenter

4:30-5:30 and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tues Oct 7: "Foundations for Louisiana Homes"

Gene Baker, PE, Professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, LSU AgCenter

Tues Oct 14: "Building & Remodeling with Recycled Materials"

Carey Clouse, RA, Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture, Tulane University

Tues Oct 21: "Hurricane Resistant Roofing"

David Moore, Extension Associate, LSU AgCenter

Tues Oct 28: "Insulation Choices for New Orleans Homes"

Emilie Taylor, Sr. Program Coordinator, Tulane City Center

Thursday Mini-Seminars

4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thurs Oct 9: "Foundations for Houses in New Orleans"

Mike Folse, PE, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, and

David O' Reilly, PE, University of New Orleans

Thurs Oct 30: "Photovoltaic and Solar Water Heating Systems"

Zack Embry, Renewable Energy Permitting Specialist, City of New Orleans

Saturday Mini-Seminar

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Sat Oct 11: "Hurricane Resistant Landscaping"

Dan Gill, Professor of Horticulture, LSU AgCenter

All Mini-Seminars are held at the Rebuilding Information Station. The RIS is located in the same building as the Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center in the Research and Technology Park on the University of New Orleans Lakefront campus.

Best wishes and take care,

Melanie Ehrlich