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Trailer trouble chills New Orleans-FEMA relations

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NEW ORLEANS (Reuters) - Relations between New Orleans and the U.S. agency in charge of funding Hurricane Katrina rebuilding hit a new low on Monday when the city demanded Washington replace a federal team for "disrespecting" citizens.

The demand was sparked by a weekend fracas during which security guards threatened homeowners opposed to a temporary housing site. It is the latest of several battles between the city and Federal Emergency Management Agency dating back to the devastating August 29 storm.

Mayor Ray Nagin said he will urge U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to replace the FEMA team in charge of setting up the travel-trailer villages that have sprung up to house residents whose homes were damaged in the hurricane.

Nagin also declared an immediate halt to work at the disputed site and others being prepared for trailers, saying citizens were subject to "bullying and intimidation."

"I'm just putting my foot down. I've had enough. I'm not going to allow anybody coming from another place -- federal government, I don't care -- you're not going to come in and disrespect our citizens," he told reporters. "And if I have to shut this down and figure out a way to go borrow money to get this work done for temporary housing, we're going to do that."

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FEMA said the project in question, in the city's Algiers area, was approved along with eight others last December. To shut it down would be a waste of \$1.6 million already spent there, spokesman Darryl Madden said.

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"The city must determine whether they wish FEMA to complete the site and house these 34 displaced families -- or reimburse the federal government for development costs of this site approved four months ago," Madden said.

The battle came to a head Saturday as a FEMA-contracted company was readying the compound site for the 34 trailers despite opposition from residents worried about proximity to their houses, city officials and residents said.

Work proceeded despite a letter from the mayor saying it should stop and a lawsuit by residents, who wanted the trailers located in an empty field across the street, they said.

Up to 15 residents showed up to demand that work stop. They were met by armed security guards and Homeland Security officers, said community association board member Marty Broussard. Police were called to defuse the situation.

"I was threatened to be arrested at least three times personally -- twice by the same private security guy," he said. "We just stood there eyeball to eyeball and he told me they will arrest me if we don't move." He was not arrested. [Continued ...](#)

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