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National Guard to Load and Transport Relief Supplies for Victims of Hurricane Mitch, Tuesday, Nov. 24

Gov. Christie Whitman yesterday announced that at her direction, National Guard personnel will assist in the loading and ground transport of goods and supplies as part of relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Mitch in Central America.

Assisted by community volunteers and students, New Jersey National Guard personnel will load supplies into National Guard vehicles on Tuesday, between 1-2 pm, at Bayonne High School in Bayonne. Supplies were collected by local volunteers and packed by students of the high school. The cargo will be transported on by National Guard vehicles to the Port of Wilmington in Delaware, where it will be loaded on a Chiquita Banana boat bound for Honduras.

Community agencies in New Jersey that have stored supplies and are in need of ground transportation can fax requests for assistance to Alicia Diaz, Director of the Center for Hispanic Policy, Research, and Development at the state Department of Community Affairs at 609-984-0821.