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News Release

Registration Deadline Extended for FEMA, SBA Disaster Assistance

MIDLAND, Mich. — The deadline for survivors of the May 16-22 severe storms and flooding to register with FEMA for individual disaster assistance and apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has been extended to Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The extension agreed upon by the state and FEMA is for survivors living in the disaster-designated individual assistance counties of Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland and Saginaw.

Federal disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property losses and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. Residents who lost access to water through their private well—if the well was physically damaged, collapsed and/or is no longer producing potable water as a direct result of the disaster—could also be considered for financial assistance under FEMA's Individuals and Households Program.

Individuals can register with FEMA online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or through the <u>FEMA App.</u> By phone, call **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**). The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET seven days a week.

SBA helps businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

SBA also has extended its deadline to apply for a low-interest disaster loan to **Sept. 30**. To apply for a low-interest disaster loan, complete an online application at <u>disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/</u>. To reach an SBA Customer Service Representative directly call <u>800-659-2955</u>. Email questions to <u>FOCE-Help@sba.gov</u>. For more information, visit <u>sba.gov/</u>.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters via Video Relay Service will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs.

If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 or Video Relay). If you are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585.

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