

June 9, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Through: Mr. Andrew Velasquez, Regional Administrator  
FEMA Region V  
536 S. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Ohio as a result of tornadoes, severe storms and high winds beginning June 5, 2010 and ending June 6, 2010. Federal disaster assistance is being requested for Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on Sunday June 6, 2010 in accordance with Section 401 of the Stafford Act and continues to be in effect.

Under my authority as Governor, a State declaration was issued on June 6 for Fulton and Wood counties and on June 7 for Ottawa County. On June 7, I requested a joint Federal, State, and local survey of the damaged areas. Preliminary assessments indicate the most severe impacts are to both the private and public sector and are described in detail below (see Impact).

The current State Hazard Mitigation Plan is a Standard Plan and is effective as of May 16, 2008.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local governments and that supplementary Federal assistance is necessary. I am specifically requesting the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Housing Assistance and Other Needs Assistance (ONA), Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Small Business Administration Home, Personal Property, Business and Economic Injury Loan Program and Disaster Legal Services for Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties, all categories for Public Assistance for Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties and appropriate USDA Agricultural assistance programs and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for all counties within the state.

Preliminary estimates of the types and amount of assistance needed under the Stafford Act are tabulated in Enclosures A and B. Estimated requirements for assistance from certain Federal agencies under other statutory authorities are tabulated in Enclosure C.

## **IMPACT**

The National Weather Service has confirmed an EF2 tornado touched down in Fulton County at 10:38 pm on June 5. The tornado had a path one half mile wide at its widest point and seven and a half miles in length. It traveled through the Maumee State Forest before ending in Lucas County. A second tornado, rated an EF3, first touched down at 11:20 pm on the south side of Moline in Wood County with a path seven and a half miles long and 300 to 400 yards wide. It was rated EF4 when it reached the town of Millbury. The tornado finally lifted at 11:35 pm after destroying the Lake Township Administration/EMS/Dispatch Center, the Lake Local High School and many homes and businesses. Five fatalities and numerous injuries are attributed to this tornado. One family in Millbury suffered two of the fatalities, a mother and son. The father and daughter remain hospitalized; one is in critical condition and may not survive. There is also a critically injured elderly couple in Ottawa County.

There will be significant impact to the Lake Township area in Wood County. The Township Dispatch Center not only dispatched for the Township but also for nearby Rossford, Millbury and Walbridge police and fire departments. In addition, five Township police vehicles and one fire vehicle were destroyed. Loss of these facilities and equipment has a significant impact on the health and safety of the general public and will cause some short term loss of service. In addition at least three electric transmission lines sustained major damage and some locations could be without power for up to two weeks.

This tornado outbreak caused damage to frame homes, mobile homes, businesses, government-owned facilities and schools. Despite possible insurance coverage, there will be significant unmet needs for emergency relocation assistance and availability of rental properties particularly in Fulton and Ottawa counties. Ottawa County is a popular tourist destination and many hotels are already reserved. In Wood County, Lake Local Schools is the largest employer therefore the loss of this facility could impact unemployment in the area.

In the village of Millbury alone, approximately one-third of the homes were impacted, a significant number of those destroyed or uninhabitable. The impact to these communities is far reaching and will require financial and emotional long term recovery assistance.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT BY COUNTY**

<b>FULTON COUNTY</b>	<b>\$17,996.00</b>	<b>PER CAPITA \$0.43</b>
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The County Engineer and Sheriff have incurred costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures. Not included in the total above are costs incurred by ODNR and ODOT. The EF2 tornado affected over 400 acres of the Maumee State Forest which has closed all ATV and bridle trails. The ODNR estimates \$50,000 to remove debris from these improved facilities. ODOT has incurred \$4,905 to clear debris from state highways.



(OEPA) is supporting these debris missions and since the beginning of the event has had OEPA inspectors working directly with local officials.

**ESF 5 – Emergency Management:** The state Emergency Operations Center activated early Sunday morning, June 6, activated as a result of initial notification of the events. The EOC remains at Crisis Action System Level II. Two Ohio EMA Field Liaisons remain deployed to Fulton and Wood counties to assist the local EMA efforts.

**ESF 6 – Mass Care:** Several ESF 6 agencies continue to operate in the affected area. The American Red Cross (ARC) has no open shelters but as of June 8, they had provided 380 meals and 675 snacks. Case work services and mental health access continues at the Red Cross Service Center located at a local church in Millbury, Wood County, and the ARC is providing fixed and mobile feeding to workers and clients in Wood and Fulton counties. The Salvation Army is operating a mobile feeding kitchen providing meals to disaster survivors and recovery personnel in the Village of Williston, Ottawa County.

Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (Ohio VOAD) is providing spiritual/emotional trained volunteers to Wood County and the Wood County Medical Reserve Corps has been activated to assist with mass tetanus vaccination for victims and cleanup volunteers.

The Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC) is coordinating a mission regarding donated items to support Wood County cleanup efforts. OCSC, the State of Ohio and local businesses also marshaled approximately 230 roof tarps for use at 200 facilities in Wood County and 30 facilities in Ottawa County as an emergency protective measure for damaged residences as heavy rain was predicted for June 8 and 9. As of June 8, 785 volunteers are deployed in Wood County.

**ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services:** Based on a request from the Ottawa County Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health provided 50 doses of tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine and is prepared to provide more to the affected area.

**ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials:** On June 6, the Ohio EPA deployed an on-scene coordinator for spill response to address numerous releases, primarily diesel fuel from semi tractors, school buses and storage tanks in Lake Township, Wood County. U.S. EPA was also deployed providing assistance with cleanup and contracting. The on-scene coordinator also addressed other issues such as downed electrical transformers. EPA also reached out to the Lake School and Township on any potential asbestos issued at their destroyed facilities.

**ESF 13 – Law Enforcement:** The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) initially deployed 15 patrol officers to assist in routine security and traffic control and continues assistance by providing two officers in the State Route 795 area of Lake Township. The OSHP has provided four fully equipped cruisers to the Lake Township Police Station for their use as long as need and the University of Akron has provided two equipped cruisers.

**Additional State Support:** The State Auditor's Office provided a computer to Lake Township so that government business could continue despite critical contents being destroyed at the Administration Building. Early on June 8, Township officials were unable to provide needed payroll to its employees but with the efforts of the State Auditor's office and assistance from a fiscal officer from another township, payroll needs were being met.

Additionally, the Attorney General Consumer Protection Section has contacted the three counties and offered assistance with existing or creation of contractor registration programs and other general consumer protection information.

I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume the applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total expenditures are expected to exceed \$357,062.00, in accordance with Enclosure D.

In addition, I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health, and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C., §§ 5170b and 5173, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

I have designated Nancy J. Dragani as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Ted Strickland  
Governor

Enclosure

cc:

**ENCLOSURE A TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Individual Assistance under the Stafford Act

All Counties	Assistance to Individuals and Households					Other Programs  (Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Legal Services, and Crisis Counseling)
	Temporary Housing  <i>(Indicate No.)</i>	Repairs	Replacem ent	Permanent Housing Constructi on	Other Needs Assistance	
	\$ 29,131	\$ 638,612	\$ 672,428		\$ 26,712	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 29,131	\$ 638,612	\$ 672,428		\$ 26,712	

**ENCLOSURE B TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Public Assistance  
Stafford Act

<b>County</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Per/Cap Loss</b>
Fulton	\$7,197	\$10,799	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,996	42,084	\$0.43
Ottawa	\$29,500	\$43,500	\$500	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$73,525	40,985	\$1.79
Wood	\$867,933	\$190,404	\$2,000	\$0	\$112,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,172,337	121,665	\$9.64
State Agencies	\$120,292	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,292	11,353,140	\$0.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$988,225</b>	<b>\$190,404</b>	<b>\$82,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$112,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,372,629</b>	<b>11,353,140</b>	<b>\$0.12</b>

**ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

County	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHWA	USACE	OTHER
<b>Totals</b>							

*Note: TBD*

**ENCLOSURE D TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Governor's Certification

I certify that for this current disaster, State and local government expenditures and obligations will include the non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. As stated in my basic letter, and based on information available at this time, tabulation of these estimated expenditures and obligations are as follows:

CATEGORY OF ASSISTANCE	AMOUNT OF NON FEDERAL SHARE
Individual Assistance:	
Other Needs Assistance under the IHP	\$8,904.00
Other (Specify)	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,904.00</b>
Public Assistance:	
Category A – Debris Removal	\$247,056.00
Category B – Emergency Protective Measures	\$47,602.00
Category C – Roads and Bridges	\$20,500.00
Category D – Water Control Facilities	\$0.00
Category E – Buildings and Equipment	\$33,000.00
Category F – Utilities	\$0.00
Category G – Parks and Recreation	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$348,158.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$357,062.00 *</b>

\*In addition to match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program