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OHIO EMA ANNOUNCES SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD-DAMAGED AUGLAIZE, MARION AND CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES

COLUMBUS, OH – Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Nancy Dragani announced today that the Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted her request to issue a SBA-only disaster declaration for Auglaize and Marion counties as a result of flooding and flash flooding that began February 27, 2011.

The SBA disaster declaration includes the contiguous counties of Auglaize: Allen, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Shelby and Van Wert; and the contiguous counties of Marion: Crawford, Delaware, Hardin, Morrow, Union and Wyandot.

An SBA declaration enables residents and businesses in Auglaize and Marion counties, as well as those in the contiguous counties who incurred uninsured losses resulting from the severe storms and floods that began February 27 through March 8 to apply for long-term, low-interest loans.

“Ohio residents have suffered extensive damages and loss of property as a result of the heavy rains and flooding that inundated our state a couple of weeks ago,” said Dragani. “These low-interest loans can help residents and business owners as they continue to clean up and recover from these storms.”

State representatives from the Ohio Department of Insurance will be available for assistance at the following SBA disaster loan outreach centers:

Auglaize County

St. Marys Senior Center
610 Indiana Ave
St Marys, OH 45885

Tuesday, March 22 – Friday, March 25, 9 am-6 pm, daily
Monday, March 28 – Thursday, March 31, 9 am-6 pm, daily

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Marion County

Scioto Valley Fire District

Dutton Station

100 North Front St.

LaRue, OH 43332

Tuesday, March 22 – Friday, March 25, 9 am-6 pm, daily

Monday, March 28 – Thursday, March 31, 9 am-6 pm, daily

Residents and businesses may also apply for an SBA loan by calling 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), or by going online at www.sba.gov and clicking the button labeled “Disaster Assistance.” SBA loan applications must be submitted by May 17, 2011.

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