

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Emergency Declaration for New York

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available to the state of New York to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from the remnants of Hurricane Ida, beginning Sept 1, 2021 and continuing.

The President's action authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title 5 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to save lives, protect property and public health and safety and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe. This assistance is for Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize and provide at its discretion, the equipment and resources necessary, to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care, including evacuation and shelter support, will be provided at 75% federal funding.

Lai Sun Yee has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal response operations in the affected areas.

