



Friends,

In the face of human tragedy, I am blessed to work with and for people who get it. At today's Operation Briefing, Deputy Administrator Serino also started the discussion with a human face to the disaster. He shared the story of a woman in Mississippi who has a daughter fighting through surgery to survive. And she is thankful because her daughter will make it, and the rest of her family is safe. For her, and so many more like her, I have an additional ask of you all today. Help them get the assistance they need. Please ask your companies, staffs and assets within the declared counties identified below to spread this message - Survivors can apply for assistance at: www.disasterassistance.gov , 800-621-3362, TTY 800-462-7585.

For those of you who own, manage, control or motivate web page content in those areas, please encourage the following links and widget:

Disaster assistance website -- www.fema.gov/assistance

Blog Post: 3 Ways to Apply for Federal Assistance (includes a new disaster widget) -- <http://go.usa.gov/b5p>

I want to also acknowledge that I am aware so many of you are making amazing contributions, not only through your service and actions, but with much need **monetary contributions to volunteer organizations** who need your support desperately so they can continue their colossal efforts too. If you haven't already, I encourage you to join in that effort and to give generously.

This will likely be my last email send on this topic. I will be in travel mode the next few days. The NRCC PSR Desk, is still being manned between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, FEMA-NRCC-Private-Sector@dhs.gov , 202-646-2477. If you want to continue to receive updates, please email that box. For leadership issues, please contact Jeanie Moore, cc line. Finally, I have attached today's National Situation Report for those who seek greater granularity. I will ask our NRCC Private Sector to continue to share that daily. I have learned a lot this weekend. I appreciate the positive lessons. Like the Mom above whose daughter is in recovery, I am thankful. -- Dan

Currently Declared Counties as of May1, 1:30 p.m. EST:

The major disaster declarations signed by the President for Mississippi , Georgia, and Alabama in addition to North Carolina makes federal assistance available to individuals who suffered personal property damages or losses, and for public infrastructure, such as schools, fire stations and libraries. Damage assessments are ongoing, and additional counties may be designated to receive assistance as they are completed.

The counties eligible for individual assistance are :

Alabama - Autauga, Calhoun, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, St. Clair, Sumter, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, and Walker.

Georgia - Bartow, Catoosa, Coweta, Dade, Floyd, Greene, Lamar, Pickens, Polk, Spalding, Troup and Walker.

Mississippi - Clark, Greene, Hinds, Jasper, Kemper, Lafayette, and Monroe

North Carolina - Bertie County, Bladen County, Craven County, Cumberland County, Currituck County, Greene County, Halifax County, Harnett County, Hertford County, Hoke County, Johnston County, Lee County, Onslow County, Pitt County, Robeson County, Sampson County, Wake County, and Wilson County.

AR, KY, TN Governor requests are still under review. Preliminary Damage Assessments are ongoing in VA.