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Governor

June 8, 2011

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

Through: Mr. Andrew Velasquez III
Regional Administrator
FEMA Region V
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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. §§ 5121-5208 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a major disaster for the State of Indiana as a result of severe storms, high winds, tornadoes and flooding that began on April 19, 2011 and continues.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under state law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on April 18, 2011, in accordance with state law and Section 401 of the Stafford Act.

Under I.C. 10-14-3-12, I declared a State of Disaster Emergency on May 16, 2011 for Benton, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington Counties (Executive Order 11-06). I reserve the right to request additional designations for assistance as warranted.

The State of Indiana has a current basic Hazard Mitigation Plan updated and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 22, 2011.

On May 15, 2011, I requested a joint federal, state, and local survey of the damaged areas. Preliminary assessments indicated the most severe impacts were to public property including electric infrastructure, bridges, highways, buildings, water systems, waste water treatment plants, water control devices and emergency response costs. On May 25, I requested a second joint preliminary damage assessment as water receded and homes became accessible to determine the extent of damage to residences and the need for Individual Assistance.

On April 18, the National Weather Service alerted state and local emergency management officials and the media of the potential of significant severe weather and heavy rainfall beginning on April 19. In response to this information, the State was proactive. The state emergency operating center was activated on April 18 to prepare for response operations and monitor the development of the forecasted high winds, tornadoes and flooding. After this round

of severe weather the frontal system stalled out and continued to deliver heavy rainfall causing continued flooding.

Rain of over twenty (20) inches was recorded in southern Indiana for the month of April alone. This rainfall was increased from 400 to 500 percent, and in some areas 600 percent, of normal rainfall for the month of April in the southern half of the state. Flooding and tornados/high winds affected all of southern Indiana. High winds and tornadoes resulted in electric infrastructure damage. Sporadic power outages of up to three days were experienced in the affected areas. At the peak, over 84,000 households were without power. Municipal owned utilities and cooperatives suffered over three (3) million dollars in damage. Wind generated debris was widespread across the affected counties.

Many local roads remain barely passable and sustained extensive damage. Traffic flow was severely impeded, or was required to be re-routed. Lengthy detours rerouted traffic creating extended mail and school bus routes and delays for emergency response vehicles. Debris removal operations are estimated at nearly two (2) million dollars. Road and bridge damage is extensive. Some area roads remain under water at this time and remain inaccessible, hampering damage assessment efforts.

High winds and flood water damaged public buildings. Heavy rainfall caused the collapse of the roof of a Dubois County high school gymnasium. Flood waters encroached upon governmental buildings causing damage to interior furnishings and equipment.

Residential damage is extensive. The joint preliminary damage assessment determined that over 230 homes have sustained major damage or have been destroyed. Hundreds of homes have minor damage or have been affected. Flood damage to homes has been exacerbated due to the fact that flood water has stood in them from one to three weeks. Some remain inaccessible and cannot be assessed at this time. One death and one serious injury occurred when a tree fell on an automobile during a severe storm. Ninety degree temperatures are propagating mold in these same homes. Businesses, including major employers, have been severely affected by this disaster. Not only have these businesses sustained damage of their own but their employees became absent from work for varying periods of time due to the damage to their own homes.

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 to supplement the efforts and available resources of the state of Indiana, local governments, disaster relief organizations and compensation by insurance for disaster related losses.

I request Public Assistance for Benton, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington Counties and Individual Assistance programs for Decatur, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Lawrence, Monroe, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh and Vigo Counties.

I request Individual Assistance for Decatur, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Lawrence, Monroe, Pike, Posey and Vanderburgh and Vigo counties including the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Temporary Housing, Legal Assistance, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling and US Small Business Administration Disaster Loans. Additional

counties may need to be added, as continuing joint damage assessments become possible as flood waters recede.

Attachment 1 provides a demographic breakdown of the affected areas, including, where applicable details of low income, elderly, special needs and high levels of unemployment.

The table found in Attachment 1 shows several of the affected counties have levels of poverty significantly higher than the national average, lower than average median household incomes and higher than average percentages of elderly and disabled persons. Without Federal Assistance, the affected individuals cannot effectively recover from this event.

I am specifically requesting Hazard Mitigation statewide to reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss and suffering from similar disasters.

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. Additional information including demographics for the affected counties is included in Attachment 1.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of state and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this disaster:

1. Indiana Department of Homeland Security: The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated on April 18, 2011 and remained opened to coordinate the immediate response to the disaster. The Incident Response Vehicle was deployed to the impacted area to assist local officials with state resources. Department staff was deployed to the impacted areas to assist local officials to assess the situation and coordinate emergency assistance.
2. Indiana Department of Transportation: Provided facilities, manpower and equipment for sandbagging operations; provided transportation of critical resources; monitored road conditions and closures.
3. Indiana Department of Corrections: Provided manpower to local governments for sandbagging operations.
4. Military Department of Indiana: Provided air assets, personnel and equipment for flood response; over 800 personnel were deployed to the stricken areas to assist with evacuations and sandbagging operations. They also provided transportation of critical supplies.
5. Indiana State Police: Provided traffic control, security, law enforcement, intelligence, assisted with evacuations and coordination of security needs.
6. Department of Natural Resources: Provided traffic control, water rescue, evacuation, and law enforcement, monitored dams and flooding throughout the affected areas.
7. Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission: Monitored electric utility outages; monitored water utilities and provided updates to the State EOC.
8. Indiana Department of Environmental Management: Provided assistance to water utilities and monitored waste water plant operations.

9. Indiana Department of Health: Monitored hospitals and nursing homes and monitored evacuation operations.
10. Local governments responded to the fullest extent possible providing immediate assistance and taking necessary measures to save lives and protect property.
11. The American Red Cross and other voluntary agencies provided sheltering and comfort to affected populations. Over 500 households were displaced or were sheltered in sixteen shelters. In all, there were 355 overnight stays in these shelters.
12. The Civil Air Patrol provided manpower, communications equipment and air assets to assist state and local government in flood fighting activities. Cadets from throughout the state converged on southern Indiana to assist with sandbagging operations, traffic control and access control. Air missions were requested to survey affected areas.

I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total non-federal expenditures are expected to exceed \$4,269,690 in accordance with the table in Enclosure D.

No direct Federal Assistance is requested.

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 & 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 Mr. Joseph E. Wainscott, Jr. as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,



Attachments: Enclosure A
Enclosure B
Enclosure C
Enclosure D
Attachment 1

ENCLOSURE A TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Requirements for Individual Assistance
under the Stafford Act

County	Assistance to Individuals and Households					Other Programs (Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Legal Services, and Crisis Counseling)
	Temporary Housing <i>(Indicate No.)</i>	Repairs	Replacement	Permanent Housing Construction	Other Needs Assistance	
Decatur						
Dubois						
Gibson						
Greene						
Harrison						
Lawrence						
Monroe						
Pike						
Posey						
Vanderburgh						
Vigo						
TOTALS	223	187	39	0	202	TBD

ENCLOSURE B TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Requirements for Public Assistance

Stafford Act

In Thousands

CATEGORY

County	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total
Benton	0	0	12.762	0	5.0	44.680	0	62.442
Clark	106.5	223.745	99.0	7.0	10.0	117.4	12.0	575.645
Crawford	2.8	0	97.962	0	1.0	5.6	0	107.362
Daviess	11.024	99.333	30.0	0	0	110.0	0	250.357
Dearborn	0	0	333.0	0	0	20.0	0	353.0
Dubois	57.169	46.036	82.366	0	17.0	115.027	4.074	321.672
Floyd	253.0	36.5	1,075.0	12.7	20.0	320.75	36.0	1,753.950
Franklin	10.0	5.0	307.0	0	1.0	6.0	5.0	334.0
Gibson	126.897	27.394	101.883	0	0	0	0	256.174
Harrison	0	6.5	250.0	0	0	119.750	292.187	668.437
Jackson	2.034	1.439	361.943	0	0	62.0	0	427.416
Jefferson	79.1	40.450	1,022.680	0	5.0	34.7	12.744	1,194.574
Jennings	23.5	0	102.150	0	2.0	12.0	1.0	140.650
Knox	12.0	12.5	76.0	0	0	75.0	0	175.5
Martin	11.25	0	76.0	0	0	55.0	0	142.25
Monroe	33.717	18.123	424.216	9.302	3.386	0	0	488.744
Ohio	0	0	122.0	0	0	6.0	0	128.0
Orange	38.851	5.869	53.277	0	0	132.508	10.4	240.905
Parke	0	0	77.649	0	0	64.888	0	142.537
Perry	20.795	28.773	676.0	378.0	0	391.438	21.05	1,516.056
Pike	33.349	21.135	975.0	0	21.774	6.034	1.0	1,058.292
Posey	41.199	24.109	175.0	0	2.0	0	15.7	258.008
Putnam	0	0	171.119	0	0	0	0	171.119
Ripley	0	0	104.0	0	1.0	33.5	0	138.5
Scott	107.5	.480	167.0	0	42.8	85.8	0	403.580
Spencer	18.437	24.045	0	0	1.0	20.0	5.488	68.97
Stark	0	0	39.280	38.75	0	0	0	78.03
Sullivan	5.0	5.0	774.845	0	0	0	44.204	829.049
Switzerland	5.0	4.5	672.0	0	17.0	30.0	10.0	738.5
Vanderburgh	136.278	210.942	20.415	0	50.0	880.703	6.0	1,304.338
Warrick	19.479	114.413	30.0	0	1.0	227.850	1,200.0	1,592.742
Washington	30.071	20.0	39.263	0	4.0	56.75	2.067	152.151
State Agencies	549.961	28.946	0	0	0	0	0	578.927
Totals:	1,789.631	1,005,232	8,621.555	445.752	210.46	3,058.378	1,678.914	16,809.922

ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST

Estimated Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs

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County	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHW A	USACE	OTHER
Benton	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Clark	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Crawford	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Daviess	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Decatur	1,736,000	264,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dearborn	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dubois	139,000	75,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Floyd	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Franklin	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Gibson	801,000	285,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Greene	50,000	12,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Harrison	150,000	60,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jackson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jefferson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jennings	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Knox	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lawrence	157,000	196,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Martin	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Monroe	8,102,000	410,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ohio	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Parke	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Perry	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pike	565,000	499,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Posey	1,022,000	0	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Putnam	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ripley	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Scott	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Spencer	219,000	0	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Starke	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sullivan	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Switzerland	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Vanderburgh	2,509,000	414,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Vigo	463,000	12,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Warrick	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Washington	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Totals	\$15,913,000	\$2,227,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	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	
	STATE	LOCAL
Individual Assistance:		
"Other Assistance" under the Individuals and Households Program	67,130	0
Other (specify)		0
Total:		0
Public Assistance:		
Category A - Debris Removal	137,475	309,912
Category B - Emergency Protective Measures	7,337	244,072
Category C - Roads and Bridges	0	2,155,389
Category D - Water Control Facilities	0	111,438
Category E - Buildings and Equipment	0	52,615
Category F - Utilities	0	764,594
Category G - Other (Parks, Recreational Facilities, etc.)	0	419,728
Total:	\$144,812	\$4,057,748
Grand Total:	\$211,942	\$ 4,057,748