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**State of Louisiana Requests Federal Aid
for an Additional 18 Parishes**

BATON ROUGE -- On Friday, the State of Louisiana requested that the federal government amend its major disaster declaration for the state to include an additional 19 parishes that suffered major damage as a result of Hurricane Isaac.

Louisiana requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) authorize Individual Assistance and categories C-G of public assistance for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

The full text of the request is below:

August 31, 2012

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Through:
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Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

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 § 206.40 (Designation of affected areas and eligible assistance), I request that you authorize Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA), Categories C-G, as requested herein, for the Parishes of: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

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As you know, the entire State of Louisiana has been impacted or continues to be threatened by Hurricane Isaac. Each of the sixty-four (64) parishes in the State has declared a state of emergency. The President issued a Declaration of Emergency on August 27, 2012 (FEMA-3347-EM); then, on August 29, 2012, issued a Declaration of Major Disaster (FEMA-4080-DR) in response to the State's expedited request.

Currently, fifty-two (52) parishes are approved for Public Assistance Category A and thirty-eight (38) are approved for Public Assistance Category B. Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) has been authorized for all approved parishes. Five (5) parishes were approved for Individual Assistance earlier today. The incident period began on August 26, 2012 and is continuing.

Since this storm was first projected to threaten the State of Louisiana six days ago, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued advisories over the course of the week placing all or parts of the State under a Hurricane Warning, Hurricane Watch, Tropical Storm Warning, Tropical Storm Watch, Flash Flood Watch, Dangerous Storm Surge, and Tornado Watch. The NWS issued dozens of weather advisories on this event as it wreaked havoc across the entire State.

Every single parish in the State has been impacted by this storm, with many thousands of citizens displaced in shelters or other temporary refuge. Likewise, their homes, businesses, and other property remain flooded or otherwise damaged by the tremendous amount of rainfall generated by the slow, unpredictable path of this very large storm. Search and rescue missions even now remain underway in multiple coastal and inland parishes while, in other parishes, conditions have just today improved enough to commence rescue efforts or access impacted areas. As of 6:30 PM today, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (PSC) reports 510,695 remaining power outages, representing approximately 24% of all electrical power in Louisiana. Interstate-10 at LaPlace, in St. John the Baptist Parish, remains closed due to flooding from Isaac. Interstate-55, south of the Mississippi border in Tangipahoa Parish, was likewise closed today due to Isaac's torrential rainfall resulting in a dam being intentionally breached by State of Mississippi officials to prevent its collapse, and has just reopened.

While every parish in the State has been impacted, the parishes listed in this request bore the brunt of the storm as it made its way inland. We anticipate submitting requests for Federal assistance for other parishes very soon as assessments are completed. Reports of coastal and inland flooding, power outages, downed trees, and blocked or flooded roads are our first indications of the widespread debris that creates a threat to the lives and property of the citizens of Louisiana. This widespread damage is a sure indicator of the need for Individual Assistance while, at the same time, preventing the State and FEMA from conducting a deliberate preliminary damage assessment (PDA). There are literally hundreds of media stories detailing the impact to lives and property for this devastating storm.

A brief summary of the damages to these parishes are:

Ascension

- 7,034 without power - 14% of the parish
Flooding reported in Alligator Bayou
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - St. Amant Baptist Church School
 - RPCC Technical Education Center
 - Best Stop # 17
 - Ormet Corporation
 - Lions Copolymer Geismar
 - La Petite Day Care Center
 - Faith Day School & Academy
 - Go Bears Food Mart #24
 - Sorrento Lumber Company
 - Occidental Chemical Corporation
 - Baby Beginnings
 - Pier 13
 - Knights Of Columbus 6389
 - Magoo's Bar
 - Fisherman's Wharf
 - Shady Oaks Mhp
 - A Childs World Day Care & Learning Center
 - Shell Chemical Company

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- McGaha Apartments
- Countryside Mobile Home Court
- White Road Mobile Home Park
- Plantation Mobile Home Village
- Pine Trailer Park
- Westlake Vinyls Company, L.P.
- Countryview Mobile Home Court
- R & B Grocery
- Oak Village Mobile Home
- Fred's Restaurant

Assumption

- 656 without power - 6% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Labadieville

East Baton Rouge

- 39,922 without power - 20% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Made To Go Truck stop
 - NC Services

East Feliciana

- 3,929 without power - 38% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Village Of Norwood

Iberville

- 2,926 without power - 28% of the parish
- POD site established for impacted citizens

Lafourche

- 22,005 without power - 48% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Port Fourchon and Leeville
- POD site established for impacted citizens

Livingston

- 21,310 without power - 36% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Albany and Maurepas
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Fourth Ward Water Works
 - Colyell Community Water
 - Carthage Bluff Marina
 - Best Stop 15
 - Tickfaw State Park
 - Springfield Middle School
 - Kirby's Place Tp
 - Ca Inst. Of Tech. - Ligo Observatory
 - French Settlement Water- Colyell Home site
 - River Pines Plantation Utilities
 - French Settlement Water Co – Springfield
 - French Settlement Wh Hall Head Of Island
 - Killian, Town Of
 - French Settlement- Paradise Point
 - French Settlement water- Vincent Place
 - Pine Acres
 - Riverscape at Clio Subdivision
 - French Settlement Water Co – Oakridge
 - French Settlement Water –Stonebridge
 - Carter Plantation

- Vincent Acres Water Co.
- Jims Trailer Park

Orleans

- 131,960 without power - 71% of the parish
- Flooding reported in St. Catherine area
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Fort Pike State Park
 - Irish Bayou Travel Center
 - Crazy AL's Lounge
- POD sites established for impacted citizens

Pointe Coupee

- 1,333 without power - 12% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Torbert-Frisco Waterworks
 - Alma Plantation, Ltd
 - Sherburne Wildlife Mgmt. Area Water System

St. Charles

- 15,752 without power - 71% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Des Allemands

St. Helena

- 2,583 without power - 39% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - The Hitching Post Café
 - Waterworks District 2 Of St. Helena
 - Waterworks District #2 Phase3
 - Diversion Water - Tranquility Lakes
 - Pine Grove Waterworks Associations
 - Frank & Ramona's Café
 - Natalbany Creek Campground
 - Waterworks District #2 Of St. Helena - Cross Roads
 - Waterworks District #2 - Dennis Mills

St. James

- 7,743 without power - 80% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - St. James Boat Club
 - Noranda Alumina, LLC
 - Two POD sites established for impacted citizens

St. Mary

- 133 without power - 1% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Morgan City and Franklin

Tangipahoa

- 25,939 without power - 43% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Robert, Amite, Kentwood, and Pontchatoula
- Continuing threat of a dam failure within the State of Mississippi has displaced parish residents
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - L.Tycer (Faller Rd Apartments)
 - Tycer Apartments
 - St. Charles Mobile Home Park
 - Joes Mobile Home Park
 - Hammond Mobile Home Park
 - Intersection Connection
 - French Settlement-Bankston
 - Southeast Baptist Assembly

- Westview Water Works
- Tickfaw, Village Of
- Tangipahoa, Village Of
- Roseland, Town Of
- Baywood Estates Subdivision
- Blue Crystal Mhp
- Whites Seafood
- Tchefuncte Family Campground
- Yogi Bears Jellystone Park
- Magnificat Center Holy Spirit
- Glenwood Baptist Youth Camp
- Northlake Support And Service Center
- Woodside Mhp
- Colonial Inn Motel
- Eastern Heights Waterworks
- Rosary Ville Spirit Life Center
- Global Wildlife Center
- Cranky Curve , LLC

Terrebonne

- 10,468 without power - 26% of the parish
- Flooding reported in Cocodrie, Montegut, Pointe au Chien, and Dulac
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Schriever Wtp Service Area
 - Houma Water Tp Service Area

Washington

- 3,053 without power - 12% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - Lil Angels Daycare
 - Stewart Seafood & Steak
 - Highway 10 Chevron
 - Windmill Nursery
 - Warnerton Quick Stop
 - Lil Landers Bar
 - 450 Quick Stop
 - Jimmy's Fish Market
 - The Louisiana Castle
 - Coconutz Daiquiris
 - S And P Truck Stop
 - Papa J's Hwy Mart
 - Isabel Grocery & Kountry Koo
 - A & G Enon Quick Shop LLC
 - Enon Elementary School
 - Ron Son Bear
 - 29 Palms Trailer Park
 - North Folsom Hills
 - Kids World Daycare
 - Happy Acres Mobile Home Park

West Baton Rouge

- 1,680 without power - 14% of the parish
- Boil advisories issued under the State Safe Drinking Water Program:
 - West Baton Rouge Waterworks District #1
 - West Baton Rouge Waterworks District #2

West Feliciana

- 1,489 without power - 25% of the parish

Spread across these impacted parishes are many examples of continuing damage:

- Thirty-seven (37) nursing homes housing 4,236 residents across the state are currently operating on generator power. Eleven (11) nursing homes have evacuated a total of 979 residents to alternate locations.
- Thirteen (13) hospitals housing 587 patients across the state are currently operating on generator power.
- The State announced continued state office closures in 16 parishes. To date, state agencies have spent \$56.4 million and parishes have spent \$10.1 million in response to this storm.
- The Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit is working with DCFS on sheltering in Tangipahoa Parish. OCD/DRU is also working with St. John Parish on recovery planning, as well as with the Louisiana Housing Corporation to prepare for long-term housing needs in the state, should they arise.
- There are 4,129 citizens that remain in shelters within the State, while the American Red Cross reports that there are Louisiana residents in the following states that evacuated and are being sheltered -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Georgia, Texas.
- 49,570 meals and snacks have been served to evacuees in state shelters through this morning. Another 30,000 hot meals will be served today at state shelters and points of distribution.
- 40 parishes have schools that remain closed.
- In St. John, the National Guard has evacuated 3,647 people and rescued 398 people. To help with the efforts, the National Guard is using 16 High Water Vehicles, 42 Humvees, 4 boats, and 270 Guardsmen conducting security operations.
- In St. Tammany, the National Guard provided 90 Guardsmen for security support and a 16-man team with 8 Humvees to support the Sheriff Department in Search and Rescue operations.
- The National Guard is supporting search and rescue operations in Mandeville with Guardsmen and 4 Humvees.
- In Lafourche, the Bayou Boeuf levee overtopped. Local officials did a voluntary evacuation of 1,000 people, and the National Guard provided a 30-Guardsman team to support a sandbag mission to help stop the flooding.
- The National Guard conducted more than 100 missions across the state yesterday. To date, they have assisted in the rescue and/or evacuation of more than 3,000 citizens throughout the State with efforts continuing.
- In Livingston Parish, the National Guard supported search and rescue operations with Guardsmen and 6 Humvees.
- In St. Charles Parish, the National Guard is supporting search and rescue operations with Guardsmen and 6 Humvees.
- In Acadia Parish, the National Guard supported aerial search and rescue operations.

The State of Louisiana requests Individual Assistance, specifically:

- Individual and Households Program;
- Crisis Counseling Program;
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance;
- Disaster Case Management;
- Disaster Legal Services;
- Transitional Sheltering;
- Rapid Temporary Repair Program; and
- Small Business Administration Emergency Assistance.

The State of Louisiana also requests Public Assistance, Categories C-G, for the listed parishes.

In conclusion, the above factors and continuing impact and threat of Hurricane Isaac justify the approval of Individual Assistance and Public Assistance programs in the requested areas. I certify that the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

Sincerely,
Kevin Davis
Governor's Authorized Representative

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