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Flooding Updates Wednesday Evening, 06/29/16

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - - According to WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jimmy Gianato, these are the latest facts and figures:

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin today announced his request to expand the Federal Disaster Declaration to include Webster and Pocahontas counties has been granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This federal declaration provides residents of these counties with access to individual assistance, including emergency medical support and housing, and will help to address immediate needs. These two counties are in addition to Kanawha, Greenbrier and Nicholas counties, which were approved Saturday, and Fayette, Clay, Roane, Summers, Monroe, which were approved Tuesday.

The governor also lifted the State of Emergency for all counties with the exception of Kanawha, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Fayette, Clay, Roane, Summers, Webster, Pocahontas, Monroe, Lincoln and Jackson counties.

-Gov. Tomblin has also ordered the U.S. and State flags lowered through July 3 to mourn lives lost in the WV flooding.

FEMA

-The Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened Disaster Recovery Centers to assist survivors affected by the West Virginia Flooding. Pocahontas and Webster counties are now eligible to receive Federal Assistance. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

In addition, federal funding is available for state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures in Pocahontas and Webster counties.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are one-stop shops for eligible storm survivors to provide one-on-one, face-to-face help to include the Small Business Administration (SBA). The locations are:

Disaster Recovery Center 2

Richwood City Hall 6 White Ave, Richwood, WV

Hours of operation: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (open seven days a week)

Disaster Recovery Center 4
201 Kanawha Ave, Rainelle, WV
Opens June 30, 2016
Hours of operation: 7:00AM-7:00PM (open seven days a week)

Individuals do not have to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to register with FEMA or SBA. FEMA urges those who have not yet registered to do so as soon as possible by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov. FEMA also accepts registrations through your smartphone at m.fema.gov. For those without access to the internet, FEMA has a toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for the deaf or hard of hearing. For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Addition locations:
Disaster Recovery Center 1
Kanawha County Crede Warehouse
3300 Pennsylvania Ave
Charleston, WV 25302
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (open seven days a week)

Mobile Disaster Recovery Center 3
65 West Main St (please note new address)
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 6/29/16
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 6/30/16

When applying, FEMA will ask for the following information:

- Address of the damaged home or apartment, an address where you can get mail and a telephone number where FEMA can reach you or leave a message;
- Names of people living in your household;
- Description of your disaster damages;
- Insurance information;
- Your Social Security Number;
- If you want your disaster assistance funds sent directly to your bank, provide FEMA agent: your bank account type, account number and routing number;
- When you apply, you will be given a FEMA application number. Write down your application number and save it for future reference. You will need the application number whenever you contact FEMA;
- Insurance is essential in any recovery process. If you've been affected by the disaster, make sure you call your insurance company and file a claim.
- Only damages not covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster assistance. By law FEMA cannot duplicate benefits.

To learn more about Disaster Recovery Centers, go to FEMA.gov/disaster-recovery-centers.

As of June 28, 2016	
FEMA Registrations	3,240
Registrations Today	913
Individuals and Households Program (IHP) Funding Approved	\$1,159,175.22
Housing Assistance (HA) Funding Approved	\$835,276.42
Other Needs Assistance (ONA) Approved	\$323,898.80
Inspections Issued	2,583
Inspections Returned	281
Inspections Outstanding	2,302
% Complete	10.88%
Inspectors in the field	39
Funerals Paid	0
Funeral Funding Approved	NA
Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) open	2
Mobile DRCs Open	1

SBA

- The U.S. Small Business Administration has added counties to the disaster declaration in West Virginia affected by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that began on June 22, 2016.

The disaster declaration now covers the counties of Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Monroe, Nicholas, Roane and Summers in West Virginia, which are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Jackson, Lincoln, Mercer, Pocahontas, Putnam, Raleigh, Webster and Wirt in West Virginia; and Alleghany, Bath, Craig and Giles in Virginia.

Businesses and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible up to \$40,000 to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates are as low as 4 percent for businesses and 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations, and 1.625 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may now include a safe room or storm shelter to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, applicants should register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by mobile device at m.fema.gov. If online or mobile access is unavailable, applicants should call the FEMA toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Additional details on the locations of Disaster Recovery Centers and the loan application process can be obtained by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is Aug. 24, 2016.
The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 27, 2017.

Fatalities

-According to the WV State Medical Examiner's Office the number of deaths due to the floods remains at 23 (twenty-three). That total includes 20 confirmed fatalities and 3 people missing and presumed dead.

Fatality totals by county include:

15—Greenbrier (12 confirmed, 3 missing and presumed dead)

6—Kanawha

1—Ohio

1— Jackson

WV DHHR

-The WV Department of Health and Human Resources has these tips for cleaning up mold (<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/bleach.asp>) and health precautions to take when doing flood cleanup (<http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/News/Pages/Flood-Clean-Up-Precautions-Reduce-Illness-.aspx>)

Volunteers

-A website has been set up to give people a centralized location to share information on donations, drop-off locations, fundraisers and more: <http://www.wvflood.com/>