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Governor Strickland Asks for Federal Assistance to Conduct Preliminary Damage Assessments

Ottawa County added to list of declared counties

Columbus, Ohio (June 7, 2010) – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today spoke with President Barak Obama and asked for federal support to conduct preliminary damage assessments for Wood County.

The Governor made the request based on reports from local officials as well as state personnel who are on the ground assisting the impacted community. Damage assessments continue for Fulton, Ottawa, and Lucas counties. Ottawa joined the list of counties declared as disaster areas this morning.

"The State of Ohio is doing all it can to offer assistance to those in need, but the need is so great that we are requesting that President Obama send support to help determine the overall damages in the area," Strickland said.

FEMA officials will be arriving in Wood County tomorrow to begin working with State and local officials as they continue the assessments. Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the impacted counties are encouraged to report damages to their local Emergency Management officials.

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