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News Release

DEADLINE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE IN HARDIN AND SENECA COUNTIES APPROACHING.

(COLUMBUS), Ohio – Ohioans affected by the severe storms in Hardin and Seneca counties are eligible for additional assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The additional assistance follows President George W. Bush's declaration of a federal disaster for the two additional counties. **But individuals in these counties must apply by Oct. 4, 2007.**

Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation is broadened under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program to include people, who as a result of the disaster: no longer have a job; are unable to reach their place of employment; were to have started new employment but cannot; have become the major supporter for a household because the head of household died in the disaster; or cannot work because of injury. Self-employed individuals and farmers who are not covered by unemployment insurance may also be eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance benefits. Individuals who have exhausted unemployment eligibility may also qualify for these benefits.

Applications for these benefits may be filed by calling the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services toll-free at 1-877-644-6562 (877-OHIO-JOB) from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Applicants should be prepared to provide a Social Security number and driver's license or state ID number and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all employers within the last 18 months.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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