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Strickland Appeals FEMA Denial for Northwest Ohio Tornado Assistance

Columbus, OH – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today sent Ohio's letter of appeal for federal disaster individual assistance for tornado-ravaged Northwest Ohio to President Obama.

"In early June, the people of three counties in Northwest Ohio were subjected to tornadoes and severe storms that battered their homes and shattered their lives. The denial of my request for federal disaster assistance was deeply disappointing news to me, and more particularly, to those already struggling in difficult economic times to rebuild their community," Strickland said. "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."

Governor Strickland declared a state of emergency for Northwest Ohio after tornadoes swept through the areas on June 5-6, causing extensive damage to homes and businesses and resulting in the deaths of six people.

Because of the devastating impact of the storms, Strickland requested federal disaster assistance from FEMA, which FEMA denied on June 24. Today's appeal is in response to the denial of individual assistance, and an appeal on public assistance will be forthcoming.

To view the entire letter, please visit www.ema.ohio.gov