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KASICH ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF STATE SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTS JOINT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Supplemental Assistance Available to Uninsured Residents affected by May 10-11 Floods

COLUMBUS, OH– Governor John R. Kasich announced today that the state will commit \$750,000 in State Assistance to individuals impacted by the flash flooding that occurred May 10-11, 2011 in Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.

The state assistance program is intended for uninsured homeowners and renters with eligible real property damages, personal property damages and funeral expenses.

The flash flooding earlier this month resulted in one fatality in Scioto County and significant damages to residences and businesses.

Also due to the prolonged period of record rainfall and ground saturation, Gov. Kasich has requested a joint federal preliminary damage assessment for 21 Ohio counties for flood damage that occurred during the month of April 2011.

Counties include: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington.

Damage consisted of landslides; debris-covered roadways; and washed-out culverts, bridges and overpasses.

The primary mission of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, is to coordinate activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. This mission is carried out by closely interfacing with local, state and federal agencies in an effort to bring resources of recovery and support to Ohioans impacted by the disaster. In addition to disaster response and recovery, Ohio EMA agency activities include: education, training, planning and preparedness - strengthening Ohio's first responder capabilities and improving communication across the state.

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