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### **EMA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO 21 OHIO COUNTIES FOR APRIL, MAY FLOOD AND STORM DAMAGE**

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) announced that President Barack Obama and the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted his request for a federal major disaster declaration for 21 Ohio counties as a result of flooding, flash flooding and severe storms that occurred April 4-May 15.

The 21 counties included in the federal declaration are: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington.

“Federal, state and county teams surveyed the damage in these counties in early June,” said Nancy Dragani, Ohio EMA Executive Director. “They determined there had been as much as \$47 million in damage to public property and infrastructure.”

The FEMA Public Assistance Program provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities.

The PA Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process. The federal share of assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost for emergency measures and permanent restoration from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

All counties in Ohio are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency will disburse the federal funds upon receipt and processing of all required documentation.

Representatives from the Ohio EMA and FEMA will meet with local officials to further explain the public assistance application process.

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