KASICH ASKS FEMA TO VERIFY IF RECENT STORM DAMAGE REACHES THRESHOLD FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

June 29 Storms Left Nearly One Million Without Power and Took 3 Lives

COLUMBUS—Gov. John R. Kasich today announced that the Administration has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review the cost and extent of damage from June 29 storms that caused widespread power outages, left significant debris and damage to public facilities and rural electric cooperatives, and caused as many as three deaths. Kasich is asking for the assessment to verify if Ohio sustained enough damage to qualify for federal disaster relief. The assessment is the first step before any federal relief can be requested.

If federal relief is requested by the governor and granted by the President, eligible local governments, state agencies, rural electric cooperatives and certain private non-profit organizations could seek to recover money they spent to remove and clear debris, respond to the emergency, provide relief to affected Ohioans, and make repairs to facilities.

Damage assessments were requested to begin the week of July 30 in the following counties: Adams, Allen, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Meigs, Miami, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Putnam, Scioto, Shelby, Van Wert and Washington.

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