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News Release

SEVEN ADDITIONAL PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FROM TROPICAL STORM LEE

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Homeowners, renters and business owners in seven additional Pennsylvania counties are now eligible for federal assistance to help recover from the effects of Tropical Storm Lee, which struck the Commonwealth on September 3. The counties designated today for assistance are Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia. They join 19 other Pennsylvania counties already designated for disaster assistance.

"These additional counties have been added as a result of the damage assessments FEMA, PEMA and local partners conducted in the Commonwealth," said Federal Coordinating Officer Thomas J. McCool. "We appreciate the hard work that has gone into getting these additional counties added."

Individual Assistance is now available in 26 Pennsylvania counties which includes, in addition to the seven previously named: Adams, Bradford, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wyoming and York.

Individuals in these counties who suffered damages from Tropical Storm Lee are strongly encouraged to register with FEMA today. They can apply for aid three ways: calling FEMA at (800) 621-3362 or TTY (800) 462-7585 for those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired; online at www.disasterassistance.gov; or directly on their mobile phones at m.fema.gov.

Whether you go online or talk with a teleregistration representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, have the following information ready:

- Name and Social Security number
- Address of the damaged property
- Current address and telephone number
- Insurance information
- Total household annual income
- Bank account information for direct deposit
- Description of your damages

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Seven counties added for TS Lee

FEMA's Individual Assistance program can help eligible applicants with temporary housing assistance, uninsured personal property losses and medical, dental, and funeral expenses caused by the disaster, along with other disaster-related expenses and serious needs. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not covered by insurance.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.