

SCEMD RECOVERY UPDATE

October 6, 2015

EXPEDITED MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION GRANTED

FEMA-4241-DR-SC was declared yesterday, October 5th allowing for FEMA Individual Assistance in Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and Williamsburg counties.

Residents of these counties may register for assistance online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by phone by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

Public Assistance for Categories A (debris removal) and B (emergency protective measures) are available for Berkeley, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties.

We are working to add additional counties to this declaration based on damage assessment information as well as amending the declaration to include all categories of work for Public Assistance.

CONDUCTING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Your initial damage assessments are the first step in the recovery process. Safety is paramount, but as weather and road conditions allow, completing your initial damage assessments (IDA) will provide a better scope of the damages sustained to your county.

If you would like assistance completing your IDA, please contact Katie Norris at knorris@emd.sc.gov or Scott Brown at sbrown@emd.sc.gov.

Once your IDA has been completed and reported to the state a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA) with FEMA will be coordinated to verify your county has exceeded its damage threshold and is eligible for Public Assistance and/or Individual Assistance Programs.

Please find the damage thresholds for all counties as an additional attachment to this email.

Reporting IDAs and Scheduling Joint PDAs

As you complete your damage assessments please send your reports to either Elizabeth Roberts at eroberts@emd.sc.gov or Allen Fountain at afountain@emd.sc.gov.

Once we receive your information we can schedule a joint PDA with State and FEMA representatives.

Damage Assessment Training

A member of our Recovery team will conduct daily just-in-time damage assessment training via teleconference at 1:00 p.m. through the end of the week and longer if requested.

Please dial one of the following numbers:
803-726-9796
864-908-3279
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and then enter code 274829

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PROCUREMENT POLICY

As you look at activating contracts to assist with recovery, it's important to comply with the minimum standards of federal grant contracts to ensure maximum reimbursement from FEMA. Please review the FEMA procurement checklist also included in this email for further information.

FEMA will be providing the state with two procurement attorneys to assist with questions and issues. Please route questions to them through Danielle Maynard, SCEMD Legal Counsel, by email at dmaynard@emd.sc.gov.

DOCUMENTATION

Reimbursement is contingent upon proper documentation. The more organized and detailed your information is now, the easier it will be to proceed through the Public Assistance process.

Be sure to track labor, equipment, and material costs, as well as any contracted costs. Also, store this information in multiple formats to ensure no data is lost should something happen to your primary copies. Computers will crash and you don't want to lose all your information without any form of backup documentation.
