More Louisiana Residents Now Eligible for Post-Isaac Recovery Assistance from FEMA

Baton Rouge -- The Federal Emergency Management Agency granted Louisiana's request to offer individual assistance to four additional parishes where residents were affected by Hurricane Isaac. Residents of Ascension, Lafourche, Livingston and Orleans parishes are now eligible for disaster assistance.

The state encourages residents of all nine declared parishes - Ascension, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. John, Plaquemines, St. Tammany - to register with FEMA for help recover from Hurricane Isaac, which flooded several parishes and left more than half a million Louisiana residents without power, forcing thousands people to evacuate their homes.

FEMA assistance is for residents of affected areas who sustained uninsured or underinsured Isaac-related damage to their homes, vehicles, personal property, business or its inventory beginning Aug. 26, 2012. Residents who register with FEMA for assistance aren't guaranteed eligibility. They must apply and meet eligibility criteria to receive assistance.

Louisiana residents can apply for disaster assistance in two ways: by applying online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or calling 1-800-621-3362. Residents with speech or hearing impairments should call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585. Users of 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 1-800-462-7585.

The state of Louisiana News Desk #225.358.5361 encourages disaster survivors to register for help.

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