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Governor Riley requests Federal assistance for damage resulting from Tropical Storm Ida

CLANTON-Today Governor Riley signed a request seeking a federal disaster declaration for the state of Alabama. The request for assistance is a result of damage from Tropical Storm Ida on November 9th & 10th. The Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency conducted joint Preliminary Damage Assessments on Tuesday and Wednesday (November 17&18). The damage assessments determined there is enough damage to request federal assistance. If approved, the declaration will provide assistance for Baldwin and Mobile.

The request for a federal disaster declaration seeks Public Assistance. Public Assistance will cover, but isn't limited to damage to infrastructure, major beach repair, emergency protective measures, utility repair and debris removal. All counties will also become eligible for Hazard Mitigation grant funds.

"Tropical Storm Ida serves a reminder that a damaging storm can form late in the hurricane season," said Director Brock Long. "The time to prepare for the 2010 hurricane season is now."

Since the 2008 hurricane season, the state has received six federal declarations resulting in federal assistance for nearly half the counties in Alabama.

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