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Governor Bentley Requests Federal Assistance for counties impacted by Hurricane Isaac

CLANTON— Tuesday afternoon, Governor Bentley has submitted a letter to President Obama requesting a federal declaration for Public Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Isaac. The counties included in the initial request are Baldwin, Mobile and Pickens.

A Public Assistance declaration would provide disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations.

"Hurricane Isaac had a significant impact on Alabama. We will do everything we can to help communities that are still recovering from the effects of the storm," Governor Bentley said. "In some cases, the impact is greater than the state and local resources that are available to help. It is for that reason that we are asking for supplementary federal public assistance. This request to the President is part of our continuing efforts help communities recovering from Isaac."

Preliminary damage assessments continue in additional counties.

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