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Franklin County Officials Still Waiting For Decision From FEMA

Emergency Management officials eagerly await decision on appeal for assistance.

(Franklin County, Illinois) The Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, along with several local elected officials continue to wait for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to make a decision whether or not they will provide federal assistance to disaster victims impacted by the March 2008 flooding incident that occurred in southern Illinois.

“Our office continues to receive calls from citizens trying to recover from this disaster”, said Director Ryan M. Buckingham. “Local officials are doing everything within their power at the local level to assist disaster victims in their recovery”, added the Director. The agency assessed over 80 homes within Franklin County alone that sustained damage during the March disaster. The agency provided Franklin County’s damage assessment figures to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to support Illinois appeal to FEMA, after assistance was initially denied. “This was a regional disaster that affected many lives, we hope that the federal government will make the decision to help the people of southern Illinois soon”, added Public Information Officer Kathie A. Flowers.

Flowers also added that in a joint effort between the Franklin County Board, Franklin County Treasurer John Gulley, and the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, taxpayers who were impacted by the March flooding can delay payment of both installments of real estate taxes without late payment penalty until Wednesday, October 8th, 2008. In order to qualify for this temporary relief, taxpayers must contact the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency at (618) 439-4EMA. For additional information visit the agency’s website at www.franklincountyema.com.

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