

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FEMA Claims for Oklahoma Severe Winter Storm

1. Purpose. To Inform Individuals on the Current Scope of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Assistance.

2. Facts.

a. Federal aid has been made available to the State of Oklahoma to supplement and support state and local response efforts in the areas struck by a severe winter storm beginning on January 28, 2010 and continuing. As of this date, however, no aid has been authorized for individual assistance.

b. Under the current Emergency Declaration, the only recipients of Federal aid from FEMA are State, Tribal, and local governments, as well as certain private nonprofit organizations.

c. FEMA is currently authorized to provide appropriate assistance to these recipients for required emergency measures to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in designated areas. This may include debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities.

d. Individual assistance is normally associated with a Major Disaster Declaration. Such a declaration has not been made for the recent winter storm. If individual assistance were authorized, a designated toll-free telephone number would be published for use by affected residents and business owners in registering for assistance. Disaster Recovery Centers would also be opened to allow disaster victims the ability to meet with program representatives and obtain information about available aid and the recovery process.

3. For the most up-to-date information on FEMA support in your area, please visit the FEMA website at www.fema.gov or call the FEMA Disaster Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

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