

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date May 1, 2014

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Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. Alabama	2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 4,779,736
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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Governor Robert Bentley	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Art Faulkner, Director Alabama Emergency Management Agency (205) 280-2210
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number
Art Faulkner, Director Alabama Emergency Management Agency (205) 280-2210

6. Declaration Request For: Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date Apr 28, 2014 End Date _____ or Continuing *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought Earthquake Explosion Fire Flood Hurricane Landslide Mudslide
 Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning) Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) Straight-Line Winds
 Tidal Wave Tornado Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Tsunami Volcanic Eruption Winter Storm
 Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
There have been three confirmed fatalities as of 7:00 a.m. on April 29, 2014. Two in Limestone County and one in Tuscaloosa County. There have been at least (11) persons injured in Lee County, four in Pickens County, and one in Tuscaloosa County.

The State EOC has received significant damage reports statewide. The hardest impacts to lives and property have been in Baldwin, Limestone, Lee, Jefferson and Mobile Counties. However, other parts of the state received significant damage as well. As of April 29, 2014, there were approximately 90,000 customers without power throughout Central and North Alabama. The Fish and Magnolia Rivers in south Alabama have cause widespread damage in Southern Alabama. We have multiple municipalities reporting power outages to critical infrastructure. The Statewide mutual aid system has been exhausted. As of April 30, 2014, there were still 9 shelters open with a total population of 168 persons.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.
The State Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level I with 24 hr. staffing as of 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2014 until 7:00 pm on April 30, 2014. The State EOC is continuing to operate at a Level III. The State of Alabama activated regional field divisions A, B, C, E, F, and G. The following forty five (45) county emergency operation centers have been activated: Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Clarke, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Covington, Cullman, Dale, Dallas, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, and Walker. Counties are reported multiple local-to-local mutual aid. The Statewide mutual aid system has exhausted its resources. A total of 263 state personnel were supporting the incident.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

Individual Assistance Dates Performed Requested Apr 30, 2014 Start May 3, 2014 End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Public Assistance Dates Performed Requested Apr 30, 2014 Start May 3, 2014 End _____

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance N/A Individuals and Households Program Crisis Counseling Program Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 All Disaster Case Management Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

Baldwin County, Lee County, Limestone County and Jefferson County.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance N/A Debris Removal (Category A) Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) Permanent Work (Categories C-G)*
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

The State of Alabama is requesting the Expedited Major Disaster Declaration be for Baldwin, Jefferson, Lee, Limestone and Mobile. I request that Categories A, B, and direct Federal Assistance be granted immediately so that response and recovery efforts can continue. The beginning portion of the severe weather affected the Northern and Central parts of the State. As the severe weather continued to move through the State, the severe weather caused major flooding in the Southern portion of Alabama.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United

States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

potentially flood control equipment and technical assistance to support life-saving/sustaining, property protection, and/or public health and safety

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

The State does not have the staff or expertise to provide the technical assistance.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

N/A I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date October 18, 2016 b. Type of Plan Enhanced Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

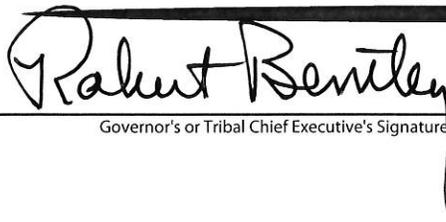
a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Apr 28, 2014 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

- Cover Letter Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
- Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
- Additional Supporting Documentation _____


Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

May 1, 2014
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE
465 Weathervane Road
Calera, AL 35040

April 29, 2014

Alabama Emergency Management Agency
5898 County Road 41
P.O. Box 2160
Clanton, AL 35046

The State of Alabama began experiencing severe weather beginning on April, 28, 2014. The NWS Storm Prediction Center is forecasting the risk of severe weather continuing into Wednesday from the Great Lakes southward to the central and eastern Gulf Coast and eastward to the Carolinas and Virginia. The greatest risk is from eastern Mississippi to central Alabama, where a Moderate Risk is in place. Several tornadoes, large hail, flooding and straight line damaging winds are possible. Some rivers in south Alabama are running at maximum capacity and any additional heavy rainfall could cause flooding issues over the next several days.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Stefkovich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Stefkovich
Meteorologist-in-Charge

