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FROM DECLARATION TO RECOVERY:

Integrating the New Declaration Requirements into the Recovery Process

December 12, 2012



Disaster Assistance

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Recovery Mission:

Ensure those who have been, or may be, affected by disasters have access to the full range of federal and state assistance programs in a timely manner and that applicants receive a superior level of service in the delivery of all KYEM Recovery Programs.



Disaster Assistance

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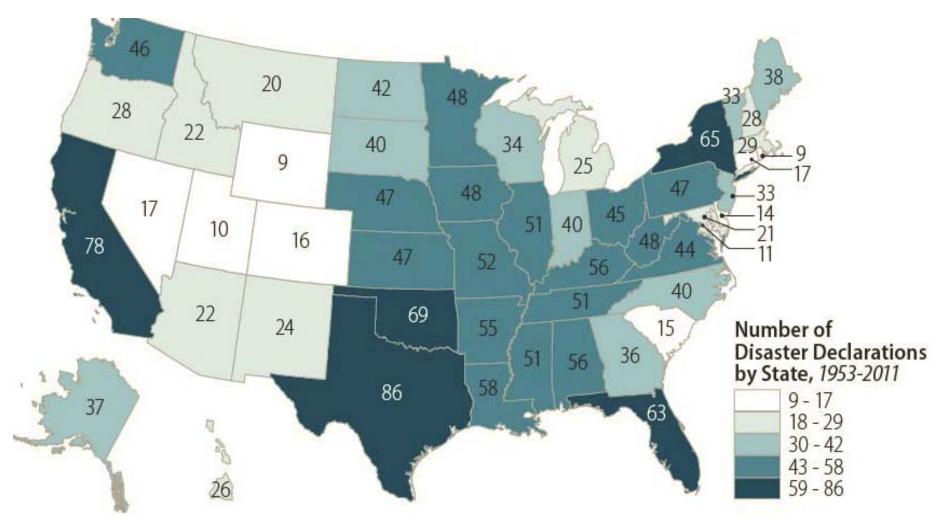
What's the big deal?

- 56 disaster declarations for KY since 1953
- KY ranks 7th nationwide in disaster frequency
- KY Ranks 12th nationwide in disaster damages
- FEMA provides disaster assistance funding for:
 - ✓ State and Local Governments
 - ✓ Governmental Entities (i.e. School Districts)
 - ✓ Individuals and Households
 - ✓ Private Nonprofits



Major Disaster Declarations by State

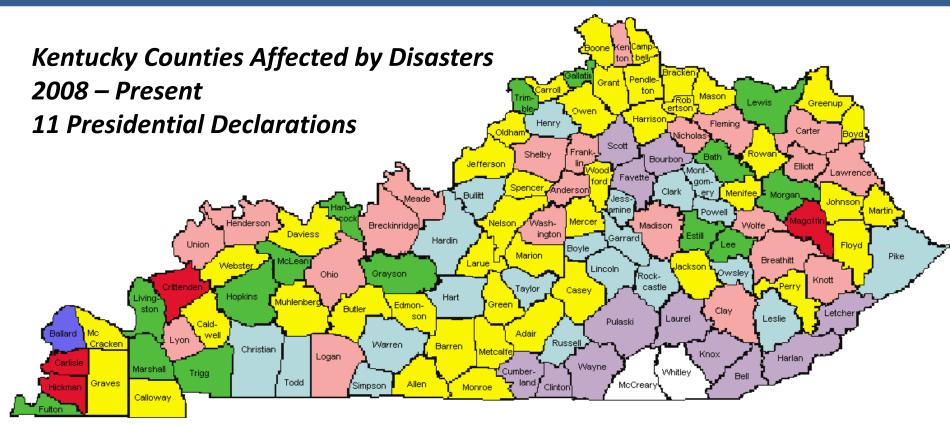
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Declaration Frequency

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Purple: 7 Pink: 4 Lilac: 1 KY Population: 4.3 Million

Red: 6 Yellow: 3 White: 0 Unaffected: 53,943

Green: 5 Blue: 2



Disaster Impact

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Recovery Branch currently oversees 20 Open disasters with:

- 57,000 Applicants
- 72,000 Awards, Grants, Projects
- \$ 960 Million in Recovery, Mitigation, and Individuals and Households Assistance



Declaration Types

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Under the Robert T. Stafford Act (CFR 44), the follow declarations can be made:

- Fire Management Assistance
- Emergency Assistance
- Major Disaster



Fire Management Assistance

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"The President is authorized to provide assistance, including grants, equipment, supplies, and personnel, to any State or local government for the mitigation, management, and control of any fire on public or private forest land or grassland that threatens such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

Reference: 42 U.S.C. § 5187



Emergency Disaster

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"Any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, Federal assistance is **needed to supplement State and local efforts** and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States."

Reference: 44 CFR § 206.2(a)(9)



Emergency Assistance Declarations

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Characteristics:

- Is beyond State and local abilities
- Supplementary emergency assistance
- Provides for technical assistance, essential community services, warnings, health and safety measures, management of immediate threats, debris removal, food distribution
- Assistance is limited to \$5 million.
- Request is to be made within 5 days of event, but no longer than 30 days after the occurrence of the incident.



Major Disaster

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"Any natural catastrophe . . . or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion in any part of the United States which in the determination of the President causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance to supplement the efforts and available resources of States, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby."

Reference: 44 CFR § 206.2(a)(17)



Major Disaster Declaration

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Characteristics:

- Is beyond State and local capabilities.
- Supplements available resources of:
 - State and local governments efforts
 - Disaster relief organizations response
 - Insurance coverage
- Must be requested within 30 days of the incident.

Reference: 44 CFR § 206.36



Declaration Process

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- 1. Incident Occurs
- 2. State/Counties perform Initial Damage Assessments
- 3. State requests Joint Damage Assessments
- 4. FEMA /State/Counties conduct Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments
- 5. Thresholds are met
- Governor submits request to President for a Major Disaster Declaration
- 7. FEMA acknowledges request
- 8. FEMA Region IV submits recommendation to President
- 9. Presidential decision
- 10. Declaration declared



Request for Declaration Changes

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Why the changes?

Congressional concerns regarding:

- Increased number of disaster declarations
- Declarations trigger other federal programs
- Thresholds are too low and have become basis for declaration decision
- Low number of declaration denials
- Failure of FEMA to determine capacity of state and local governments to respond to and recover from
- External pressures to declare
- Lack of transparency in decision making process



Declaration Request Changes

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- New procedures became effective July 14, 2012
- New requirements are complex and require forethought and expanded data management
- Intent of new procedures is to prove:
 - extent of disaster is truly beyond capabilities of state and local recovery resources
 - assistance is needed and necessary



Declaration Process

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How will this effect your county?

- Declarations may take longer to obtain
- It may be more difficult to obtain assistance
- More coordination, management, and records of response and recovery efforts will be necessary at the county level
- Counties will need a systematic, documented approach for responding to and recovering from disasters
- Counties will need to help KYEM make the case that assistance is necessary and needed



Declaration Decision Factors

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- Extent of Damage
- Impact on affected areas, critical infrastructure
- Imminent threats to public health and safety
- Ability of State and Local governments to respond
- Were States of Emergency declared by State and affected counties?
- Recent disasters past 12 months
- Recent non-disaster events past 12 months
- Available recovery resources
- Other available assistance
- Other relevant information



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ACCURATE FACTUAL ASSESSMENTS ARE VITAL to the NEW Declaration Process



Declaration Determination Factors

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Individuals and Households Assistance Program Information Needed for Request

- Concentration and extent of damages
- Deaths and injuries
- Socioeconomic status of affected residents
- Extent of insurance coverage
- Affects and frequency of previous events
- Local and state efforts to assist
- Activities of volunteer groups
- Housing requirements
- Unemployment due to disaster



Declaration Determination Factors

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Individuals and Households Assistance Program Information Needed for Request

- Impact on critical infrastructure
- Imminent threats to public health and safety
- Recovery abilities of State and Local governments
- Available response and recovery resources
- Volunteer assistance activities
- Unmet needs housing requirements
- Unemployment due to disaster
- Economic impact to affected area



Declaration Determination Factors

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Public Assistance Program

- Extent of eligible damages
- Threshold
- Local Impact
- Level of Insurance coverage
- Health and safety impact
- Disruption of critical services
- Damages to critical facilities
- Recovery abilities of State and Local governments
- Fiscal condition of State and Local governments
- Recent disaster and event history of impacted areas



Declaration Submission Requirements

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Only the Governor, may request a Major Disaster Declaration.

The Governor's Request has two required components:

- 1. FEMA Form 010-0-13 (new)
- 2. Governor's Request Cover Letter (expanded)



Request Form

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NEW

- In addition to the Governors Request letter, a four-page form must be completed and submitted with letter
- Covers pertinent information

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OMB No. 1660-0009 Expires December 31,2012

REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

1. Request Date

Burden Disclosure Notice Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009) NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.		
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 requesting declaration (as define	ed in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. 5122)	2b. State Population (as reported by 2010 Census)
3. Governor's Name	4a. Designation of State Coordinating	g Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number
4b. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number		
6. Declaration Request For: Major Disast	ter (Stafford Act Sec. 401)	Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))
7. Incident Period Beginning Date End	or Continuing state ackn (e.g.	equesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official ement from a qualified Federal government agency nowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field , United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the onal Weather Service for flooding).



Declaration Request Form

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NEW Declaration Form covers basic information:

- Information is <u>required</u> for every declaration request
- Description of:
 - ✓ Event provided by the National Weather Service
 - ✓ Damages incurred
 - ✓ State and local resources deployed or committed in response and recovery efforts
- Joint preliminary damage assessments
- Anticipated involvement of other Federal Programs



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Required Components

- Description of the event as provided by NWS
- Description of deaths, injuries and contributing circumstances
- Volunteer activities of:
 - Red Cross
 - Salvation Army
 - Southern Baptist
 - Others
- Declared States of Emergency, where, when KYEM and Counties



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Impact of Disaster

- Impact to the State and affected local communities
 - Infrastructures roads, bridges, etc.
 - Critical facilities water, electricity, etc.
 - Government buildings
 - Estimated restoration period
 - Status of repairs
 - Health and safety hazards
 - Emergency conditions



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Socioeconomic Demographics

- Elderly population
- Fixed income population
- Low income population
- Media household income
- Disabled population
- Pre-disaster unemployment rates

KYEM compiles data from US Census, KY Labor, Cabinet for Health and Family Services



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Fiscal Status

- Budget overview of Commonwealth
 - Will be provided by the Governor's Office of Budget and Management
- Budget overview of each affected county
- Fiscal status overview of each affected county

Provided by GOBM and DLG



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Preliminary Damage Assessments

- Where were assessments conducted
- What were are the damages by county
- Are there assessments yet to be performed

Compiled by KYEM



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Disaster History

- 12 month history of disaster declarations for state
- State expenditures to aid recovery efforts
- List of counties with sustained damages and 12 month disaster declaration history for each
- 12 month history of non-declaration events for state
- 12 month history, impact, and costs of nondeclaration events for each county



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Impediments to Disaster Response

- Economy of area predisaster
- Disaster effect on state and local economies
- Terrain
- Inaccessibility
- Capacity or limitation of voluntary organizations active in the disaster



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Infrastructure Damage Analysis

- Cost estimates per category (debris, buildings, roads and bridges, etc.)
- % of total eligible PA estimated costs
- Significant impacts to specific areas
- Statewide per capita damage
- County per capita damage
- Level of insurance coverage
- Severely impacted communities in counties not making threshold



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Major Snow Disaster Declarations

- Statement from State and applicant that event exceeds capacity to respond
- Description of State and local attempts to deal with the event
- Verification from the National Weather Service that the snowfall is:
 - Record
 - Near record

KYEM, Counties, and NWS



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Information provide basis for Governor to:

- Certify that the need exceeds State and Local capabilities
- Certify Federal assistance is necessary to supplement the efforts and available resources of the state, local governments, disaster relief organizations and compensation by insurance for disaster related loses





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Governor must:

- Name specific programs requested in the declaration for a major disaster
- Certify compliance of cost sharing requirements
- Include geographical areas requested





Local Government Responsibilities

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County governments must be ready to gather and provide the following – as quickly as possible:

- Description of deaths and injuries, causes
- Activities of volunteer groups
- Impact to local infrastructure
- 12 month history of non-declaration events for county
- Level of insurance coverage
- Identification of severely affected communities when threshold is not met
- Efforts made to deal with snow emergencies



Local Government Responsibilities

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- Designate the right person in your government to be responsible for providing information
- A request for needed information will be sent to County J/E and EMD make sure it is forwarded to proper person
- Start now identifying information associated with the past 12 month's non-declaration events
- Submit quarterly financial reports to DLG on time Identify and train all potential applicants
- Provide information to KYEM as quickly as possible after the event to ensure inclusion in the disaster.



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QUESTIONS???

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