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DISASTER AID BRIEFINGS FOR COUNTIES AFFECTED BY JUNE FLOODS

State and federal disaster experts will brief local officials on the federal Public Assistance program authorized for 19 New York State counties after widespread flooding in late June 2006.

"While we're still meeting the human needs of this disaster, it's time to turn to rebuilding our communities," said John R. Gibb, Director of the State Emergency Management Office and State Coordinating Officer. "These briefings will give local officials the knowledge and resources they need to get their communities reimbursed for disaster costs. Local officials should begin gathering their paperwork, contact their county emergency manager, and make plans to attend the briefing."

"The Public Assistance program lessens the negative effect of a disaster to not only those who were in harm's way, but the entire community as well," said Federal Coordinating Officer Marianne C. Jackson. "These funds will allow governments to repair, rebuild and protect their vital infrastructure."

The disaster designation, issued at the request of Governor George E. Pataki, allows local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations to recover costs for measures taken to save lives, ensure public health and safety, protect property, remove debris, and repair infrastructure. The federal government funds 75 percent of approved costs; New York State will assume the other 25 percent under Governor Pataki's flood relief program.

19 counties were designated for federal disaster assistance on July 7, 2006. They are: Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Schenectady, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, and Ulster.

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BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR FEMA-1650-DR-NY

Monday, July 17

- 9:00 a.m. Ulster County, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston
- 1:00 p.m. Chenango County, Public Safety Building, 279 County Route 46, Norwich
- 2:00 p.m. Sullivan County, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello

Tuesday, July 18

- 9:00 a.m. Oneida County, Westmoreland Town Hall, Station Road, Westmoreland
- 9:00 a.m. Tompkins County, County Airport, 72 Brown Road, Ithaca
- 1:30 p.m. Broome County, Chenango Town Hall, State Route 12, Chenango
- 1:30 p.m. Herkimer County, Municipal Building, 49 Morgan Street, Ilion

Wednesday, July 19

- 8:30 a.m. Delaware County, Office of Emergency Services, 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi
- 1:30 p.m. Greene County, Office of Emergency Services, 25 Volunteer Drive, Cairo
- 2:00 p.m. Otsego County, SUNY Oneonta, Hunt's Student Union, 68 Bugbee Rd., Oneonta,

Thursday, July 20

- 9:00 a.m. Cortland County, Cortlandville Fire Station, 999 State Route 13, Cortland
- 9:00 a.m. Rensselaer County, Public Safety Building, 4000 Main Street, Troy
- 1:30 p.m. Tioga County, Public Safety Building, 103 Corporate Drive, Owego
- 5:45 p.m. Montgomery County, County Office Building, Route 30-A North, Fonda

Friday, July 21

- 9:00 a.m. Madison County, Hamilton Fire Station, 121 Lebanon Street, Hamilton

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Tuesday, July 25

8:45 a.m. Schoharie County, Public Safety Building, 157 Depot Lane, Schoharie

Thursday, July 27

1:00 p.m. Fulton and Hamilton counties
Nathan Littauer Hospital, 99 E. State Street, Gloversville

Friday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Schenectady County, Schenectady County Community College
Stockade Building, Room 102, Schenectady

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