



MITCHELL E. DANIELS, Jr., Governor  
**STATE OF INDIANA**

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY      JOSEPH E. WAINSCOTT JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

---

*Indiana Department of Homeland Security  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
317-232-3980*

For Immediate Release  
April 22, 2009

## **13 counties approved for federal assistance**

INDIANAPOLIS – Governor Mitch Daniels received word today that President Barack Obama has approved federal assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses damaged in 13 counties by severe weather that occurred March 8-14.

They are Allen, Carroll, DeKalb, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Noble, Pulaski, White and Whitley counties.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) individual assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in those counties can begin applying for FEMA assistance immediately by registering online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available 8 a.m.-6 p.m. local time, seven days a week.

On Sunday, March 8, severe storms broke out, spawning three tornadoes, high winds and torrential rainfall. Nearly eight inches of rain fell during a 72-hour period in some locations. Heavy rain on frozen and partially frozen ground quickly led to flooding conditions.

###

Contact

John Erickson or Rachel Meyer, (317) 234-6713, [pio@dhs.in.gov](mailto:pio@dhs.in.gov)