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Northwest Indiana Residents Asked to Report Damage, Other Financial Losses

INDIANAPOLIS -- To help expedite the collection of damage information caused by the January 7, 2008 severe weather and flooding in Northwest Indiana, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is asking people who sustained losses to contact a toll free number.

Beginning Tuesday, January 22, anyone affected by the disaster beginning January 7, 2008 should provide information about damage by calling, toll-free, 866-210-1925, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. NOTICE New Hours - 2-6-08 through 2-8-08, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 2-9-08, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Losses can include structural damage to homes, loss of personal property and business losses due to the flooding.

“We need to conduct a thorough and comprehensive compilation of damage,” said Phil Brown, interim director of IDHS emergency response division. “To do this, we’re asking anyone with damage to make this very important contact.”

Callers will be asked to provide their name, address, phone number, damage to property and type of damage the property sustained. Also, be ready to provide information about unemployment or business losses because a business was closed or damaged due to flooding. This can include employees and business owners.

For a form to help you provide information, visit www.in.gov/dhs.

In 2005, the State of Indiana consolidated all of its emergency management and homeland security efforts into one department by creating the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). The divisions of IDHS are Emergency Response, Fire and Building Safety; the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center; Planning and Assessment; Preparedness and Training; and Support Services. These divisions intertwine to accomplish the central mission of IDHS: safeguarding the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana.

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