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KASICH ASKS U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN PERRY COUNTY

COLUMBUS, OH – Today Governor John R. Kasich asked the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue a disaster declaration for Perry County and provide low-interest loans to residents and businesses who suffered uninsured losses from recent storms. Gov. Kasich's letter to the SBA can be viewed [here](#).

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) continues to work with several local communities in areas affected by the storms to determine what assistance they need to recover and to help them assess the damage to evaluate what, if any, state assistance might be applicable. Local emergency declarations were issued by Perry, Morrow, Sandusky, Seneca and Summit counties and the cities of Ashtabula, Bellevue, and Cridersville.

On July 9, the Ohio EMA began monitoring potential severe weather throughout the state. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated and the SEOC Assessment Room was staffed around the clock from July 9 through July 11. The storm produced multiple reports of flash flooding in north-central and southeastern Ohio, and the National Weather Service confirmed five tornadoes and two microbursts affecting Huron, Jefferson, Sandusky, Ashland, Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Seneca counties. There was a peak of approximately 263,000 homes and businesses without power.

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