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**GOVERNOR KASICH ANNOUNCES U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
DISASTER DECLARATION FOR PERRY COUNTY**

COLUMBUS, OH – Governor John R. Kasich announced today that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted Ohio's request to issue an SBA-only disaster declaration as a result of the July 9-10 severe storms and flooding. The SBA declaration enables residents and businesses in Perry County, as well as those in the contiguous counties of Athens, Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, Morgan and Muskingum, who incurred uninsured losses resulting from the severe storms and floods to apply for long-term, low-interest loans.

Residents and businesses may apply for an SBA loan by calling 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8330 for the hearing impaired), or by going online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/> and clicking on Disaster Assistance.

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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