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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR WISCONSIN CITIZENS

Madison, Wis. –Individuals who can't work because of the severe storms, tornadoes and ongoing flooding that began on June 5 may be eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

The benefits are funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a 26-week program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (WDWD).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for DUA, you must meet all the following criteria:

- Live in a county declared for federal disaster assistance (see list below).
- Are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits.
- Unemployment was a direct result of the recent storms.
- Live or worked in the disaster area.
- Filed an application for DUA within 30 days of the official announcement date (check with your county's WDWD office for specific application deadline).
- Have a legal right to work in the U.S.

CONDITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT

One of the following conditions of unemployment must have occurred as a direct result of the disaster:

- You no longer have a job.
- Your work hours, services, or pay has been significantly reduced.
- You were scheduled to start work, but now you do not have a job or you are unable to reach your workplace.
- You cannot work because of an illness or injury you received as a direct result of the disaster.
- You are self-employed and lost your source of income.
- You became the household's major supporter because the head of the household died as a direct result of the disaster.

Residents of **22** Wisconsin counties may be eligible for disaster unemployment for loss of income caused by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in **Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Kenosha, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago** counties since June 5.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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