

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 2007

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

I have declared an emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Minnesota due to the emergency conditions resulting from the bridge collapse on August 1, 2007. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area for the time period beginning on August 1, 2007 and ending on August 15, 2007.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is authorized to provide appropriate assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act for required emergency measures to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety in the designated areas for the time period noted above. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), under the Public Assistance program.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

FEMA will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Carlos Mitchell of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for emergency assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,


George W. Bush

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The Honorable R. David Paulison
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Mr. Paulison:

I have determined that the emergency conditions in certain areas of the State of Minnesota resulting from the bridge collapse on August 1, 2007, are of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such an emergency exists in the State of Minnesota for the time period beginning on August 1, 2007 and ending on August 15, 2007.

You are authorized to provide appropriate assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act for required emergency measures to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety in the designated areas for the time period noted above. Specifically, you are authorized to provide assistance for emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees' regular employees. In addition, you are authorized to provide such other forms of assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act as you may deem appropriate.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Sincerely,


George W. Bush

Declared: August 21, 2007

SUMMARY

In the event of an emergency declaration, the following information applies:

STATE: Minnesota
NUMBER: FEMA-3278-EM
INCIDENT: Bridge Collapse
INCIDENT PERIOD: August 1-15, 2007
DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR: August 20, 2007
FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER: Carlos Mitchell
National FCO Program

DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and protect public health, safety, and property, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent Federal funding.

This assistance is for Hennepin County.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

Note: This is an emergency declaration.