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The President has declared a Major Disaster for Indiana including La Porte County making federal disaster aid available for the state. The assistance will supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding during the period for March 8-14, 2009.

You are receiving this letter because you previously called and filled out a flood questionnaire with the Michigan City Emergency Management Office. The questionnaire was a "first step" used to help identify the need for state and federal assistance. You have a few more action steps to take.

You can now begin the registration process with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Residents and business owners who sustained losses due to flooding can begin applying for assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> The number for hearing and speech impaired is **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)**. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from **8a.m. to 6p.m.** Monday through Sunday until further notice.

Callers should be prepared by having information about the damage sustained. **Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses. Be sure to mention disaster number FEMA-1832-DR for the period of March 2009.**

If you have difficulty in the registration process and need additional help you may stop by one of the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) for assistance. If you have questions about the status of your registration claim, take your federal ID number to the DRC for help tracking the status of your claim. See the enclosed list of DRC locations. The DRC will be in La Porte on Pine Lake Ave. at the La Porte Park Department from May 5-9.

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