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TO: FEMA DR-1971-AL AFFECTED COUNTIES

FROM: JEFF BYARD 

DATE: MAY 21, 2011

RE: GOVERNOR BENTLEY'S 30 DAY DEBRIS REMOVAL POLICY

The State's 30 day assumption of the non-federal cost share begins on the day (1) debris removal operations commence (USACE/Force Account Labor) or (2) notice to proceed is provided to a private debris contractor. The State considers debris removal operations to commence for the USACE on the day it begins separating or removing debris, whichever comes first. The State does not consider clearing roads for emergency access to be debris removal. However, if debris removal operations are conducted by Force Account Labor, the 30 day assumption begins on the date debris removal operations began regardless of whether the local jurisdiction later contracts with a private contractor or requests the USACE to perform debris operations. Once debris removal operations begin, the State will not restart the 30 day time period if a local jurisdiction uses a different method to remove debris (i.e. switches from USACE to private contractor).