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**Emergency Management Division:
Two Deadlines Approaching for Flood Claims**

GRAND RAPIDS – Kent County Emergency Management reminds residents, businesses, and municipal leaders that two deadlines are fast approaching. Those affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred in the spring of 2013 need to complete applications in order to be considered for assistance.

"We believe most residents, businesses, and municipalities that were impacted have already started the process of working with federal agencies," said Jack Stewart, Emergency Management Coordinator for Kent County. "Still, we want to be sure that if anyone has not applied for funding or loans, that they know where to go and what to do."

Homeowners and business owners in Kent County, as well as Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo and Ottawa Counties, who suffered property damage may be eligible for Small Business Administration Loans. Applicants are encouraged to apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. **The deadline for applications is today, August 12.** Anyone with questions can call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing). The deadline for businesses to return economic injury applications is March 12, 2014.

Municipalities requesting funding through FEMA must apply by Saturday, August 17, 2013. Anyone with questions on that process can contact the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division at DavisK10@michigan.gov or call 888.363.8632.

The FEMA deadline is effective for all areas in the major disaster declaration due to severe flood damage that occurred from April 16 to May 14. These counties include: Allegan, Barry, Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Ionia, Kent, Keweenaw, Marquette, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ontonagon, Osceola, Ottawa and Saginaw.

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