

PETER SHUMLIN  
Governor



State of Vermont  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 3, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully request that my request for a Major Disaster Declaration dated May 27, 2011 be amended to include Washington County for Individual Assistance and Caledonia County for Public Assistance. As discussed in my original request, I have determined that severe storms and flooding impacting Vermont since April 23, 2011, are of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of state and local governments and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

Over the period of May 26-27, 2011, these counties received over four inches of rain to soil that is already saturated. The city and town of Barre (Washington County) is placed under a heightened risk of landslides. The City has evacuated homes and several are in the process of being condemned or found uninhabitable. Three shelters were established in the Central Vermont area and as the need has changed, one shelter remains open. The highest numbers of sheltered persons was 112 and currently 16 people remain in the shelter in Barre City. The City and Town experienced flooding which included the downtown areas. An IA PDA has been scheduled for June 2, 2011. The city of Barre is reporting: 29 destroyed, 92 with major damage and 98 with minor damage from a preliminary survey. In the Town of Berlin (Washington County) a trailer park flooded and the residents had to be sheltered.

Caledonia County experienced this storm and has requested through Vermont Emergency Management damage assessment as a result of significant damage with their infrastructure.

As can be seen in the table below, the affected city of Barre and the town of Berlin have high poverty levels and percent of elderly persons.

	Average of Persons Below Poverty Level	Median Household Income	Percent Elderly	Percent Disabled
National Average	13.5%	\$51,425	12.40%	%
State Average	11.0%	\$51,284	14.43%	%
Washington County	8.00%	\$40,972	12.90%	%
Bare City	13.0%	\$30,393	18.10%	%
Bare Town	5.20%	\$46,563	13.90%	%
Berlin, Town of	7.10%	\$42,014	16.90%	

I certify that for this major disaster, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act. Total expenditures are expected to exceed \$1,240,520.25 in accordance with the table in Enclosure D on the original request and Enclosure B on the amended request.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to saves lives and property.

- (a) Existing budgetary concerns even prior to the incident at both State and local levels made funding the response a challenge. The threat of additional damage caused by flooding, particularly increased landslide potential, suggests federal support is necessary.
- (b) Assistance is requested for flood fighting and debris removal

In accordance with *44 CFR § 206.208*, the State of Vermont agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance:

1. Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and right-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work;
2. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work;
3. Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; and
4. Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

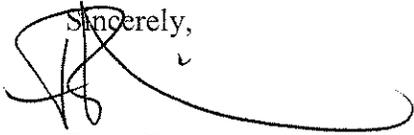
In addition, I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health, and safety.

Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act U.S.C. §§ 517b & 5173, the State agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State agrees that

debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

I have designated Michael E. O'Neil, Director, of Vermont Emergency Management, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PS', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Shumlin

Governor, State of Vermont

**ENCLOSURE B TO AMENDED MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Requirements for Public Assistance  
Under Stafford Act

**DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**

Date: 6/3/2011	PUBLIC DAMAGE										POP. '00	\$/CAP.
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL				
Report #: Caledonia County											29,702	
Barnet	\$	\$	\$37,936	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1,690	22.45
Burke	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1,571	0.00
Danville	\$	\$	\$629,042	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	2,211	284.51
Groton	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	876	0.00
Hardwick	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	3,174	0.00
Kirby	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	456	0.00
Lyndon	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	5,448	0.00
Lyndonville Vill	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	#DMV/01	
Newark	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	470	0.00
Peacham	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	665	0.00
Ryegate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1,150	0.00
Sheffield	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	727	0.00
St. Johnsbury	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	7,571	0.00
Stannard	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	185	0.00
Sutton	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1,001	0.00
Walden	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	782	0.00
Waterford	\$	\$	\$126,775	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	1,104	0.00
Wheelock	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	621	0.00
DOT	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
ANR	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Forest & Parks	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
VEM	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
VAST	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Rails to Trails	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
County Totals	\$0	\$0	\$793,753	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	29,702	26.72
NOTES:											\$97,126	

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