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FOUR NEW DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO OPEN

Camden, Martin, New Hanover and Washington locations announced

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. – Residents of Camden, Martin, New Hanover and Washington counties who suffered damages during the severe storms and flooding caused by Tropical Storm Nicole will be able to get one-on-one information about federal and state disaster assistance programs at Disaster Recovery Centers next week.

The centers are scheduled to be open Monday, Nov. 8, through Saturday, Nov. 13. They will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the following locations:

CAMDEN COUNTY South Camden Fire Department 114 Sawyer Creek Road Camden, NC 27921 MARTIN COUNTY

Martin County EOC Building 205 East Main Street Williamston, NC 29669

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

New Hanover Government Complex 230 Government Center Dr. Wilmington, NC 28403

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County Airport 1069 Airport Road Plymouth, NC 27962

The centers are staffed by North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Before visiting a center, individuals are encouraged to register online at <u>www.DisasterAssistance.gov</u> or by calling toll-free 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585.

Disaster recovery specialists at the centers can check an individual's application status, answer questions, or review information needed to process their application. Recovery specialists also can supply contacts for other state, federal and voluntary agency programs that may be able to help.

SBA representatives will be there to answer any questions about the SBA's low-interest disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses and private non-profit organizations of all sizes. SBA representatives are available to assist with completing and submitting disaster loan applications.

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FEMA mitigation specialists are also at the centers with information on flood insurance and how to rebuild safer and stronger after a flood.

For more information about this disaster, go to <u>www.ncem.org</u> and <u>www.fema.gov</u>.

More Disaster Recovery Centers are planned for Camden, New Hanover, Martin and Washington counties.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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