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Disaster Project Work Continues

Wayne Field Office to Close

Lincoln, Neb. —The field office for disaster recovery, set up following three disasters in Northeast Nebraska during spring 2014, will close on Oct. 18. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff will continue working on the disaster recovery process from offices in Lincoln.

“The normal process for writing projects will continue, even though the local office is closing,” said Bryan Tuma, NEMA assistant director. “Our staff will still be available to help applicants through the process as questions arise.”

When a presidential disaster declaration for public assistance is approved, local communities and governments apply for assistance in the form of grants for repair and recovery of damage sustained in the event, Tuma said. Nebraska had three declared disaster during the spring 2014, which included storms, tornadoes, winds and flooding. Approved projects are monitored by NEMA and FEMA as work is completed.

“We want to assure local representatives that work will continue for the requested projects even though staff will be working together in a central location in Lincoln to get that accomplished,” Tuma said. “Continuity of work will be enhanced by locating all staff in one centralized location.”

Applicant questions about the process can be directed to (402) 471-7421.

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