

designated areas and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance or Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) will manage the Public Assistance operation, including project eligibility reviews, process control, and resource allocation. FEMA will retain obligation authority, the final approval of environmental and historic preservation reviews, and will assist SEMA to the extent that such assistance is necessary and is specifically requested by SEMA.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Charles M. Butler of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Florida to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Jefferson, Leon, Okaloosa, and Walkulla Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Florida are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1344-DR]

### Florida; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida (FEMA-1344-DR), dated October 3, 2000, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 5, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective October 4, 2000.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Lacy E. Suiter,**

*Executive Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1345-DR]

### Florida; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida, (FEMA-1345-DR), dated October 4, 2000, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 6, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of Florida is hereby amended to include the Public Assistance program to the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 4, 2000:

Miami-Dade and Broward Counties for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**Larry Zensinger,**

*Division Director, Human Services Division.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1292-DR]

### North Carolina; Amendment No. 6 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-1292-DR), dated September 16, 1999, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 29, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 29, 2000, the President amended the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 51521 *et seq.*), in a letter to James L. Witt, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as follows:

I have determined that the damage in North Carolina resulting from Hurricane Floyd beginning on September 15, 1999, and continuing through November 2, 1999, is of sufficient severity and magnitude that special conditions are warranted regarding the cost-sharing arrangements concerning Federal funds provided under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the Stafford Act).

Therefore, I amend my previous declaration to authorize Federal funds for Public Assistance at 90 percent of total eligible costs.

This adjustment to State and local cost sharing applies only to Public Assistance costs eligible for such adjustment under the law. The law specifically prohibits a similar

adjustment for funds provided to the State for the Individual and Family Grant program, mobile home group site development under Section 408, Temporary Housing, and Hazard Mitigation Assistance. These funds will continue to be reimbursed at 75 percent of total eligible costs.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1343-DR]

### Ohio; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Ohio, (FEMA-1343-DR), dated September 26, 2000, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 4, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of Ohio is hereby amended to include Public Assistance for the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 26, 2000:

Greene County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance).

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.542, Fire Suppression Assistance; 83.543, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program; 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.545, Disaster Housing

Program; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Notice of Adjustment of Disaster Grant Amounts

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FEMA gives notice that we are increasing the statewide per capita impact indicator under the Public Assistance program for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Madge Dale, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3772.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 44 CFR 206.48 prescribes that we (FEMA) must adjust the statewide per capita impact indicator under the Public Assistance program to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

We give notice that we are increasing the statewide per capita impact indicator to \$1.04 for all disasters declared on or after October 1, 2000.

We base the adjustments on an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 3.4 percent for the 12-month period ended in August 2000. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 15, 2000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Dated: October 6, 2000.

**James L. Witt,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

*Randall P. French, Ph.D., Fox Chase Cancer Center:* Based on the report of an investigation conducted by the Fox Chase Cancer Center (FCCC) and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) finds that Dr. French, postdoctoral associate, FCCC, engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating published research supported by National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grants T32 CA09035 and P30 CA06927.

Specifically, Dr. French fabricated research results published in *Developmental Biology* 217:62-76, 2000, by falsely claiming in the text and Table 1 that he had assayed mouse embryos transgenic for a modified DNA construct (cG5/lacZ-F) for a study on the expression of cGATA-5 transcription factor during heart development in mice. An erratum replacing the fabricated data was published by the authors in *Developmental Biology* 223:463, 2000.

Dr. French has accepted the PHS finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with PHS in which he has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on September 28, 2000:

(1) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee;

(2) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which Dr. French's participation is proposed or that uses Dr. French in any capacity on PHS supported research, or that submits a report of PHS-funded research in which Dr. French is involved, must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of his duties to the funding agency for approval. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of Dr. French's research contribution. The institution must also submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris Pascal,**

*Director, Office of Research Integrity.*

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