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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1369-DR]

**Wisconsin; Amendment No. 8 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 Wisconsin (FEMA-1369-DR), dated May 11, 2001, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-5920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective July 6, 2001.

(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)

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

[FEMA-1369-DR]

**Wisconsin; Amendment No. 9 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 declaration for the State of Wisconsin, (FEMA-1369-DR), dated May 11, 2001, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Madge Dale, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-5920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Wisconsin is hereby amended to include 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 May 11, 2001:

Clark County for Public Assistance.
Barron County for Individual Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance).

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Notice of the State Management of
Public Assistance Operations in Small
Disasters**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We (FEMA) give notice that we will devolve major management responsibility of the Public Assistance Program in small disasters to interested

States with demonstrated capability beginning on or after the date this notice is published. Interested Indian Tribal Governments, which are acting as their own Grantee, are also invited to participate in this program. We award Public Assistance grants, which supplement community assets in the recovery of State, tribal, local and certain eligible private non-profit infrastructure when the President declares an emergency or major disaster. The change in the program management does not constitute a change to the process by which assistance is provided nor does it constitute a change in benefits under the law or regulation.

DATES: This notice is effective July 13, 2001. We invite comments on this initiative, particularly on the criteria for State selection. Comments received by September 11, 2001 will be considered when making future program revisions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Walke, P.E., Public Assistance Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington DC 20472, 202-646-2751 (phone), 202-646-3304 (fax), or James.Walke@fema.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121, provides for the award of grants to assist in the repair and reconstruction of community infrastructure. In April 2000, we convened a task force of FEMA and State officials to explore the option of allowing capable States to manage the Public Assistance Program in small disasters. The purpose of this initiative is to streamline disaster operations and enhance States' program capabilities. This initiative does not change eligibility requirements or the amount of assistance available. Small disasters are those with sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration by the President, but are limited in scope and size as defined by the following: statewide infrastructure damage is less than \$2 per capita; or, total estimated infrastructure damage is less than \$15 million; or, categories of work are limited to debris removal and emergency protective measures; or, the Public Assistance operation is within a State's capability to manage (varies by State). The task force developed a concept of operations, a sample operational agreement, a list of FEMA and State roles and responsibilities, and a list of frequently asked questions to guide program implementation.

Participation in the State Management of Small Disasters program is voluntary. If a State is interested in managing a disaster, it must specify this in the