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Deadline Extended for Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Form

Because small jurisdictions, schools and emergency response agencies have been overwhelmed by the response and recovery of Tropical Storm Irene, they have had difficulty meeting the existing deadline to file their Requests for Public Assistance (RPA). Consequently, Mr. Michael O'Neil, Director of Vermont Emergency Management, requested an extension of the deadline. On September 28, 2011, FEMA granted the request and extended the deadline for submission of RPAs for all 14 counties (Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor).

All Vermont communities, certain non-profits, and publicly owned utilities now have until October 17, 2011 to submit their RPAs.

Please recognize that this extension **does not affect the October 31, 2011 deadline for individuals to apply for Individual Assistance.** That is a separate and distinct deadline.

Your regional planning commission, the Vermont Agency of Transportation and Public Assistance Specialists from FEMA can help with the application process, but **your one-page RPA must be completed and submitted by the deadline of October 17th.** The Request for Public Assistance Form (RPA) may be found at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2690>. RPAs should be submitted to Alec Portalupi at the Vermont Agency of Transportation. He can be contacted by phone at 802-828-3889 or email Alec.Portalupi@state.vermont.us.

Once again, all Vermont Counties now have until October 17, 2011 to submit their RPA

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at the Burlington, VT Joint Field Office (JFO) at **(571) 208-8906 or (571) 329-6510.**