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## **Governor Doyle Announces Assistance for Flood Victims in Southeast Wisconsin**

### ***Hundreds of Homes and Businesses Damaged by June Flash Flooding***

MADISON – Governor Doyle today announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved his request for federal low-interest disaster loans for individuals and businesses impacted by the flooding that occurred last month in Kenosha and Racine Counties. Last week, Governor Doyle formally requested the federal disaster aid.

“June’s damaging flash flooding affected residents and business owners across southeast Wisconsin,” Governor Doyle said. “The low-interest loans will provide critical assistance to people and communities working hard to get back on their feet and rebuild their homes, businesses and lives.”

Assistance in the form of low interest loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed homes. Homeowners and renters are eligible up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Low interest loans are also available to businesses that sustained damage from the flooding as well as economic loss.

The counties approved for this disaster assistance include Kenosha and Racine Counties and the adjacent counties of Milwaukee, Walworth and Waukesha in the State of Wisconsin and the neighboring counties of Lake and McHenry in the State of Illinois.

To help assist disaster victims, the SBA will soon open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center where individuals and businesses will be able to obtain information and loan applications. Information on the location and hours will be forthcoming.

A series of thunderstorms moved across Southern Wisconsin June 18-19, dumping over five inches of rain in some locations. Flash flooding and sewer backups were reported in Kenosha and Racine Counties. Kenosha County reported over 1200 homes with flood damage. Racine County reported similar types of damage to hundreds of residences.