

FEMA Beginning Preliminary Damage Assessment

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has begun conducting joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with state and local officials to review damages and response costs caused by last month's torrential rain and flooding in Bay, Gladwin, Isabella, and Midland counties. This is the next step in the process of asking for federal assistance.

The joint PDA teams will be comprised of personnel from FEMA, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), local governments and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Joint PDA teams have begun gathering information in impacted communities today, Thursday, July 06, 2017. They will spend several days collecting estimated response and recovery costs with a focus on the number of damaged buildings, displaced individuals and threats to health and safety.

These teams are gathering data only, and do not have information regarding potential relief funds. If funds become available, a separate process will be put in place to register residents to receive those funds.

State and local officials are providing assistance in the affected areas and remind residents and business owners to exercise caution as they continue with the cleanup process.