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District of Columbia Deploying Personnel to Maryland for Flood Recovery Support
HSEMA preparedness experts supporting Maryland's response in Ellicott City

(Washington, DC) – The District of Columbia, through its Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), is supporting the state of Maryland with emergency response experts to aid Ellicott City's recovery from recent, catastrophic flooding.

On Tuesday, May 28, the state of Maryland submitted an emergency management assistance compact (EMAC) request and HSEMA's Director, Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, signed it with the support of Mayor Muriel Bowser and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Kevin Donahue.

"The images from Ellicott City are devastating," said Director Rodriguez. "The state of Maryland and its jurisdictions within the National Capital Region are critical partners to the District and HSEMA. When an incident impacts one of our partners, I'm fully committed to providing the necessary recovery support."

HSEMA staff will provide planning expertise, including supporting operational needs, preparing situation and status reports, fostering communication and coordination between state and local partners, and preparing recovery documentation. On Thursday, DC's team reports to Maryland's Emergency Operations Center in Reisterstown for a four-week assignment.

Immediately after the flooding, Director Rodriguez and Dr. Jeff Stern, State Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, also authorized, at Maryland's request, the deployment of the National Capital Region Incident Management Team (NCR-IMT) to assist in Ellicott City. The NCR-IMT consists of expert responders trained to coordinate complex emergencies.

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