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April 23, 2007

RE: Disaster Food Assistance Training

Dear County Director of Social Services:

In the event of a hurricane, tornado or other event that affects our citizens, operation of a successful Disaster Food Assistance Program is dependent upon adequate planning and preparation at both the state and local levels. Hurricane season officially begins June 1, 2007. Forecasters foresee another very active Atlantic basin tropical cyclone season in 2007. It's not too early to review your local plan and coordinate with other agencies to assure your readiness when and if a disaster affects your community.

Disaster Food Assistance planning meetings will be conducted in early June to help you prepare for a disaster situation. Topics for the meeting will include a review of policy and procedures, automation, logistical planning considerations and an overview of the responsibilities of the State Emergency Management Division.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 Pitt Community College, Leslie Building Room 143 1986 Pitt Tech Road, Winterville, N.C. 28590 (252) 321-4200

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Richard L. Brownell Building, Room 251 1333 Jake Alexander Blvd. South Salisbury, NC 28146 (704) 637-0760

Each meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. Directions to the meeting sites and a tentative agenda are included with this letter. The above dates and locations are confirmed for the Disaster Food Assistance Training.

We strongly encourage your county's participation as we plan for the hurricane season. If you have any questions, please contact David Locklear at 919-733-7831. Please send an email to <u>Economic.Services.Reports@ncmail.net</u> with "Disaster Training" in the subject line. Include in the email the number of individuals and date attending from your county by Friday, May 25, 2007.

Sincerely,

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Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

Attachments FAEP-06-2007