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Johnstown, PA - U.S. Rep. John Murtha announced today that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has amended the Public Assistance program to provide needed funding to flood ravaged Armstrong and Indiana counties.

On June 30, 2006, President Bush declared a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, triggering the release of federal funds to help communities recover from the severe storms and flooding from June 23 through July 10, 2006.

"We're happy to see that Indiana and Armstrong counties have received this FEMA assistance and will help the local municipalities fix the damage done by the recent violent storms," Murtha said.

The Public Assistance program was amended to include State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. It is oriented to public entities to assist in funding the repair, restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of public facilities or infrastructure, which are damaged or destroyed by a disaster.