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FEMA, OHIO EMA OFFICIALS TO BRIEF MEDIA

FAIRFAX – Federal Emergency Management Agency Coordinating Officer Bob Colangelo and Ohio Emergency Management Agency representative Nancy Dragani will brief the media Wednesday on state and federal flood recovery programs now underway in southwest Ohio.

The media briefing will be:

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 5
Administration Building
Village of Fairfax
5903 Hawthorne Street
Fairfax

Colangelo was appointed by FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh August 27 after President Bush, at the request of Governor Bob Taft, issued a major disaster declaration for Butler, Brown, Clermont and Hamilton counties as a result of flooding in mid-July.

Dragani is executive assistant for administration for the Ohio EMA. She is the deputy state coordinating officer for recovery efforts underway in southwestern Ohio.

Taft declared a state of emergency in southwestern Ohio on July 19 after severe flooding caused three deaths and damaged hundreds of homes and businesses. At the governor's request, the federal Small Business Administration joined the Ohio EMA in opening two disaster program centers in Hamilton and Butler counties.

At those centers, home and business owners were encouraged to apply for low-interest loans. Ohio's Individual Assistance grant program was available for those families and individuals that did not qualify for the SBA home/personal property loans. Both centers closed August 16, but applications for both the federal SBA loans and state Individual Assistance grants may be filed through September 27.

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Sen. Chafee, State of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island Businesses Launch Wetland Restoration Partnership

Environmental Science Services, Inc. Narragansett Electric Company Lead Effort

- WHO:** **The Hon. Lincoln D. Chafee**, United States Senator from Rhode Island
Robert Varney, EPA Region I Administrator
Colonel Brian Osterndorf, US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District
Robert V. Bibbo, president and senior principal of Environmental Science Services, Inc;
Jan Reitsma, director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management;
John MacKenzie, director of environmental affairs for The Gillette Company;
H. Curtis Spalding, executive director of Save The Bay;
William Hubbard, chief of the Environmental Resources Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers; and
Richard Kleiman, senior project manager of Environmental Science Services, Inc.
- WHAT:** Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership launched to restore Rhode Island's valuable wetlands.
- WHEN:** October 22, 2001, 9:15 a.m.
- WHERE:** Citizen's Bank Rotunda, One Citizens Plaza

BACKGROUND: CWRP is a program launched by The Gillette Company and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to restore coastal and freshwater wetlands degraded by fill, pollution, or changes in water flow. The program has been adopted by the federal government as a national initiative; Rhode Island becomes the fourth New England state to launch a CWRP program. Corporate dollars raised at the state level leverage federal matching funds. The RI CWRP program will help fund habitat restoration projects throughout the Ocean State. Funding will be targeted toward a list of priority projects developed by the Rhode Island Habitat Restoration Team. Examples of these projects include the restoration of coastal wetlands, fish passage over dams and the re-establishment of eelgrass beds. The RI Habitat Restoration Team is comprised of agency officials, university scientists, environmental consultants, and non-profit organizations, who are collaboratively working to restore the state's coastal habitats.

Environmental Science Services, Inc. (ESS) and Narragansett Electric Company are the RI-CWRP corporate lead sponsors. Arch Chemicals, Inc., Battelle and Applied Science Associates have signed on as charter members of the Partnership. The Gillette Company is the national corporate chair of CWRP and the National Association of Manufacturers is the national sponsor.

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