



STATE OF ALABAMA
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

5898 COUNTY ROAD 41 • P.O. DRAWER 2160 • CLANTON, ALABAMA 35046-2160
(205) 280-2200 FAX # (205) 280-2495



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 26, 2012

FEMA Housing Assistance Benefits to End for Alabama Residents

Clanton – Immediately following the April 2011 storms the Federal Emergency Management Agency provided temporary housing units (THU) to citizens residing in areas with insufficient rental resources. By law, FEMA may provide THUs for up to 18 months following a major declaration. The deadline for Alabama is October 28, 2012. The survivors received monthly reminders of the deadline as they met with their FEMA recertification advisors.

The conclusion of FEMA's temporary housing program means residents will now pay a fee to remain in the housing units. FEMA will determine the usage fee per applicant per month; however FEMA specialists are continuing to work with each family to help them secure permanent housing in the near future, and for the residents apart of the disaster case management through Serve Alabama, they will continue to receive case management services.

At the beginning of this program 307 families were occupying THUs, today that number has drastically decreased to 58 as more survivors have transitioned to long-term housing. The conclusion of this program also applies to the 26 families receiving rental assistance.

-30-