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HELP STILL AVAILABLE FOR EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS DURING HOLIDAYS

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. – Help for Louisa County earthquake survivors continues to be available through the holiday period, say officials of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The FEMA Registration and Help line will remain open throughout the holiday period except for December 25 and January 1. The Louisa County Disaster Recovery Center at Triangle Plaza, 502 E. Main St., Suite 6000 (former Video 2000 store), in Louisa will remain open until 6 p.m., Saturday, December 17, and will reopen at 10 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012. Disaster officials also remind earthquake survivors that they have only until **January 3** to register for disaster aid if they haven't already done so.

Louisa County residents and business owners can register for aid, get information about assistance programs and follow up on their applications by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 for those with speech or hearing impairments. Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls.

Earthquake survivors also can register:

- Online at www.disasterassistance.gov.
- On a Web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at m.fema.gov.
- With 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS) by calling **1-800-621-3362**.

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