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## Statement on Additional Federal Disaster Assistance for Louisiana

The President today made additional disaster assistance available to the State of Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Ike beginning on September 11, 2008, and continuing, by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency measures under the Public Assistance program, including direct Federal assistance. Under the President's order today, the Federal share for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, has been increased to 100 percent Federal funding for a period of 44 days retroactive to the date of the major disaster declaration.  [White House News](#)

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