



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Deadline Announced for Unemployment Assistance Available to Workers in DeKalb, Marshall, and Walker Counties

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees announced today that a deadline has been announced for workers to apply for unemployment assistance due to recent storms in Walker County.

The three counties declared as disaster areas are DeKalb, Marshall, and Walker.

People who live in or worked in these counties and become unemployed due to the severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds during the period of April 24-25, 2010 may be eligible for the assistance under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program, which was triggered when President Obama designated the area a disaster area on May 3, 2010.

Claims can be filed through DIR's website at www.dir.alabama.gov or by calling 1-866-234-5382. The deadline to file a DUA claim for DeKalb and Marshall Counties is **June 3, 2010**. The deadline to file a DUA claim for Walker County is **June 9, 2010**.

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Members of the media seeking more information should contact Public Information Officer Tara Hutchison at (334) 242-8616.