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UNDER SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO TOUR DAMAGED AREAS IN OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON – Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response Michael D. Brown will be visiting areas in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and North Carolina affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan. Brown, who oversees the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will be meeting with disaster victims, state and local officials and FEMA workers deployed to support response and recovery efforts in these areas since President Bush declared them federal disasters.

Wednesday, September 22

- 10:15 AM Lafayette Hotel
101 Front Street
Marietta, OH
Walking tour begins at 10:15 AM
Media availability at the hotel following the tour (approximately 11:00 AM)
- 3:30 PM Aerial tour of damaged areas near Pittsburgh, PA
Pool coverage only

Thursday, September 23 (details to be provided)

- 9:30 AM Tour of damaged areas and media availability in Ohio County, WV
- 1:30 PM Tour of damaged areas and media availability in Haywood County, NC

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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