

Advisory

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## UNDER SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY CONTINUES TOUR OF AREAS DAMAGED BY IVAN WITH VISITS TO WEST VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON - Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response Michael D. Brown will be visiting areas in West Virginia and North Carolina affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan on Thursday, September 23. 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 the states federal disasters. The visit is part of a tour of areas that suffered damages by Hurricanes Frances and Ivan, and included visits to Ohio and Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

## Thursday, September 23

9:30 AM Wheeling, WV in Ohio County

Tour of damaged areas

Media should be assembled at the intersection of 16th St. and Chapline St. (Transportation will be provided to media for driving portions of the tour.)

10:15 AM Media availability

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, WesBanco Arena, 16th and Main St., Wheeling, WV (At the conclusion of the DRC visit and media availability, transportation will be provided to the media to originating point at the intersection of 16th St. and Chapline St.)

FEMA contact for media in West Virginia is Russ Edmonston (304-348-3504 or 202-431-7328).

1:00 PM Clyde, NC in Haywood County

Media should be assembled at the intersection of Broad St. and Mountain View St.

(Intersection is NE of town center in Clyde)

Due to parking limitations and safety precautions, media is asked to assemble in advance of tour.

1:30 PM Walking tour of damaged areas

Begins and concludes at the intersection of Broad St. and Mountain View St.

2:30 PM Media availability

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, Town of Clyde Municipal Bldg., 8437 Carolina Blvd., Clyde, NC (Media availability will take place on the east side of the municipal building).

FEMA contacts for media in North Carolina are Crystal Payton (240-393-0570) and Butch DuCote (443-928-1105).