

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that Jefferson County residents will be eligible for federal disaster assistance as a result of the tornadoes that struck Alabama on March 1.

Bachus was informed that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved individual assistance for the county, meaning that residents who suffered storm-related losses can apply for special disaster aid by calling and registering with FEMA at 1-800-621-3362.

After viewing damage in the City of Adamsville and other parts of the county, Bachus wrote to Governor Bob Riley asking that Jefferson County be added to the disaster assistance request that the state submitted to President Bush.

“While I am very grateful that there was no loss of life in Adamsville, the damage I witnessed was severe and the county needed help. Governor Riley really came through on this, and it’s yet another reason why Alabama is considered the nation’s ‘gold standard’ when it comes to emergency response,” Bachus said.

The area of destruction caused by the F1 tornado in Jefferson County was nearly one mile in length and about 400 yards at its widest point.

. Jefferson County was part of a disaster declaration that included Coffee, Dallas, Henry, Lowndes, and Wilcox Counties.

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